FRANKLIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
2026–2027 Charter School Request for Applications
For Charter Schools Proposed to Open in the 2028–2029 School Year or Beyond

Public Notice: In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 17:3982, the Franklin Parish School Board is making available to the public, through its website and in printed form upon request, the guidelines for submitting a charter school proposal, required forms and application materials, application and review timelines, the charter application review process, and the name and contact information for the primary point of contact.

I. Charter School Application

Applicants seeking to submit a Type 1 or Type 3 charter school proposal to the Franklin Parish School Board must complete the 2026–2027 Common Charter School Application approved by the Louisiana Department of Education and BESE.

- **New Charter Operator**
- **Experienced Charter Operator**

Applicants are responsible for submitting all required application components and supporting documentation identified in the applicable LDOE Common Charter School Application.

Application Resources

Applicants should obtain the current application and related resources from the Louisiana Department of Education's Charter School Authorization resources. The Franklin Parish School Board may request additional information from applicants as permitted by Louisiana law.

II. Charter School Request for Applications Schedule

Date	Action
September 8, 2026	Deadline for local school boards to publicly release the Charter Request for Applications, application timeline, review process, and primar
October 19, 2026	DEADLINE for submission of complete Type 1 and Type 3 charter applications to the Franklin Parish School Board.
January 28, 2027	DEADLINE for the Franklin Parish School Board to formally consider and act upon charter applications.
January 29, 2027	Franklin Parish School Board will notify the Louisiana Department of Education of the Board's charter recommendations/actions as requir

Application Submission

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Application Deadline: October 19, 2026

III. Charter Application Review Process

The Franklin Parish School Board will conduct a transparent review of each charter proposal in accordance with Louisiana law, applicable BESE regulations, and requirements established by the Louisiana Department of Education.

Each application will be reviewed by an **independent third-party evaluator** with expertise in the areas required by state law, including educational, organizational, legal, and financial matters.

- Educational program and instructional quality
- Organizational capacity and governance
- Legal compliance
- Financial planning and sustainability

The review may consider compliance with applicable law; educational soundness; financial viability; student behavior and discipline plans; data collection and use; organizational capacity; and the potential for fulfilling the purposes of Louisiana's charter school law.

The applicant will have an opportunity to provide a **written response to the independent evaluation** before the evaluator submits the final evaluation and recommendation to the Franklin Parish School Board.

The final third-party evaluation and recommendations will be provided to the charter applicant **no later than five business days before the Board meeting** at which the charter proposal will be considered, consistent with Louisiana law.

The Franklin Parish School Board will then formally consider the application and take action to approve or deny the proposal. If an application is denied, the Board will provide the applicant with a written explanation of the reasons for denial, as required by Louisiana law.

IV. Charter School Types Covered by This RFA

Type 1 Charter School: A new school operated pursuant to a charter between the nonprofit corporation created to operate the school and a local school board.

Type 3 Charter School: A preexisting public school converted to charter status and operated pursuant to a charter between a nonprofit corporation and the local school board.

V. Applicant Responsibilities

- Review all applicable Louisiana charter school laws and regulations.
- Complete the appropriate LDOE Common Charter School Application.
- Provide all required supporting documentation.
- Meet all application deadlines.
- Respond to requests for clarification or additional information.
- Participate in the independent evaluation process.
- Comply with all applicable requirements if the charter is approved.

VI. Charter School Contact Information

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Important Information

This Request for Applications applies to Type 1 and Type 3 charter school proposals submitted to the Franklin Parish School Board. Applicants interested in charter school types authorized directly by BESE should consult the Louisiana Department of Education for the applicable application process and deadlines.

Posted: September 8, 2026

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