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53A-1a-504 Charter school application -- Applicants -- Contents -- Expansion.

- (1)
 - (a) An application to establish a charter school may be submitted by:
 - (i) an individual;
 - (ii) a group of individuals; or
 - (iii) a nonprofit legal entity organized under Utah law.
 - (b) An authorized charter school may apply under this chapter for a charter from another charter school authorizer.
- (2) A charter school application shall include:
 - (a) the purpose and mission of the school;
 - (b) except for a charter school authorized by a local school board, a statement that, after entering into a charter agreement, the charter school will be organized and managed under Title 16, Chapter 6a, Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act;
 - (c) a description of the governance structure of the school, including:
 - (i) a list of the governing board members that describes the qualifications of each member; and
 - (ii) an assurance that the applicant shall, within 30 days of authorization, provide the authorizer with the results of a background check for each member;
 - (d) a description of the target population of the school that includes:
 - (i) the projected maximum number of students the school proposes to enroll;
 - (ii) the projected school enrollment for each of the first three years of school operation; and
 - (iii) the ages or grade levels the school proposes to serve;
 - (e) academic goals;
 - (f) qualifications and policies for school employees, including policies that:
 - (i) comply with the criminal background check requirements described in Section 53A-1a-512.5;
 - (ii) require employee evaluations; and
 - (iii) address employment of relatives within the charter school;
 - (g) a description of how the charter school will provide, as required by state and federal law, special education and related services;
 - (h) for a public school converting to charter status, arrangements for:
 - (i) students who choose not to continue attending the charter school; and
 - (ii) teachers who choose not to continue teaching at the charter school;
 - (i) a statement that describes the charter school's plan for establishing the charter school's facilities, including:
 - (i) whether the charter school intends to lease or purchase the charter school's facilities; and
 - (ii) financing arrangements;
 - (j) a market analysis of the community the school plans to serve;
 - (k) a capital facility plan;
 - (l) a business plan;
 - (m) other major issues involving the establishment and operation of the charter school; and
 - (n) the signatures of the governing board members of the charter school.
- (3) A charter school authorizer may require a charter school application to include:
 - (a) the charter school's proposed:
 - (i) curriculum;
 - (ii) instructional program; or
 - (iii) delivery methods;

- (b) a method for assessing whether students are reaching academic goals, including, at a minimum, participation in the Utah Performance Assessment System for Students under Chapter 1, Part 6, Achievement Tests;
 - (c) a proposed calendar;
 - (d) sample policies;
 - (e) a description of opportunities for parental involvement;
 - (f) a description of the school's administrative, supervisory, or other proposed services that may be obtained through service providers; or
 - (g) other information that demonstrates an applicant's ability to establish and operate a charter school.
- (4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the State Board of Education shall make rules regarding the expansion of a charter school, including establishing a satellite campus, that provide:
- (a) requirements for a charter school to apply and qualify for expansion; and
 - (b) procedures and deadlines for the application process.