



Charter School Petition Appeal Process

Charter school petition is denied by local school district.

Two weeks prior to submission of appeal to the Orange County Board of Education (OCBE), petitioners must schedule an appointment with the Orange County Department of Education's Charter Schools Unit to have Charter School Appeal Package verified for completeness.

Within **180 calendar days** of denial, petitioners submit a complete Charter School Appeal Package to OCBE at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

Charter Schools Unit petition review team begins analysis of the charter petition.

Within **30 calendar days** of submission, OCBE holds a public hearing to gauge the level of interest and support for the charter school.

Clarification and capacity meeting scheduled with charter school petitioners and the Charter Schools Unit petition review team.

Five business days prior to OCBE decision, Charter Schools Unit submits a recommendation to approve or deny the charter school petition to OCBE and lead petitioners.

Within **60 calendar days** of the charter school petition submission, OCBE will make a final decision approving or denying the charter school petition, unless a **30-day extension** is agreed upon by the charter school and OCBE.

If OCBE denies the charter school petition, the petitioner may appeal the denial to the State Board of Education.