



# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## 2020 Detailed Timeline for Spring Charter Applicants to BESE

If you plan to apply to BESE for the spring application cycle, you may use the timeline on this page to access forms and guidelines for all submissions and to ensure that you make all submissions in advance of the appropriate deadlines. If you plan to submit an appeals application to BESE for the summer application cycle, use the second timeline on the second page. Applicants will receive specific dates where not already included during the application process.

Date	Description
Friday, February 7	Applicants applying directly to BESE notify BESE of their intent to apply for a charter school by emailing <a href="mailto:Andrew.Shachat@la.gov">Andrew.Shachat@la.gov</a> .
Friday, March 6	Charter applications are due. Applicants must submit five components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">An application</a></li> <li>- An overview template (<a href="#">new operator version</a> or <a href="#">experienced operator version</a>)</li> <li>- <a href="#">A finances template</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">An eligibility form</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Background checks</a></li> </ul> Incomplete applications may not be reviewed for approval.
March - April	The Department provides applicants with a draft recommendation from the third-party evaluator.
One week following delivery of the draft recommendation	Applicants may submit a response to the evaluator's draft recommendation, directed to the evaluator. The response may address standards found unmet in the initial application and may include revisions to the application. Response guidelines can be found <a href="#">here</a> .
April - May	Applicants receive an updated draft recommendation from the third-party evaluator in addition to detailed feedback that applicants should use to prepare for their interview.
May - June	Applicants will have the opportunity to meet in person with the third-party evaluator to address unmet standards and participate in performance tasks.
June - July	The Department provides applicants with the official recommendation from the third-party evaluator. Applicants have one week to submit an optional response within one week of receiving their final recommendation.
Ongoing	BESE considers charter applications.

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## 2020 Detailed Timeline for Summer Charter Appeals Applicants to BESE

Date	Description
Friday, January 10	Local school boards publish charter application information to their websites, including additional eligibility requirements and additions to the common application.
Friday, March 6	Charter applications are due to local school boards.
Friday, June 12	Deadline for local school boards to consider applications
Wednesday, June 17	Applicants notify BESE of their intent to apply for a charter school by emailing <a href="mailto:Andrew.Shachat@la.gov">Andrew.Shachat@la.gov</a> .
Friday, June 19	<p>Deadline for local school board applicants to appeal to BESE. Applicants must submit five components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An <a href="#">application</a></li> <li>- An overview template (<a href="#">new operator version</a> or <a href="#">experienced operator version</a>)</li> <li>- A <a href="#">finances template</a></li> <li>- An <a href="#">eligibility form</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Background checks</a></li> </ul> <p>Incomplete applications may not be reviewed for approval.</p>
July - August	The Department provides appeals applicants with a draft recommendation from the third-party evaluator.
One week following delivery of the draft recommendation	Appeals applicants may submit a response to the evaluator’s draft recommendation, directed to the evaluator. The response may address standards found unmet in the initial application and may include revisions to the application. Response guidelines can be found <a href="#">here</a> .
August – September	Applicants receive an updated draft recommendation from the third-party evaluator in addition to detailed feedback that applicants should use to prepare for their interview.
August - September	Applicants will have the opportunity to have an interview with the third-party evaluator to address unmet standards and participate in performance tasks.
September - October	The Department provides appeals applicants with the official recommendation from the third-party evaluator. Applicants have one week to submit an optional response within one week of receiving their final recommendation.
Ongoing	BESE considers applications on appeal from local school boards.

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