### OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER

**Authority:** ADE Rules Governing Public Charter Schools, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-301 et seq.

**Approver:** Charter Authoring Panel / State Board of Education

**Application:** All schools under the charter

**Initial Time Limit:** 5 years

**Process Length:** 17 months

**Innovation Status:** Innovative teaching methods

**Approval Process:**
- Meeting, via call or web, for Charter Unit staff to consult individually with potential applicant
- Potential applicant attends mandatory workshop
- Applicant submits application
- ADE internal group reviews application
- Public hearing and vote conducted by the Charter Authorizing Panel
- State Board of Education considers the Panel's decision
- Board may conduct a second public hearing

**Application Components:**
- Mission statement and key programmatic features
- Results of public hearing
- Provisions for specific student services
- Waivers are reviewed in the charter renewal process

**Monitoring:** Charters may be called before the authority for potential action at any time

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### DISTRICT CONVERSION CHARTER

**Authority:** ADE Rules Governing Public Charter Schools, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-301 et seq.

**Approver:** Charter Authoring Panel / State Board of Education

**Application:** All schools in the district

**Initial Time Limit:** 5 years

**Process Length:** 17 months

**Innovation Status:** Innovative teaching methods

**Approval Process:**
- Meeting, via call or web, for Charter Unit staff to consult individually with potential applicant
- Potential applicant attends mandatory workshop
- Applicant submits application
- ADE internal group reviews application
- Public hearing and vote conducted by the Charter Authorizing Panel
- State Board of Education considers the Panel's decision
- Board may conduct a second public hearing

**Application Components:**
- Mission statement and key programmatic features
- Results of public hearing
- Provisions for specific student services
- Waivers are reviewed in the charter renewal process

**Monitoring:** Charters may be called before the authority for potential action at any time

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### ACT 1240 WAIVER

**Authority:** ADE Rules Governing Public Charter Schools, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-102(3)

**Approver:** Charter Authoring Panel / State Board of Education

**Application:** All schools in the district

**Initial Time Limit:** 5 years

**Process Length:** 4 to 6 weeks

**Innovation Status:** Innovation definition

**Approval Process:**
- Applicant submits application
- ADE internal group reviews revisions and notes remaining issues
- District submits petition for State Board of Education
- State Board of Education considers the petition and makes the final determination

**Application Components:**
- Mission statement and key programmatic features
- Results of public hearing
- Provisions for specific student services
- Waivers are reviewed in the school of innovation renewal process

**Monitoring:** Charters may be called before the authority for action taken at any time

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### SCHOOL OF INNOVATION


**Approver:** Commissioner of Education

**Application:** All schools in the district

**Initial Time Limit:** 4 years

**Process Length:** 12-18 months

**Innovation Status:** Innovation definition

**Approval Process:**
- Applicant submits application
- ADE internal group reviews revisions and notes remaining issues
- District submits petition for State Board of Education
- State Board of Education considers the petition and makes the final determination

**Application Components:**
- Mission statement and key programmatic features
- Results of public hearing
- Provisions for specific student services
- Waivers are reviewed in the school of innovation renewal process

**Monitoring:** Charters may be called before the authority for action taken at any time