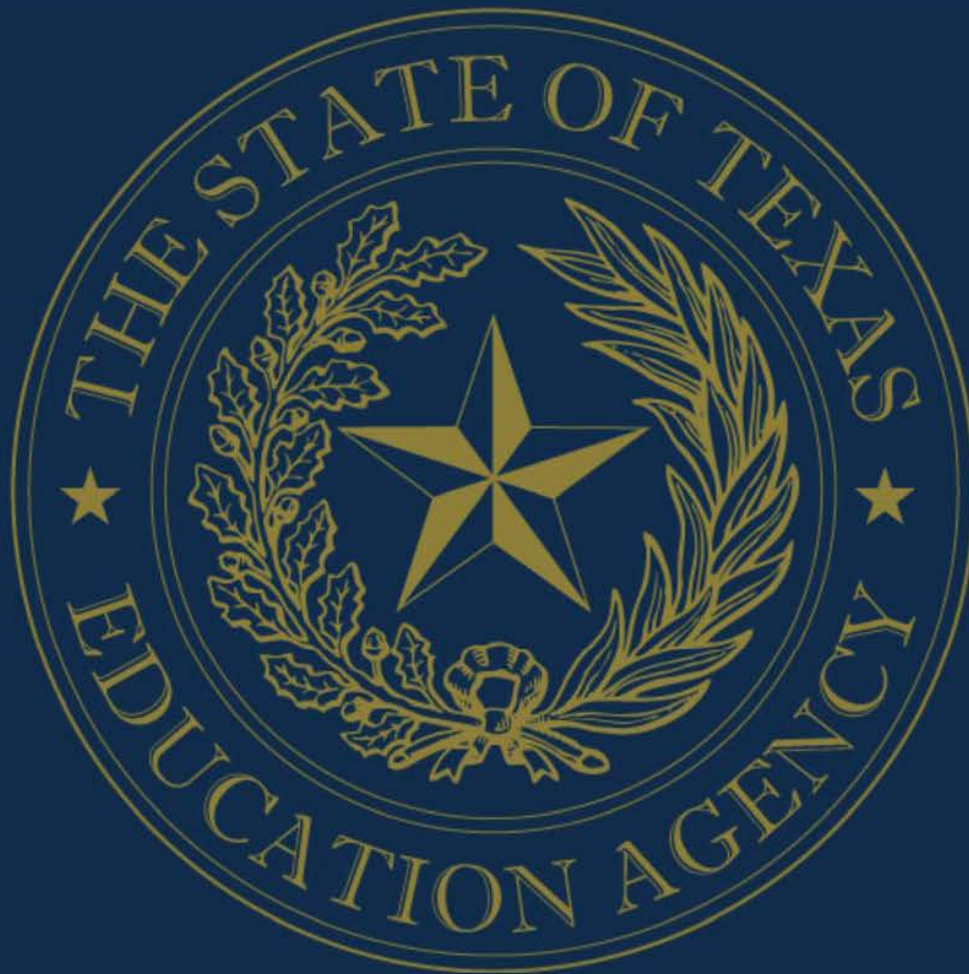


GENERATION 23

OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER APPLICATION



SPECIAL ASSURANCES

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OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION

Generation Twenty-Three

Special Assurances Document

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The Board Chair of the proposed sponsoring entity shall initial each and all assurances within this document to confirm awareness and understanding of responsibilities established herein.

I. Open Meetings Requirements

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that all meetings in which charter school business is discussed will be posted to provide public notice, held in an open public forum, and any action items voted upon in a public forum as required by the Open Meetings Act in Government Code, Chapter 551.

_____ Furthermore, the proposed charter holder assures that all of the following will be discussed in open meetings and only acted upon with approval of the charter holder board:

- The annual budget and all amendments to the budget,
- Any changes to job descriptions from those submitted in the application for charter, and
- Any changes in compensation from compensation as submitted in the application for charter.

II. Public Information Requirements

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that information, that is considered public, requested by anyone will be provided in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 552.

III. Criminal History Check Requirements

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that criminal history checks will be completed in accordance with law and that no person will serve as a member of the governing body of a charter holder, as a member of the governing body of the charter school, or as an officer or employee of an charter school if the person has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, a felony, an offense listed in TEC 37.007(a) or an offense listed in Article 62.01 (5) Code of Criminal Procedure.

IV. Annual Training Requirements

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that all annual training requirements for board members and school administrators will be completed in accordance with law and commissioner rules.

V. Residential Facilities Monitoring (RFM) System

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that it understands that, pursuant to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §97.1072, there is a specific system for monitoring school districts and charter schools that serve students with disabilities who reside in RFs. The charter holder further assures that it understands that it will be required to report data related to students with disabilities residing in RFs in TEA's data collection system known as RF Tracker and that it may be subject to RFM intervention activities and on-site visits based upon a review of the data it reports or on random or other means of selection.

VI. Special RF Training

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that all personnel involved with serving students with disabilities residing in an RF and personnel involved with reporting data in *RF Tracker* will receive training on the RFM system.

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VII. Admission and Enrollment

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that parents or prospective students will not be required to attend an interview or meeting of any kind prior to admitting and/or enrolling a student, or during the time in which the student is enrolled.

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that volunteer hours, or payment in lieu of volunteer hours, will not be required of the parent or guardian as a requirement for student admission or enrollment.

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that there will be no specified days designated for enrollment and/or admission. If space is available, a student will be enrolled and admitted on any day at any time of day and must be counted as and considered a charter student immediately. State law does not allow for a trial enrollment period at a public school.

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that no student auditions will be required prior to enrollment and admission at the charter school unless the charter is originally approved by the commissioner of education as a performing arts school with an audition component or the charter is amended by the commissioner of education to designate the school a performing arts school with an audition component.

_____ The proposed charter holder understands that a student may be ineligible for enrollment at a charter school based on a history of a criminal offense, a juvenile court adjudication, or discipline problems under Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 37, Subchapter A, only if the enrollment prohibition is specifically approved by the commissioner of education when the charter is awarded, or if the charter is amended by the commissioner of education to allow this enrollment prohibition. It must be noted that the enrollment prohibition is not allowed for any prior discipline problems, but only those specified in TEC, Chapter 37, Subchapter A.

VIII. Public Meeting(s)

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that a public meeting will be held, in accordance with the requirements outlined in Attachment A2 of this application, for each approved campus opened after Year 1, at least 6 months prior to opening that campus. The proposed charter holder further assures that such meetings will be held within the city of the proposed campus address.

IX. Withdrawal and Expulsion

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that it understands that only the parent or guardian may withdraw a student from the charter school, and the only time charter administrators may withdraw a student and use administrative withdrawal as the leaver code is in the rare instances when:

- a student is withdrawn by the charter school because the charter school discovers, when verifying enrollment information, that the student was not a resident of the district at the time of enrollment;
- the charter school discovers that the student has falsified enrollment information;
- proof of identification is not provided; or
- immunization records are not provided within 30 days of enrollment.

_____ The proposed charter holder understands that a student who fails to comply with the charter school's student code of conduct may not be administratively withdrawn. If a student commits an expellable offense, as outlined in the student code of conduct, the charter holder further understands that charter administrators may expel the student only after due process has been afforded the student, and the charter holder board has determined that expulsion is the appropriate consequence.

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_____ The proposed charter holder understands that it has an obligation to notify the school district in which the student resides within three business days of any action expelling or **withdrawing** a student from the charter school. See 19 TAC §100.1211 (c).

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that each campus granted through the initial charter contract and all subsequent renewal, expansion, and re-designations shall establish and maintain gun-free campus policies. The charter shall also expel a student who brings a firearm, as defined by 18 U.S.C. Section 921, to school. See TEC §37.007(e).

X. Ready to Open Check-List

_____ The proposed charter holder understands, upon any subsequent approval and award of charter, that a ready-to-open check list may be required to complete prior to final approval for the opening of any campus.

XI. Postponement of Opening

_____ The proposed charter holder understands that any request for the postponement of opening shall be denied if the founding Board no longer constitutes the governing Board at the time of the request.

XII. Federal and State Funding

_____ The proposed charter holder understands that any request for assistance from the Texas Education Agency that is to be provided from *Every Student Succeeds Act* funds, as granted by the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*, must comply with the *The Guns-Free Schools Act*. See 20 U.S. Code § 7151.

_____ The proposed charter holder understands that any *Every Student Succeeds Act* funds that are applied towards campus(es) operated on the premises of a public university or college may be effected by new open-carry handgun legislation on public university and college campuses. See Senate Bill 11, as approved by the 84th Legislature, 2015.

_____ The proposed charter holder understands that upon receipt of its first federally funded grant from TEA, "specific conditions" will be imposed upon it, including requirement to participate in training and technical assistance provided by the Department of Grants and Federal Fiscal Compliance. The training and technical assistance is designed to help new charter schools ensure that federal grant funds are used in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, and requirements. TEA is authorized to impose specific conditions by Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 200.331 (c) and 200.207.

XIII. Required Disclosure

_____ The proposed charter holder assures that all information subject to a required disclosure of fact(s) has been expressly provided within the *Charter School Application* to the extent authorized by all controlling law.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the governing body of the charter holder has authorized me to provide these assurances as noted by my initials on this and all previous pages.

Printed Name of Sponsoring Entity Board Chair

Signature of Sponsoring Entity Board Chair

Date