



Countywide Charter School Petition Process

Two weeks prior to submission of a county charter school petition 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.



Petitioners submit a complete Charter School Appeal Package to OCBE at a regularly scheduled board meeting.



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



Within **60 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 the charter school petitioners and the Orange County Department of Education's petition review team.



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



Within **90 calendar days** of the charter school petition submission, OCBE will make a final decision either 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 **cannot** appeal the denial to the State Board of Education.