

Authorizer Survey (March 2012)

Survey Introduction

The Colorado League of Charter Schools is conducting a statewide survey of current charter authorizing practices. The League has been collaborating with the Colorado Department of Education, the Colorado Association of School Boards, the Charter School Institute, and a number of school districts around the state to improve and support quality authorizing practices. The results from this survey will inform our continued work, including development of additional tools for the Colorado Authorizer Tool Box. Thank you for your participation!

1. Authorizer Name:

2. Person Completing the Survey:

Mission

3. Do you have a mission statement applicable to your charter school authorizing role?

- Yes
 No

Mission

4. Where on your website is your charter authorizing mission located?

New School Development

5. Do you have a Charter Application Information Packet available that defines the application process and timelines for groups seeking to start a charter school?

- Yes
 No

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6. How can the Charter Application Information Packet be accessed (check all that apply)?

On the website

In person

By US mail

Other (please specify)

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7. How do groups get information about starting a charter school?

New School Development

8. Do you have clear guidelines and requirements for what charter school applicants must include in the charter application?

Yes

No

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9. How is this information accessed?

10. Do your application requirements reference any specific quality standards applicable to new schools and a corresponding evaluation rubric?

Yes

No

Additional information:

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11. Does the district have established priorities for new school development?

Yes

No

New School Development

12. Do you issue an RFP (Request for Proposals) for new school development in your district, or otherwise provide the public with information about the district's new school priorities?

Yes

No

Charter School Office

13. Do you have a charter school office and/or a charter school liaison?

Yes

No

Charter School Office

14. How many staff are dedicated to charter school oversight and support?

15. Was your authorizing staff hired specifically for that purpose and role?

Yes

No

Funding and Facilities

16. Do you have a policy and process for providing charter schools opportunities to participate in district bond elections?

Yes

No

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17. Do you share mill levy override funding with charter schools?

Yes

No

18. Do charter schools have access to potentially underutilized and/or vacant district facilities?

Yes

No

Authorizing Standards and Alignment

19. Are you familiar with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA)?

Yes

No

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20. Are you familiar with NACSA's Principles and Standards for Quality Authorizing?

Yes

No

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21. Are you aware that the State Board of Education recently adopted new rules in which the NACSA Principles and Standards are to be used as guidelines for authorizer practice in Colorado?

Yes

No

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22. Are you aware of the authorizer assistance available from the following:

	Yes	No
NACSA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CDE Schools of Choice Unit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The authorizer liaison working group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Colorado League of Charter Schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

NACSA Essential Practices Questions

23. Do you use the Standard Colorado Charter School Application developed by the CDE, the Charter School Institute, and the Colorado League of Charter Schools?

- Yes
 No

24. Do you require and examine annual financial audits of charter schools?

- Yes
 No

25. Do you provide annual reports on performance to your charter schools?

- Yes
 No

26. Do you have established charter school renewal protocol?

- Yes
 No

27. Do you have established charter school closure protocol?

- Yes
 No

Additional Information

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28. Please provide any additional information about your authorizing practices that might be helpful for this survey:

Thank you!!

Thank you so much for your participation in this survey of charter authorizing practices. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Colorado League of Charter Schools at 303-989-5356.