

## Title 10: Education Institutions and Agencies

### Part 422: Call for Quality Schools Guidance and Application Process Timeline

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Source: Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-28-9 and 15.

<b>Letter of Intent and Eligibility</b>	
<b>Prospective Applicant Informational Webinar</b> This informational session will provide those interested in applying for a charter school during this application cycle with an overview of the process including an overview of the online portal for submission of documents, a high-level walk-through of the RFP, a detailed walk-through of the proposal timeline, requirements, and eligibility demonstration. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the MCSAB website for on-demand viewing. For details visit <a href="http://charterschoolboard.ms.gov">charterschoolboard.ms.gov</a> .	February 16, 2024
<b>Letter of Intent Packets Due to MCSAB</b> MCSAB staff and/or its external evaluator will review the Letter of Intent for each applicant. Conversion schools must submit their proof of support at this time. <a href="#">Letter of Intent</a> packets must be prepared using the template provided and submitted via the online portal. (See SAMPLE Letter of Intent).	March 8, 2024
<b>Eligibility Determinations</b> The eligibility of an applicant team is determined by the successful submission of the mandatory Letter of Intent and the required accompanying documentation. Applicants will be notified of their eligibility via email. Applicants deemed ineligible will be disqualified from submitting a full proposal during this cycle.	March 15, 2024
<b>Eligible Applicant Orientation Webinar</b> Eligible applicants will receive an invitation to a webinar that provides a more detailed explanation of the evaluation process, a high-level walk-through of the evaluation criteria, and time for applicants to ask questions. The webinar will be recorded and available for eligible applicant on demand viewing.	March 22, 2024
<b>Call for Quality Schools Stage 1 Completeness Check</b>	
<b>Deadline for Complete Proposals</b> All proposals must be submitted in complete and final form.	May 24, 2024

<p><b>Initial Completeness Findings Distributed</b> Independent evaluators will review proposals and issue a determination on completeness. If a proposal is incomplete (missing attachments) and/or incorrectly formatted, the applicant will be notified by email and will have 48 hours to rectify issues and resubmit the proposal.</p>	May 31, 2024
<p><b>Remedy Window for Completeness</b> Applicants who do not respond and/or fail to satisfy identified issues within the allotted 48-hour window will be disqualified from this cycle.</p>	June 3, 2024
<p><b>Final Completeness Findings</b> Applicants will be notified of final completeness findings and eligibility to progress to Stage 2.</p>	June 7, 2024
<b>Stage 2 Threshold Quality Review</b>	
<p><b>Threshold Quality Review</b> Independent evaluators assess 5-7 critical elements of each proposal against the published Stage 2 evaluation criteria.</p>	June 10, 2024
<p><b>Initial Stage 2 Threshold Quality Review Findings Distributed to applicants by MCSAB</b></p>	July 8, 2024
<p><b>Applicants Response to Initial Stage 2 Evaluator Feedback</b> Applicants who do not respond by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be disqualified from this cycle.</p>	July 22, 2024
<p><b>Secondary Stage 2 Threshold Quality Review Begins</b> Independent evaluators assess responses to initial Stage 2 feedback</p>	July 26, 2024
<p><b>Final Stage 2 Findings Distributed</b> Applicants are notified by MCSAB of final Stage 2 findings and eligibility to progress to Stage 3. Applicants found to be ineligible to move to Stage 3 will receive final summary findings and may apply again in future cycles.</p>	August 16, 2024
<b>Application Committee Meeting TBD</b>	
<b>Call for Quality Schools Stage 3</b>	
<p><b>Complete Proposal Review Begins</b> Independent evaluation teams review each proposal against the Stage 3 criteria.</p>	August 16, 2024
<p><b>Invitation to Capacity Interview</b> Applicants that meet the necessary <a href="#">criteria</a> will be invited by MCSAB to a capacity interview. Applicants not invited to a capacity interview will receive their recommendation report from the evaluation team at this time.</p>	September 13, 2024
<p><b>Capacity Interviews</b></p>	September 23 -27, 2024

<b>Public Hearing – Public Comment</b>	TBD
<b>Post Interview Independent Evaluation Team Recommendation.</b> MCSAB notifies Applicants	October 7, 2024
<b>Final Applicant Response</b> Applicants may submit a three-page written response to the post interview recommendation. <a href="#">Refer to guidance.</a>	October 14, 2024
<b>Final Independent Evaluator Review and Recommendation to MCSAB</b>	October 21, 2024
<b>Call for Quality Schools Decisions</b> MCSAB ~ Final decision to approve or deny proposals submitted during the 2024 Call for Quality Schools Cycle	October 28, 2024