

Variance to Standards Rubric Initial Application

Application _____ Standard(s) for which variance is requested _____

Reviewer's name _____

| Criteria | Considerations for Application of the Criteria | Unacceptable No Evidence | Incomplete Limited Evidence | Acceptable Sufficient Evidence |
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| Assurance statements completed. | Applicant has indicated that district shall provide evidence to guarantee assurance statements. | | | |
| Questions #1 Application contains evidence that local school stakeholders were involved in the consideration and development of the proposed initial variance | This can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of process and membership used to engage school stakeholders. • Evidence such as administrative/staff surveys. • Evidence of staff/PTA meetings. | | | |
| Question #2 Application contains evidence that the application for the proposed initial variance was approved at an official meeting of the board of trustees. | Must have minutes of the board of trustees meeting where the renewal application was approved. | | | |
| Question #3 Application states the purpose of the proposed charter program/school. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of proposed charter program/school stated. • Rationale, if included. | | | |
| Question #4 Application provides statement of mission and goals of proposed charter program/school. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission stated. • Goals of proposed charter program/school stated | | | |
| Question #5 Application lists specific objectives that demonstrate the proposed charter program/school will meet or exceed the results under the current standard. | Measurable objectives stated: who will do what, by when, as measured how? | | | |
| Question #6 Application describes data/evidence that will be collected for the initial application's goals/objective(s). | Evidence to be collected during the initial application's term is related directly to the intended outcomes of the variance. | | | |



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| Question #7 Application states how the creation of the charter program/school will meet the specific needs of the students in the school. | Sufficient description of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student needs. • Courses offerings. • Use of personnel. | | | |
| Question #8(a) & (b) Applicant has described how proposed charter program/school will be workable and educationally sound. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educationally sound statement. • Workable | | | |
| Considerations: | Must have a description that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly stated with as much detail as possible. • Provides all necessary information that reviewers need in order to act upon the application. • Has provided enough evidence to demonstrate the variance meets or exceeds the results. | | | |
| Sufficient resources are available to ensure success of the requested variance. | Consider resources for the success of the variance. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding • Staff • School configuration • Enrollment • Facilities • Scheduling | | | |
| Comments | | | | |