

Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in September	Descriptor Term: Charter School Renewal	Descriptor Code: 1.905	Issued Date: 09/14/26
		Rescinds:	Issued: 07/14/25; 12/11/23; 11/14/22

ANNUAL NOTICE¹

The Director of Schools/designee shall annually notify the charter school of whether the charter school is “on-track” or “off-track” for renewal. The status of each charter school shall be published in the annual authorizing report.

INTERIM REVIEW

The Director of Schools/designee shall conduct an interim review of a charter school in the fifth year of a charter term in accordance with guidelines developed by the State Board of Education. As part of this process, the charter school shall submit a report on the progress of the school in achieving the goals and objectives set forth in the charter agreement.²

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE REPORT

Three (3) months prior to the date on which a charter school is required to submit a renewal application, the Director of Schools/designee shall submit a performance report to the charter school that summarizes the school’s performance record over the charter term and states the summative findings concerning the school’s performance and prospects for renewal.³

APPLICATION AND EVALUATION

No later than April 1st of the year prior to the year in which the charter school agreement expires, the governing body of a charter school shall submit a renewal application to the Board.⁴ The Director of Schools/designee shall report each renewal application received to the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission (“the Commission”) within ten (10) days of receipt.⁴

The Director of Schools/designee shall conduct a renewal evaluation site visit to each charter school that submits a charter school renewal application.

The Board will make renewal decisions by February 1st in the year the charter school agreement expires.

RENEWAL CRITERIA⁵

The Board shall define and communicate with schools the criteria for renewal that is consistent with the charter agreement. The Board shall make its renewal decision based on the renewal application, annual authorizer reports, and renewal performance report.

Within ten (10) days of the Board voting by resolution on a renewal application, the Director of Schools/designee shall promptly notify a school of its renewal recommendation and decision, including the reasons for the decision and any rights to an appeal. The Director of Schools/designee shall promptly communicate renewal decisions to the school community and public as well as the Department of Education and the Commission.

High-Performing Charters

High-performing charter school renewal applications shall be automatically approved for renewal. A charter school will be deemed high-performing if it:¹

1. Has met or exceeded standards on at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the indicators in each section of the school performance framework in each of the three (3) immediately preceding school years;
2. Has attained a school composite level of “above expectations” or “significantly above expectations” as represented by the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) in each of the three (3) immediately preceding school years; and
3. Has had no significant audit findings during the term of the current charter agreement.

Within ten (10) days of the Board approving a high-performing charter school for renewal, the Director of Schools/designee shall report the approval to the Department of Education and the Commission.

Legal References

1. [Public Acts of 2026, Chapter No. 1012](#)
2. [TCA 49-13-121\(k\)](#)
3. [State Board of Education Policy 6.111](#)
4. [TCA 49-13-121\(a\)](#)
5. [TCA 49-13-121; State Board of Education Policy 6.111](#)