

# GENERATION 23

OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER APPLICATION



## ATTACHMENT SECTION

RFA: 701-17-105

SAS: 559-18

Provide the Following:

The *Proof of Attendance* documentation received at the conclusion of the Applicant Information Session attended in September, 2017. Applicants who attended both sessions need only submit one document.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) hosted identical Applicant Information Sessions on September 15, 2017 and September 22, 2017, of which applicants were required to attend one. Each session provided details about (i) applying for (and holding) a charter in the state of Texas; (ii) contents of the RFA document; and (iii) application preparation and submission requirements for both electronic and hard copy application documents.

Consequently, attendees received a *Proof of Attendance* document at the conclusion of each session.

For an application to be deemed complete, at least one member of the governing board of the sponsoring entity requesting the charter **must** have attended one of the sessions. It was recommended that the individual(s) with primary responsibility for preparing and submitting the application also attend one of these required information sessions.

Provide the Following:

A scanned/photo copy of the official public notice/advertisement (as printed) in the newspaper. The copy that is provided in this application must include the name of the publication (as printed) and publication date.

Each public notice must include:

- the proposed school/campus name;
- the sponsoring entity name;
- date, time, and place of meeting; and
- the names of all sponsoring entity board members.

All public notices/advertisements must be published in a newspaper of general distribution within the geographic boundary of the proposed charter school. Any public notice in newspaper(s) with limited circulation (*Greensheet, Dallas Observer, Austin Chronicle etc.*) will be ineligible for consideration.

All public notices/advertisements must be published in a newspaper that is distributed in print (not just electronic).

At a minimum, applicants must hold a public meeting within the charter school's proposed geographic boundary. The purpose of this meeting must address/discuss this application for a Generation 23 Open-Enrollment Charter School.

This meeting must take place no earlier than **18 months** before the charter application due date. Consequently, any prior public meetings in (or before) June, 2016 are not eligible for consideration.

Lastly, any person may attend and participate in the meeting.

**ATTENTION: All submitted notices must be dated prior to December 4, 2017.**

Provide the Following:

*Certified Mail Receipt Cards* showing the dates the Statement of Impact forms and Application Coversheets were received by the superintendent of each traditional school district from which the proposed school intends to draw students.

In the absence of signed certified mail return receipt cards, the certified mail receipt showing each school district, fees paid, and the date mailed will be accepted.

Mailing address must include the name of the school district to which the information was sent.

**Arrange certified mail receipts in alphabetical order by district. Limit six receipts per page.**

Applicants must send a Statement of Impact Form (found at, <http://tea.texas.gov/charterapp.aspx>) and Application Coversheet to the superintendent of each traditional district from which the proposed school intends to draw students. The Statement of Impact Form is the formal opportunity for superintendents of traditional districts to document any impact the proposed school might have. While applicants are required to distribute these documents, they are not responsible for ensuring that superintendents return the Statement of Impact Forms to the TEA.

Additionally, applicants must also send a Statement of Impact Form and Application Coversheet to:

- the President of the Board of Trustees of each traditional school district from which the proposed school intends to draw students,
- each member of the Texas legislature that represents the geographic area to be served by the proposed school, and
- the State Board of Education member that represents the geographic area to be served by the proposed school.

See Texas Education Code (TEC) §12.1101.

**ATTENTION: All submitted notices must be post marked prior to December 4, 2017.**

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
<p>■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3.</p> <p>■ Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.</p> <p>■ Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.</p> <p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p><b>SAMPLE</b></p> <p>9590 9401 0000 5191 0000 12</p> <p>2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)</p>	<p>A. Signature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee</p> <p>B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Date of Delivery</p> <p>D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If YES, enter delivery address below:</p> <p>3. Service Type</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adult Signature <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mail™  <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Signature Restricted Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mail Restricted Delivery  <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail® <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise  <input type="checkbox"/> Collect on Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Signature Confirmation™  <input type="checkbox"/> Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery  <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail Restricted Delivery (over \$500)</p> <p>PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053 Domestic Return Receipt</p>

CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT CARD

U.S. Postal Service CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT (Domestic Mail Only; No Insurance Coverage Provided)	
<b>OFFICIAL USE</b>	
<p>Postage \$</p> <p>Certified Fee \$</p> <p>Return Receipt Fee (Endorsement Required) \$</p> <p>Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required) \$</p> <p>Total Postage &amp; Fees \$</p>	<p>Postmark Here</p>
<p>Sent To _____</p> <p>Street, Apt. No. _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP+4 _____</p>	
<p>PS Form 3811 January 2015 Two Required for Instructions</p>	

CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT

Provide the Following:

- I. Scans/photocopies of any (i) advertising content; (ii) community outreach surveys; (iii) social media campaigns; and (iv) any additional documentation that demonstrates community engagement and support.
- II. Public Meeting Protocol– this is the script or list of questions that were prepared and presented at the public meeting. Do **not** provide petitions, meeting sign-in sheets, or other materials that violate the public disclosure policy.
- III. Letter(s) of Support– provide (if any) non-financial letters of support from individuals, organizations, officials, etc.

Provide the Following:

## I. Admissions and Enrollment Policies, should include the following:

- The period (both the beginning and the ending dates) during which the applications for admissions will be accepted including a summary of the application process. See Texas Education Code (TEC) §12.117.
- Procedures to be followed in conducting a lottery when a grade or class is oversubscribed, including any exemptions from the lottery. Include whether the charter school will exercise the right to exempt from the lottery returning students, the siblings of returning students, and/or the children of the school's founders and staff (as long as the total number of students allowed constitutes only a small percentage of the total enrollment).
- The approximate date on which a lottery will be conducted, if required.
- Policies and procedures for student waiting lists, withdrawals, re-enrollment, and transfers.
- The non-discrimination statement to be included in the proposed school's admissions policy. See TEC §12.111(a)(5).
- Policies and procedures for the admission of students with documented history of a criminal offense, a juvenile court adjudication, or discipline problems under Subchapter A, Chapter 37. See TEC §12.111(a)(5)(A).

Enrollment deadlines and procedures. If the proposed school will specialize in performing arts, discuss whether applicants will be required to demonstrate artistic ability for admission to the school. TEC §12.111(a)(6) permits a charter school specializing in performing arts to have an admissions policy that requires a student to demonstrate artistic ability. In addition, TEC §12.1171 permits a charter school specializing in one or more performing arts to require an applicant to audition for admission to the school.

## II. Documented History of Misconduct Form,

- In the form provided behind this coversheet, applicants must indicate below which documented instances of misconduct/disciplinary action will NOT be grounds for denial of enrollment. In other words, check all boxes that will not exclude an individual from enrolling as a student at the proposed charter school. I.e. *checking box [Abuse of Volatile Chemical] means that a student with that particular documented history of misconduct WILL be eligible to enroll as a student with the proposed charter school.*

Provide the Following:

Discipline policy addressing the following:

- The code of conduct for the school. Texas Education Code (TEC) §12.131 requires that the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school adopt a code of conduct for the charter or for each campus.
- Practices the school will use to promote good discipline, including penalties for infractions and incentives for positive behavior.
- A list and definitions of the offenses for which students in the school must (non-discretionary) and may (discretionary) be suspended or expelled, respectively.
- An explanation of how the school will take into account the rights of students with disabilities in disciplinary actions and proceedings.
- Procedures for due process should a student be suspended or expelled as a result of a code of conduct violation, including a description of the appeal process that the school will employ for students facing expulsion, and a plan for providing services to students who are expelled or out of school for more than ten days.
- An explanation of how students and parents will be informed of the discipline policy.

Provide the Following:

The section of the proposed Code of Conduct that addresses the gun-free school statute found in Texas Education Code (TEC) §12.131, requiring that the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school adopt a code of conduct for its district or for each campus.

The Gun-Free Schools Act (20 U.S. Code § 7151), as re-enacted by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 (Public Law 114-95), requires a State receiving ESSA funds to have a state law in effect requiring local education agencies (LEAs) to expel any student who is determined to have bought a firearm to school or possessed a firearm at school, for a period of no less than one year. Local education agencies must annually report any expulsion in order to receive ESSA funds.

Charter operators that fail to adhere to the Gun-Free Schools Act are subject to forfeiture of ESSA funds.

Senate Bill 11, as enacted by the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, revised the Texas Penal Code to allow concealed handgun license holders to carry concealed handguns onto the campuses of public higher education institutions or private or independent higher education institutions.

Applicants who propose to operate a charter campus on the premises of an institution of higher education MUST complete this attachment in order to demonstrate policies that will be compliant with the TEC §37.007.



Provide the Following:

Using the template provided at <http://tea.texas.gov/charterapp.aspx>, complete the Financial Plan Workbook.

Once complete, applicants are instructed to submit this attachment as follows:

***Hard Copy*** — print and provide only the Financial Plan Workbook Summary. This is the RED TAB in the Financial Plan Workbook;

**AND**

***Electronic Submission***—The *entire* Financial Plan Workbook, will be submitted electronically as an MS Excel file.

It is important to budget conservatively and to consider that charter schools often have lower than anticipated attendance rates in the first five years of operation. Therefore, a reasonable planning estimate of \$5,920 per student, which accounts for a daily attendance rate of 80%, should be used when planning and developing the budget.

Note: When using a school district as a baseline for supplemental HR forms, make sure the ISD used has the same or close to anticipated average daily attendance (ADA) that the proposed charter is projecting.

Applicants should be aware that the fiscal year of the charter school should end on August 31. Through a grant application process, federal funds may be available for up to 12 months of post-award planning and up to two years of implementation. However, start-up funds are available for no more than three years.

Actual funding depends on the number of eligible charters, the completion of a successful competitive charter grant application, and the continuation of funds from the United States Department of Education. **Start-up funding is NOT to be used for budget purposes and, if awarded, will not be available to the sponsoring entity until the contract for charter has been executed, a county-district number has been assigned, and a grant application has been completed and negotiated.**

The federal funds may then only be accessed after a request for reimbursement has been submitted. Generally, the federal funds may not be received until after the charter holder has demonstrated that it has incurred an expenditure that represents an allowable cost pursuant to the requirements of the federal award.

Provide the Following:

A copy of the most recent **audit report**. Use the format provided in the most recent version of the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide, Special Supplement-Charter Schools (Module 10) found at, [http://tea.texas.gov/Finance\\_and\\_Grants/Financial\\_Accountability/Financial\\_Accountability\\_System\\_Resource\\_Guide/](http://tea.texas.gov/Finance_and_Grants/Financial_Accountability/Financial_Accountability_System_Resource_Guide/).

For organizations less than one year old or established organizations with no financial activity to date: If an audit report is not available, provide an unaudited financial report that includes from inception to date:

1. a statement of financial position,
2. a statement of activity, and
3. a cash flow statement.

Provide the Following:

Evidence of financial support from intended community partners such as:

- (i) letters of intent/commitment;
- (ii) memoranda of understanding; and/or
- (iii) contracts.

Applicants having no responsive documents to this attachment shall provide the statement, "The applicant has no documents in response to this attachment."

Provide the following:

A clear description of the current responsibilities and the qualifications of the college or university faculty member directly responsible for the implementation of the educational program.

*In reference to a public senior college or university charter, TEC, §12.154(2) states that the public senior college or university charter school's educational program must be implemented under the direct supervision of a member of the teaching or research faculty of the college or university, and TEC, §12.154(3) states that the faculty member supervising the public senior college or university charter school's educational program must have substantial experience and expertise in education research, teacher education, classroom instruction, or educational administration.*

*In reference to a junior college, TEC, §12.154(b)(1) states that the junior college charter school's educational program must be implemented under the direct supervision of a member of the faculty of the public junior college, and TEC, §12.154(b)(2) states that the faculty member supervising the junior college charter school's educational program must have substantial experience and expertise in teacher education, classroom instruction, or educational administration.*

Provide the Following:

Using the template provided at <http://tea.texas.gov/charterapp.aspx>, submit a notarized, Board Member Biographical Affidavit completed by each member of the proposed school's governing board.

All prompts and response boxes shall be completed. If a prompt does not apply to the member, enter a response of N/A followed by a brief explanation of why the prompt does not apply. Ensure that the anticipated role to be filled at the proposed charter is identified.

**NOTE: Substantial repetition among and between affidavit responses will be subject to this application's Plagiarism Policy, and may be removed from consideration. Applicants must ensure that each Board Member individually provides their own personal response(s).**

Provide the Following:

- I. The governing board's proposed Code of Ethics; and
- II. The governing board's proposed Conflict of Interest policy.
- III. Identify any existing relationships that could pose actual or perceived conflicts if the application is approved; discussing specific steps that the Board will take to avoid any actual conflicts and to mitigate perceived conflicts.

Provide the Following:

Organizational charts that show the school governance, management, and staffing structure. An applicant must submit separate organizational charts for 'year one' and 'at-capacity.' If the organizational structure is not projected to change during the initial contract period; an applicant must indicate this somewhere on the chart provided.

Each organizational chart should clearly delineate the roles and responsibilities of – and lines of authority and reporting among – the governing board, staff, any related bodies (such as advisory bodies or parent/teacher councils), and any external organizations that will play a role in managing the school. The organizational charts shall also document clear lines of authority and reporting within the school.

All positions listed on the organizational charts shall be noted on the Staffing Chart provided as Attachment O2 and have a corresponding Supplemental Human Resources Information Form submitted in Attachment O3.

Provide the Following:

A staffing chart outlining the staffing plan for the campus(es), as applicable.

The staffing chart must include staffing projections for each year during the initial contract period (Years 1-5).

The staffing chart should also align with the Organizational Charts( *Attachment O1*) and the Supplemental Human Resources Information Forms (*Attachment O3*) and should identify, but not limited to, the following positions:

1. Principal(s) and Assistant Principal(s)
2. Additional Campus Leadership
3. Classroom Teachers (core subjects)
4. Classroom Teachers (specials)
5. Student Support (e.g. social workers)
6. Specialized Campus Staff
7. Teacher Aide(s) and Assistant(s)
8. Campus Operations Support Staff
9. PEIMS

Adjust or add functions and titles as needed.



Provide the Following:

Using the template provided at <http://tea.texas.gov/charterapp.aspx>, complete a Supplemental Human Resources Information Form for ALL paid positions required to operate the proposed school in year one and at capacity.

Ensure that the submission includes ALL positions necessary to operate the proposed school during the start-up year, the first year of operations, and finally, at capacity.

All positions represented here should also be represented on the organizational chart submitted in *Attachment O1* and on the staffing chart submitted in Attachment O2.