

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools provide an opportunity to develop innovative educational options, to establish unique school governance structures, and to provide parental and student alternatives within the public school system. The Board of Education of School District of Colby will consider the establishment of charter schools as provided by the Wisconsin statutes and administrative procedures. Any charter school established by the Colby School District must support the District's mission statement, meet state and local educational goals, and measure student progress in attaining those goals.

The granting and renewal of charter agreements will be at the sole discretion and autonomy of the School District of Colby Board of Education.

Charter School Requests

Petition - Petitions regarding the establishment of a charter school must be submitted no later than December 1 of the school year preceding intended implementation. A public hearing will be scheduled within 60 days of the filing date if the petition meets the necessary requirements. Within 30 days following the public hearing, the Board of Education will consider granting the petition by taking into account comments made at the public hearing and the advice of the administration. Petitions for the following school year filed after December 1st will be denied.

The Board will notify the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by February 1st of its intention to establish a charter school for the following school year.

Charter schools established by the District will be reviewed on an annual basis in accordance with the provisions of the Charter.

Charter School Renewal

The criteria examined in the consideration of renewing a charter will include, but not be limited to, student achievement, stakeholder interest, experience under the existing charter, availability of staff and district resources.

Revocation

A charter may be revoked by the Board of Education for the following reasons:

- The charter school violated its contract with the Board of Education; or
- The students enrolled in the charter school failed to make sufficient progress toward attaining educational goals; or
- The charter school failed to comply with generally accepted accounting standards of fiscal management; or
- The charter school violated the Wisconsin Charter School Law.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Stats. 118.40