

BESE Authorized Charter School Request for Proposals	Timeline and Due Dates
Louisiana Department of Education Releases Approved Charter Application	January 20, 2021
Local Charter School Authorizers Release Charter Request For Applications, Timeline, Process and Point of Contact <i>R.S. 17:6(A)(10), R.S. 17:3981, and R.S. 17:3983.</i>	January 29, 2021
Local Charter School Authorizer Full Charter Application Due	April 5, 2021
Local Charter School Authorizer to notify Louisiana Department of Education of receipt of charter applications	
Local Charter School Authorizer to notify relevant state legislators regarding charter school application submissions within each district	
Louisiana Department of Education to Provide Orientation Sessions to Interested Charter Applicants	February-May
Local Charter School Authorizer Board to Consider Charter Applications Deadline	July 16, 2021
BESE Authorized Charter School Letter of Intent Submitted to Louisiana Department of Education Deadline	July 30, 2021
BESE Authorized Charter School Eligibility Determination Forms Submitted to Louisiana Department of Education	August 13, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education to Review Eligibility Determination Forms and correspond with applicants regarding eligibility and next steps via email	August 20, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education initiates contact with Board Chair and School Leader to orient the Contact Person with the Process, Timeline and Tools	August 20, 2021
BESE Authorized Charter School Full Application Submitted to Louisiana Department of Education	September 3, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education notifies every applicant of receipt of application	September 6, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education conducts review of applications to ensure the minimum application components have been submitted. (<i>Completeness Check</i>) LDE contacts individual applicants via email regarding status of Completeness Check.	September 6-10, 2021
Third-Party Evaluators Begin Evaluation of Applications	September 13, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education to notify local school system leaders of submission of charter school applications within their district	September 13, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education to notify relevant state legislators regarding charter school application submissions	September 13, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education conducts orientation and training for Internal Charter School Review Committee and Stakeholder Charter School Review Committee	September 17, 2021
BESE Authorized Charter Applications distributed to review committees	September 24, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education and Third Party Evaluator Meeting with Individual Local School Systems of Appealing Applicants	September 27-October 1, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education to Redact Applications and Post Applications on Website	October 1, 2021
BESE School Innovation and Turnaround Committee Meeting: Charter Proposal Presentations <i>Applicants have 5 minutes to present to the board. Reviewers will be invited to attend or view streamed video.</i> <i>R.S. 17:6(A)(10), R.S. 17:3981, and R.S. 17:3983</i>	October BESE Meeting October 12, 2021
Third-Party Evaluator will issue an Initial Memo to applicants, including initial findings, ratings and questions to be addressed by applicants	October 15, 2021
Due date for Charter Applications to be read by LDE Internal and Stakeholder Charter School Review Committees	October 22, 2021
BESE Authorized Charter Applicants will submit a maximum 5-page written response to the evaluator's Initial Memo	October 22, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education Internal and Stakeholder Review Committee Evaluation Consensus Meetings	October 25-29, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education to Redact applicant responses to Initial Memo and post Initial Memo and Response on website	November 5, 2021
BESE Authorized Capacity Interviews of Applicant Schools (Mandatory)	November 1-5, 2021

Louisiana Department of Education to Issue Quantitative Surveys to BESE Authorized Charter Applicants	November 8, 2021
Final Third-Party Evaluation provided to Applicants	November 24, 2021
BESE Authorized Charter Applicant 2 page written response to Final Third-Party Evaluation submitted to Louisiana Department of Education	December 1, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education to Issue Short-Answer Survey to BESE Authorized Charter Applicants	December 3, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education to Conduct Individual Final Recommendation Calls with each BESE Authorized Charter Applicant	December 6-10, 2021
Final Recommendation of BESE Authorized Charter Applications presented to BESE by Louisiana Department of Education	December BESE Meeting December 14, 2021
Post Final Third-Party Evaluations and Responses to website	December 10, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education to notify local school system leaders of recommendations of charter school applications within their district	December 22, 2021
Louisiana Department of Education to notify relevant state legislators regarding approval or denial of charter school applications by BESE	December 22, 2021