

## Wayne RESA Guidelines

### Criteria for Approval of a New Public School Academy Authorization

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The following criteria must be satisfied before the Wayne RESA Board of Education will consider a charter school contract for a new Public School Academy.

#### Supported by the Local District

- A letter of support from the public school district in which the proposed public school academy will be physically located. This must be documented by a signed letter from the superintendent with the support of the local board of education.
  - The Wayne RESA Board of Education will also consider the effect of the proposed charter school on the neighboring school districts to the district in which the charter school will be located as part of the decision making process.

#### Excellent Education Model

The charter school proposal must include the following attributes and the applicants must be able to demonstrate the capacity, expertise and experience to successfully implement these criteria:

- A rigorous, appropriate curriculum and delivery model;
- A system of data collection that is school-wide, classroom-based, and student-focused which reflects an understanding of the effective use of data to inform and modify instruction;
- A comprehensive program of special education identification, delivery and compliance;
- A demonstrated commitment to continuous improvement;
- A plan for demonstrated effective selection and recruitment of teachers and other personnel; A researched-based plan for ongoing evaluation of staff and instructional program;
- Engagement of a qualified and effective school leader who understands the importance of leadership in delivering cutting edge, 21<sup>st</sup> century instruction within the school setting;
- A commitment to ensuring demonstrable student success as measured by high retention and best practice solutions for all students including those students not functioning at grade level;
- A clearly supportable financial plan showing an understanding of expected revenues and expenses;
- Appropriate start-up capital and an understanding of complete start-up costs;

- A plan for a professional learning community model that will be in place and operational upon implementation of a charter contract; and
- A clear understanding of the implementation of the school's mission ( demonstrated by an understanding and implementation of review, checks and balances and other systems to maintain the level of excellence).

## Innovative, Unique or Fitting a Market Niche

The charter school proposal must demonstrate that the proposed school will fill an educational need that is innovative, unique or fitting a specialized market niche that is not otherwise available through existing schools by including:

- A clearly articulated educational niche that is not available in the local district or other public school academies located within the boundaries of that particular school district;
- A research-based student-focused instructional delivery model based on the location and needs of students who would attend the academy (e.g. urban, rural, etc.) and a plan for ongoing evaluation and continuous modification;
- A realistic, student driven mission that is consistent with, and supported by, the proposed curriculum and delivery model; and
- Significant documentation that the proposed Board, administration, and education service provider can effectively deliver the proposed school's unique, innovative or specialized mission.

By taking formal action, the Wayne RESA Board of Education may choose to waive any of the above mentioned criteria if the Board deems it necessary to consider some flexibility in a unique situation.