

STAFF/COMMUNITY INITIATED SCHOOLS: 2257

It is the belief of the Board of Directors that choice is an important factor in offering parents and students a variety of educational models to enhance student achievement. In order to be more responsive to the community's interest in choice, to our growing student enrollment, and to diverse students, the Board is willing to accept proposals from staff or community members interested in starting new "schools." A "school" is defined as a group of students, staff and parents who will have their own organizational structure, philosophy, program design and budget allocation. The Board will consider and evaluate the merits of such proposals according to the following criteria:

1. Fit (alignment with district mission and filling a gap in services);
2. Focus on student achievement;
3. Research-based (curriculum/ instruction);
4. Community support (data);
5. Quality of staff;
6. Fiscal Impact.

Legal References: RCW 28A.630.083 Waivers for innovation schools and innovation zones