

State law in Louisiana Revised Statute 17:10.5 creates a Parent Petition Process to enable parents to choose to turn over their child's low performing school to the control of the Recovery School District (RSD). The RSD works to transform academically struggling schools into high-performing charter schools and has a demonstrated record of raising student achievement. Only low-performing schools—those that receive a D or F rating for three straight years prior to intervention by the RSD—are eligible for the Parent Petition Process. To learn if your child's school is eligible to be transformed into a charter school by the Recovery School District, please review the list of Parent Petition eligible schools on the Louisiana Department of Education's [Parent Petition website page](#).

To indicate your desire to have the Recovery School District transform your child's school into a charter school, please follow the instructions below.

1. Only parents or guardians of students *currently enrolled* in the school may complete this form.
2. Please submit only one form for each child attending the school.
3. Each group seeking to transfer an eligible school to the RSD must have a Lead Petitioner, who will act as the point of contact. Please submit this form to the Lead Petitioner of your group.
 - a. If you are the Lead Petitioner and have collected the required number of petitions, please review the Parent Petition guide, found on the Louisiana Department of Education's [Parent Petition website page](#), to learn how to successfully submit your petitions before the deadline.
 - b. **The deadline for Lead Petitioners to submit petitions to the LDOE January 25, 2017.**
4. If you have any questions, please e-mail Megha Upadhyaya at megha.upadhyaya2@la.gov

1 - Name of School:	2 - Name of School District:
3 - Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian:	4 - Printed Name of Lead Petitioner:
5 - Parent/Guardian Primary Phone:	6 - Parent/Guardian E-mail:
7 - Parent/Guardian Address, City, State, Zip Code:	
8 - Printed Name of Student Enrolled at School:	9 - Relationship to Enrolled Student (mother, father, etc.):
10 - Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian:	11 - Date:

Petitioners are not required to provide every piece of contact information but must provide at least one method for the Louisiana Department of Education to contact the signer. By signing this document, the parent or guardian consents to sharing this petition as a public record. This means that if a person makes a formal public records request to the Louisiana Department of Education for the parent petition, the Department will be required by law to share this form with the person making the request.

Members or employees of the local school board are not allowed to use school or district resources to support or oppose any parent petition effort.

Any person harassing, threatening, or intimidating parents/legal guardians related to the parent petition may be subject to criminal prosecution under the laws of this state, including, but not limited to La. R.S. 14:122.1, 14:285, or 14:329.1.

No person shall:

- forge the signature of another person, sign the petition using a false name, or sign the petition knowing that he/she is not qualified to sign; or
- damage, destroy, or alter a petition that a parent or legal guardian is attempting to circulate or sign.

Protections for Parents/Guardians:

No person shall:

- intimidate, deceive, or misinform a parent/ legal guardian about the petition;
- intimidate a parent or legal guardian by the use of violence, force or threats to attempt to influence the parent's/legal guardian to sign or not sign the petition;
- physically prevent or delay a parent/legal guardian from accessing a petition or a meeting about the petition; or,
- give or offer money or anything of value to a parent/legal guardian to influence a parent/guardian to sign or not sign the petition.