

# Renewal Process

## Purpose

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-183 (I), "The charter is effective for fifteen years from the first day of the fiscal year as specified in the charter, subject to the following:

At least eighteen months before the charter expires, the sponsor shall notify the charter school that the charter school may apply for renewal and shall make the renewal application available to the charter school. A charter school that elects to apply for renewal shall file a complete renewal application at least fifteen months before the charter expires. A sponsor shall give written notice of its intent not to renew the charter school's request for renewal to the charter school at least twelve months before the expiration of the charter. The sponsor shall make any data used in the renewal decisions available to the school and the public and shall provide a public report summarizing the evidence basis for each decision. The sponsor may deny the request for renewal if, in its judgment, the charter holder has failed to do any of the following:

- (a) Meet or make sufficient progress toward the academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework.
- (b) Meet the operational performance expectations set forth in the performance framework or any improvement plans.
- (c) Meet the financial performance expectations set forth in the performance framework or any improvement plans.
- (d) Complete the obligations of the contract.
- (e) Comply with this article or any provision of law from which the charter school is not exempt.

2. A charter operator may apply for early renewal. At least nine months before the charter school's intended renewal consideration, the operator of the charter school shall submit a letter of intent to the sponsor to apply for early renewal. The sponsor shall review fiscal audits and academic performance data for the charter school that are annually collected by the sponsor, review the current contract between the sponsor and the charter school and provide the qualifying charter school with a renewal application. On submission of a complete application, the sponsor shall give written notice of its consideration of the renewal application. The sponsor may deny the request for early

renewal if, in the sponsor's judgment, the charter holder has failed to do any of the following:

- (a) Meet or make sufficient progress toward the academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework.
- (b) Meet the operational performance expectations set forth in the performance framework or any improvement plans.
- (c) Meet the financial performance expectations set forth in the performance framework or any improvement plans.
- (d) Complete the obligations of the contract.
- (e) Comply with this article or any provision of law from which the charter school is not exempt.

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The charter will undergo the same process as the five-year review during this time interval.

The evaluation will include all data, documents and observation protocols used in the five-year review process. This includes reviewing annual reports and five-year review reports.