

# Draft Amendments Chapter 180-19 WAC Charter Schools



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# Charter Rules: What have we done?



- Adopted 16 sections of rule to seven sections of the charter school law.

<b>RCW</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Rule adopted</b>
28A.710.090	Approval of school districts as authorizers	February 2013
28A.710.110	Authorizer oversight fee	February 2013
28A.710.100	Annual report by authorizers	November 2013
28A.710.130	Charter applications -- RFPs	May 2013
28A.710.140	Charter applications – Submission. Approval or denial	May 2013
28A.710.150	Number of charter schools -- Certification	May 2013
28A.710.120	Oversight of district authorizers	March 2014



# Why review and amend the rules?



- Time and experience.
- Input from stakeholders and experts.
- Identified needs for fixes, additions, improvements.
- SBE commitment to quality charter schools.



# Three main goals for amendments



- ✓ Revise the timelines for the charter cycle.
- ✓ Incorporate process for evaluation of authorizer applications in rule.
- ✓ Clarify lottery provision for certification of charter approvals as within limits on the number of schools.



# Why revise the timelines for the charter cycle?



- Provide more time for each party in the charter cycle to carry out its work in a high-quality way.
  - ✦ *More time* between posting of SBE authorizer application and school district notice of intent.
  - ✦ *More time* for district to prepare authorizer applications.
  - ✦ *More time* for district to issue RFP for charter applicants.
  - ✦ *More time for* school openings for the following year.



# How would dates for actions change?



<b>Action: Last Date</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
For SBE to post authorizer application	October 1	May 15
For school district notice of intent to submit authorizer application	October 1	June 15
For school district to submit authorizer application	December 31	October 15
For SBE to approve or deny authorizer application	April 1	February 1
For authorizers to issue RFPs for charter applicants	April 15	March 1
For SBE to execute authorizing contract with approved district	April 30	March 1
For applicants to submit charter applications to authorizers	July 15	June 1
For authorizers to approve or deny charter applications	October 15	September 1
For authorizers to report approval or denial of applications to SBE	October 25	No date.



# Placing authorizer evaluation process in rule



- Initial process for authorizer application and approval had to be established on fast track.
- Need for transparency in SBE process.
- Elements of evaluation and approval process brought into rule (WAC 180-90-140):
  - Rating scale
  - Criteria for approval
  - Rubrics
  - Personal interview



# Clarifying the use of a lottery for certification



- **RCW 28A.710.150:**

*(3) Upon the receipt of notice from an authorizer that a charter school has been approved, the state board of education shall certify whether the approval is in compliance with the limits on the maximum number of charters allowed under subsection (1). . . . If the board receives simultaneous notification of approved charters that exceed the annual allowable limits . . . , the board must select approved charters for implementation through a lottery process, and must assign implementation dates accordingly.*

- Amendment clarifies that the lottery applies to charters approved for operation in any single year that would exceed the limit for that year.





# Next Steps



- Approve draft amendments for publication and scheduling of public hearing.
- Solicit public comment on the rules.
- Possible adoption of rules, with any changes directed, at September meeting.



# Resources



- Website: [www.SBE.wa.gov](http://www.SBE.wa.gov)
- Blog: [washingtonSBE.wordpress.com](http://washingtonSBE.wordpress.com)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/washingtonSBE](http://www.facebook.com/washingtonSBE)
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