



Utah State Charter School Board

Optional “Fast Track” Replication and Satellite Application Process

[U.C.A. § 53G-5-202 \(1\)\(d\)\(i\)](#) provides that the State Charter School Board (SCSB) shall identify and promote successful charter school models. To facilitate this statutory requirement, the SCSB provides this policy and procedure.

Application criteria for Fast Track:

- The Fast Track process is an optional process intended to identify and promote successful charter schools.
- Only Satellite and Replication applications may apply for the “FastTrack” process.
- Although the Fast Track process is intended to be an open application, with applications received on a continual basis, [R277-552-2\(10\)](#) requires approval by October 1 of the state fiscal year prior to the fiscal year during which the school intends to serve students. Staff shall work with applicants to ensure the requested opening year matches the requirements.
- Only schools which have been operational, as a public charter school, for the prior five school years may apply under the Fast Track process.
- The SCSB approved performance criteria determine which schools may apply. Performance criteria shall be published on the SCSB website.
- The SCSB may determine, for good cause, to excuse a single deficient criterion in Student Engagement, Finance, or Governance. However, the SCSB will not excuse a deficiency in Charter Fidelity or Academics when considering certification.

Application Process:

1. The school must apply according to the instructions and timelines provided in the application, available on the SCSB website.
2. SCSB staff shall conduct a criteria review which includes a site visit. The review shall be timely so as to allow the application to be heard on the next regularly scheduled board meeting if the school meets each performance criteria.
3. If the school does not meet the established criteria, staff shall administratively reject the application, stating the reasons for rejection, and invite the school to apply under the traditional application process.
4. The school shall present their Satellite or Replication plan in an open and public meeting. The presentation should provide clear evidence of capacity to operate a new school successfully—academically, financially, and operationally; while maintaining quality in the existing school(s). The school should demonstrate the ability to manage both the scale and pace of proposed growth.
5. Schools not approved through the Fast Track process are encouraged to apply under the traditional process.