

Title 10: Education Institutions and Agencies

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Letter of Intent and Eligibility	
Prospective Applicant Informational Webinar This informational session will provide those interested in applying for a charter school during this application cycle with an overview of the process including an overview of the online portal for submission of documents, a high-level walk-through of the RFP, a detailed walk-through of the proposal timeline, requirements, and eligibility demonstration. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the MCSAB website for on-demand viewing. For details visit charterschoolboard.ms.gov .	February 14, 2025
Letter of Intent Packets Due to MCSAB MCSAB staff and/or its external evaluator will review the Letter of Intent for each applicant. Conversion schools must submit their proof of support at this time. <u>Letter of Intent</u> packets must be prepared using the template provided and submitted via the online portal. (See SAMPLE Letter of Intent).	March 7, 2025
Eligibility Determination Notification The eligibility of an applicant team is determined by the successful submission of the mandatory Letter of Intent and the required accompanying documentation. Applicants will be notified of their eligibility via email. Applicants deemed ineligible will be disqualified from submitting a full proposal during this cycle.	March 14, 2025
Eligible Applicant Orientation Webinar Eligible applicants will receive an invitation to a webinar that provides a more detailed explanation of the evaluation process, a high-level walk-through of the evaluation criteria, and time for applicants to ask questions. The webinar will be recorded and available for eligible applicant on demand viewing.	April 4, 2025
Call for Quality Schools Stage 1 Completeness Check	
Deadline for Submission of Complete Proposals All proposals must be submitted via the online platform in complete and final form. Independent evaluators will review proposals for completeness. *Monday Deadline	May 19, 2025

Initial Completeness Findings Distributed Independent evaluators issue a determination on completeness. If a proposal is incomplete (missing attachments) and/or incorrectly formatted, the applicant will be notified by email and have 48 hours to rectify issues and resubmit the proposal.	June 6, 2025
Remedy Window for Completeness Applicants who do not respond and/or fail to satisfy identified issues within the allotted remedy window will be disqualified from this cycle. *Monday Deadline	June 9, 2025
Final Completeness Findings Distributed Applicants will be notified of final completeness findings and eligibility to progress to Stage 2.	June 13, 2025
Stage 2 Threshold Quality Review	
Threshold Quality Review Begins Independent evaluators assess 5-7 critical elements of each proposal against the published Stage 2 evaluation criteria found in the application.	June 16, 2025
Initial Stage 2 Threshold Quality Review Findings Distributed Applicants will be notified via email of initial Stage 2 findings. Applicants should refer to Guidance when developing a response. *Monday Notification	July 7, 2025
Applicants Response to Initial Stage 2 Evaluator Feedback Applicants who do not respond by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be disqualified from this cycle.	July 28, 2025
Secondary Stage 2 Threshold Quality Review Begins Independent evaluators assess responses to initial Stage 2 feedback	August 1, 2025
Final Stage 2 Findings Distributed Applicants are notified by MCSAB of final Stage 2 findings and eligibility to progress to Stage 3. Applicants found to be ineligible to move to Stage 3 will receive final summary findings and may apply again in future cycles.	August 15, 2025
Application Committee/Special Called Meeting Tentative August 18, 2025	
Call for Quality Schools Stage 3	
Complete Proposal Review Begins Independent evaluation teams review each proposal against the Stage 3 criteria.	August 18, 2025
Invitation to Capacity Interview All applicants that meet the necessary <u>criteria</u> will be invited by MCSAB to a capacity interview. Applicants not invited to a capacity interview will receive their final recommendation report at this time.	September 19, 2025
Capacity Interviews	September 22-26, 2025
Public Hearing – Public Comment Period	TBD

Post Capacity Interview Evaluation Team Recommendation. MCSAB notifies applicants of post interview recommendation. Friday Notification	October 3, 2025
Final Applicant Response to Final Recommendation Due Applicants may submit a three-page written response to the post interview recommendation. Refer to guidance.	October 10, 2025
Independent Evaluator Review Begins Review of applicant response	October 13, 2025
Final Independent Evaluator Report and Recommendation MCSAB Application Committee Meets Committee meets to review and receive recommendation from evaluator	October 20, 2025
Call for Quality Schools Decisions MCSAB ~ Final decision to approve or deny proposals submitted during the 2025 Call for Quality Schools Cycle	October 27, 2025 Board Meeting

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Deadline for Submission of Complete Proposals All proposals must be submitted via the online platform in complete and final form. Independent evaluators will review proposals for completeness. *Monday Deadline	January 26, 2026
Initial Completeness Findings Distributed Independent evaluators issue a determination on completeness. If a proposal is incomplete (missing attachments) and/or incorrectly formatted, the applicant will be notified by email and have 48 hours to rectify issues and resubmit the proposal.	February 13, 2026
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Stage 2 Threshold Quality Review	
Threshold Quality Review Begins Independent evaluators assess 5-7 critical elements of each proposal against the published Stage 2 evaluation criteria found in the application.	March 2, 2026
Initial Stage 2 Threshold Quality Review Findings Distributed Applicants will be notified via email of initial Stage 2 findings. Applicants should refer to Guidance when developing a response.	March 20, 2026
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