



TENNESSEE
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

**ASD TRANSITION
IMPLEMENTATION
PROCESS**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

PUBLIC CHAPTER 490

- Provisions for higher-performing ASD charter schools to exit ASD before the end of its original ten-year agreement and apply directly to commission.
- PC 490 details two potential direct pathways to commission:

1. Commissioner authority

"...the commissioner may determine that a school that entered the ASD and is operated as a charter school through authorization by the ASD... may exit the ASD prior to the expiration of the charter school's initial ASD charter agreement." 49-1-614(k)(2)

" The ASD-authorized charter school may apply to the Tennessee public charter school commission for a new charter agreement with a term not to exceed the term of the initial ASD charter agreement." 49-1-614(k)(2)(b)

2. School earns priority exit

"If, at any time, an ASD-authorized charter school meets the priority exit criteria set forth in the state's accountability model, then the school may apply to the LEA or the commission for a new charter agreement with a term not to exceed the term of the initial ASD charter agreement." 49-1-614(k)(4)



UPDATES SINCE JULY

- Application/Rubric
 - Conducted extension outreach seeking feedback on the application and rubric.
 - Received feedback from three operators, external stakeholders, Tennessee Department of Education, and the Achievement School District.
 - Final application and rubric published September 1.
- Webinars
 - Staff conducted three webinars open to ASD Charter Operators.
 - Representatives from 8 operators participated
 - Reviewed:
 - Application Process and Timeline
 - Authorization by the Commission
 - Revisions to the application and rubric based on feedback



OPERATIONAL UPDATES

- Commission Operations
 - To prepare for an increase in authorized schools, we are prioritizing adding capacity to the LEA team first in the areas of special populations and data/operations.
 - Hired director of authorizing who will oversee application process.
 - Preparing transition checklist to support any schools transitioning from one district to another district.
 - Proposing to use GEER funding to seek support of ASD application process and support in review of current performance framework.



ASD APPLICATION TIMELINE

Action	Timeframe
ASD Emergency Rule on First/Final Reading	September 22, 2021
ASD Permanent Rule Rulemaking Hearing	September 30, 2021
ASD Permanent Rule on Final Reading	October 12, 2021
Letters of Intent Due to Charter Commission	October 15, 2021
Applications Due to Charter Commission	November 15, 2021
Review Committees Convened	Week of November 22, 2021 (Tentative)
Public Hearings in Local Districts	Week of December 13, 2021 (Tentative)
Review Committee Final Rubrics Due	Week of January 10, 2022 (Tentative)
Executive Director's Recommendation Compiled	Week of January 17, 2022 (Tentative)
Charter Commission Decision on Applications	January 28, 2022
Charter Commission Votes on Charter Agreements for Approved ASD Application	April 1, 2022





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