

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MISSION

6.100

In furtherance of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-108, the State Board of Education (the “State Board”) developed a Master Plan which outlines the following vision for Tennessee students: to prepare all children for successful post-secondary work, education, and citizenship. To achieve this vision, the State Board established the following strategic priorities:

1. Expand students’ access to effective teachers and leaders
2. Expand families’ access to good schools
3. Expand educators’ access to resources and best practices
4. Expand public access to information and data
5. Set achievement targets and measure success

With regard to Strategic Priority 2 (expanding families’ access to good schools), the Master Plan cites the driving belief that “parents should be able to choose from among multiple, high quality school options. No child should be stuck in a failing school.”¹ Furthermore, to meet this goal, the Master Plan states that education stakeholders must “increase families’ access to high-quality school options including but not limited to traditional schools, charter schools and virtual schools.”²

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to establish the State Board’s mission with regard to its role as an appellate authorizer of charter schools and as an authorizer of charter schools where an LEA is the sponsor.

1. **Mission.** With regard to its authorizing functions, the mission of the State Board is to increase families’ access to high-quality charter schools.
2. **Principles.** The State Board will carry out this mission by upholding the principles set forth in State Board Policy 6.200.

¹ State Board of Education Master Plan FY 2012-2020.

² *Id.*