

Title: Charter Schools/Sponsorship	Policy No.: 3.11
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Policy Statement: Individuals and groups seeking sponsorship for a proposed charter school within the boundaries of the Edmond Public School District may apply to the University of Central Oklahoma for sponsorship as mandated by State law.

Background: HB 1589, signed into effect on June 4, 2007, created a process to allow additional charter school sponsorships. This legislation stipulates that “Charter schools shall be sponsored by... a comprehensive or regional institution that is a member of OSRHE only when the charter school is located in a school district that has an average daily membership of 5,000 students or more and which all or part of the district is located in a county having more than 500,000 population according to the latest federal decennial census. In addition, the institution shall have a teacher education program accredited by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation and have a branch campus or constituent agency physically located within the school district where the charter school is located.”

In 2007, the Oklahoma legislature amended the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, 70 O.S. §3-130 *et seq.*, which expands the range of sponsoring entities for proposed charter schools in the state’s two metropolitan areas. During the 2010 legislative session additional amendments were passed which included many new provisions related to entities which may sponsor charter schools and removing the cap on the number of new charter schools that can be established in a given year.

The University of Central Oklahoma is located in the Edmond Public School District. It has no branch campus or constituent agency which could potentially allow additional requests outside the Edmond Public School District to be considered.

Charter school applicants are required to complete a 10-hour training program to be provided by the State Department of Education.

Purpose: Provide a framework for consideration of Charter School sponsorship requests.

Implementation Date: Spring 2009

Related Procedures: Detailed list of procedures can be found in the “University of Central Oklahoma Policy on Charter School Sponsorship” on file in the Office of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Coordinating Offices: Office of Academic Affairs, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

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