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3301-39-03 Procedures.

(A)(1) ~~Nonpublic schools~~ A nonpublic school seeking a charter or reissue of a charter, shall submit an application as prescribed by the department.

~~(1)(2)~~ (2) The department will publish the application and application process, including a list of required documents and assurances for the upcoming school year, ~~shall be published~~ on the department website (www.education.ohio.gov) no later than October first.

~~(2)(3) Applications for schools~~ A nonpublic school seeking an initial charter shall ~~be submitted~~ submit an application between November first and ~~December thirty-first~~ January fifteenth ~~prior to the school year in which the school plans to operate under a charter.~~ Schools The school may delay ~~finalizing their~~ completing the steps necessary to obtain the charter for up to ~~one year~~ twenty-four months after the closure of the application period in which the application was submitted.

~~(3)(4)~~ (4) A nonpublic school seeking to have its charter reissued due to ~~relocation~~ a change in location, ownership, or name; a merger; or the addition of an annex location of any school may request reissue of a charter at any time during the year.

(B) ~~Nonpublic schools~~ A nonpublic school seeking an initial charter shall complete and submit to the department the form entitled "Report of a Nonpublic School" not less than ~~fourteen~~ twenty-one days prior to the first ~~day of school for students~~ scheduled site visit.

(C) The department will conduct not less than two site visits of a nonpublic school during the first year of operation under the initial charter, with the initial site visit taking place no later than September thirtieth for a nonpublic schools school whose applications and supporting documentation is completed and submitted by July first. ~~Nonpublic schools~~ A nonpublic school completing all application requirements after July first will receive an initial site visit within ninety days of completion of the application.

(D) ~~The state board of education shall~~ department will approve and issue an initial charter to a nonpublic school following satisfactory completion of a site visit by the department in which the department determines the nonpublic school has complied with rule 3301-35-09 of the Administrative Code. In making its determination, the department ~~shall~~ will consider evidence provided by an accrediting association if the school is accredited by an association whose standards have been reviewed by the ~~state superintendent's~~ department director's advisory committee on chartered nonpublic schools and approved by the ~~state board of education~~ department pursuant to paragraph (A)(1) of rule 3301-35-09 of the Administrative Code.

(E) ~~Charters~~ The following apply to a charter for a nonpublic schools school requesting reissue of a charter due to ~~relocation~~ a change in location or ownership, or name; a merger; addition of grade levels; leaving an approved accrediting organization; or the addition of an annex location ~~shall:~~

(1) The charter will be issued within thirty days of satisfactory completion and submission of application and supporting documentation. ~~The~~

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(2) The department will conduct a site visit of the nonpublic schools school within six months of reissuance of its charter.

(3) In the case of a change in location or addition of an annex, the department will conduct a site visit of the nonpublic school prior to reissuance of the charter.

(4) In the case of a change of name only, the department may elect to forgo a site visit of the nonpublic school.

~~(F) — Nonpublic schools that submitted an application for an initial charter prior to the effective date of this rule must complete submission of all required documents no later than December 31, 2023. The department will work to complete any remaining site visits for these schools by March 31, 2024.~~

Supplemental Information

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