
Charter School Authorizer Evaluation Rule 0520-14-01-.08

The Background:

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-145, the State Board is charged with ensuring the effective operation of charter school authorizers in the state and shall evaluate authorizer quality. The State Board conducts periodic evaluations of authorizers to determine compliance with state law, State Board rules, and State Board Policy 6.111 – Quality Charter Authorizing Standards. An authorizer’s failure to remedy non-compliance may result in the reduction of the authorizer fee.

The purpose of this rule is to define the overall evaluation process and the follow up actions of the State Board based on the evaluation. Upon completion of the State Board’s first full evaluation cycle, State Board staff reviewed this Rule to determine necessary changes to further streamline the evaluation process.

Changes to the Rule include:

- The timeline for adding a new authorizer in to the evaluation cycle; and
- Added flexibility regarding the composition of the evaluation team to ensure conflicts of interest are avoided

Connection to the [Master Plan](#):

This item supports the State Board’s strategic focus on Engagement and Accountability outlined in the Master Plan by ensuring authorizers are held accountable to the Quality Charter Authorizing Standards via a high quality and meaningful evaluation process.

The Recommendation:

State Board staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.