2019-2020 New School Designation

For eligible open-enrollment charters seeking to apply for New School Designation (NSD)
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2019-2020 New School Designation Presentation Overview

- Definition of New School Designation (NSD)
- Eligibility requirements for NSD
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What is New School Designation?

Definition
Authority
Start-Up Grant Opportunity
The New School Designation is the term used to refer to open-enrollment charter school campuses that are established, through the expansion amendment process, under an existing open-enrollment charter school.

These school campuses must generate their own accountability ratings and demonstrate the “new” program offered at their school campus that is different from existing educational programs offered by the charter and not a replication of existing programs.
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<td><strong>Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Section 5202(d)(1) Federal Non-Regulatory Guidance</strong></td>
<td><strong>Texas Charter School Program (CSP) Grant awarded to TEA by the United States Department of Education (USDE)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §100.1033(b)(12)</strong></td>
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A state educational agency (SEA) **may only award** CSP sub-grants to multiple charters established under a single charter if...

| Each of the charter school campuses meets the CSP definition of “charter school”. | The school campuses are truly separate and distinct from each other. |
NSD Eligibility Requirements

19 TAC §100.1033(b)(12)(A)
only if the charter holder...

- meets all requirements applicable to an expansion amendment;
- has operated at least one charter school in Texas for a minimum of five consecutive years (not including the current 2018-2019 school year);
- has been evaluated under the accountability rating system (§97.1001) with at least 50% of its student population in assessed grades; and
- has an accreditation status of Accredited, and meets the following:
only if the charter school...

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19 TAC §100.1033(b)(12)(A)(ii)(I)

- received a district rating of “Met Standard” in 2018
- received the highest or second highest district rating for two of the following years: 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014
- has at least 75% of its campuses rated with highest or second highest rating
- has no campus with an “Improvement Required” rating in 2018
- received a district rating of “Met Standard” in 2018

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only if the charter school...

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1 9 TAC §100.1033(b)(12)(A)(ii)(II)(a-b)


Alternative Accountability

has all campuses rated “Met Standard” or “Met Alternative Standard” in 2018

has at least 30% of the students in each of the following student groups (if reported) rated Met Standard in each subject area assessed as reported on the 2017-2018 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR):

African American, Hispanic, White, Special Education, Economically Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient, and At Risk

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### NSD Eligibility Requirements

19 TAC §100.1033(b)(12)(A)(iii-viii)

**only if...**

- No charter campus is identified for federal sanctions or interventions in the most recent report.
- The charter is not under any sanction imposed by TEA.
- The charter holder completes an approved application.
- The new charter school will serve at least 100 students.
- The NSD amendment complies with all requirements of 19 TAC §100.1033(b)(12).
- The commissioner determines that the NSD is in the best interest of the students of Texas.
**NSD Eligibility Requirements**

19 TAC §100.1033(b)(12)(B)(i-iv)

- Only if...
  - The proposed school satisfies each element of the definition of a public charter school.
  - The proposed school is not merely an extension of an existing charter school.
  - The proposed school is separate and distinct from the existing charter school(s).
  - The open-enrollment charter, as amended, includes a separate written performance agreement for the proposed school that meets the requirements of the ESEA, Section 5210(1)(L), and TEC, §12.111(a)(3) and (4).

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The commissioner shall determine...

- the terms of the open-enrollment charter as a whole, as modified by the NSD
- whether the proposed school shall be established and recognized as a separate school under Texas law
The commissioner shall consider...

whether the proposed school and the existing charter school(s) have separate sites, employees, student populations, and governing bodies

whether day to day operations are carried out by different officers
Important

the presence or absence of any one of the previous elements, by itself, does not determine whether the proposed school will be found to be separate or part of an existing school;

however

the presence or absence of several elements will inform the commissioner's decision.
The commissioner shall consider...

whether the proposed school and the existing charter school(s) have distinctly different requirements in their written performance agreements

the extent to which the performance agreement for the proposed school imposes higher standards than those imposed by TEC, §12.104(b)(2)(L)
Failure to meet any standard or requirement shall mean...

- the immediate termination of any federal charter school program grant; and/or
- immediate termination of any waiver exempting a charter from some of the expansion amendment requirements granted as a result of the new school designation.
Application for New School Designation 2019-2020 Submission

Complete the following...

- 2019-2020 application for New School Designation
- A Charter Expansion Amendment Request Form – *(Add an Additional Campus)* and all corresponding documentation
- Any other expansion requests and corresponding documentation that are necessary to implement the new school

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Applications due...  
On or before  
Thursday, January 31, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

Email all documents to  
charteramendments@tea.texas.gov
Application Requirements

1. State the address for the proposed school campus;
2. State the grade levels to be served;
3. Explain if this new campus will benefit from other federal charter school grant(s) not awarded by the TEA;
4. Describe the lottery process;
5. Explain how the proposed school is **unique** and not an extension of an existing charter school...

- Different **officers**?
- Separate **employees**?
- Separate **governing bodies**?
- Separate **site**?
- Separate **student populations**?
- How the educational program is **unique** from those of all other campuses operated by the charter school
### Application Requirements

**Written performance agreement between proposed school and charter holder**

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<th>Explain how the new school campus outlines the ways, other than those from Slide 16, in which this agreement is different from the requirements of the existing school.</th>
<th>Discuss three to five higher student performance standards for the new school that are specific, realistic, and measurable and different than those for schools currently operated by the charter.</th>
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Format for performance standards...

By (DATE), (SPECIFIC PERCENTAGE) of (ALL STUDENTS or A SPECIFIC STUDENT GROUP or STUDENT GROUPS) will achieve (LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE) on the (SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT).
Example of a performance standard...

In *Spring 2020*, 80% of all students who are assessed will achieve a score of *Met Standard* on the *Reading State Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR)*.
Provide a governing board resolution stating that the board agrees and supports the application amendment for New School Designation.
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- Any other expansion requests and corresponding documentation that are necessary to implement the new school
- Applications are due Monday, January 31, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.
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