

CHARTER SCHOOLS...

- are public schools created through provisions of the Education Reform Act of 1993.
- are managed by a board of trustees.
- are organized around a core mission, curriculum, theme, and/or teaching method.
- have freedom to control their budget and hire (and fire) school administrators, teachers, and staff.
- operate under a five-year charter granted by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- are accountable for positive student achievement and organizational outcomes.
- provide school choice options for families.
- are linked to the communities they serve in tangible ways.
- can be part of traditional school districts (Horace Mann charter schools), or independent (Commonwealth charter schools).

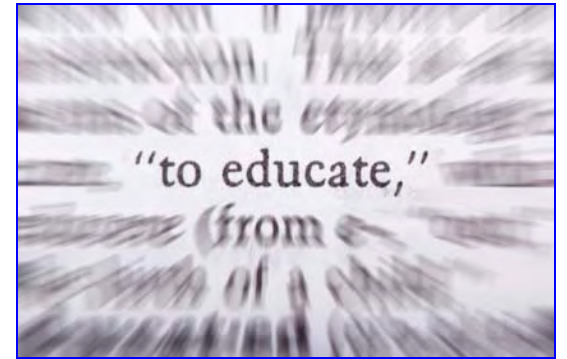
Public Charter School Application Cycle and Grant Opportunity



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2009-2010
MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC
CHARTER SCHOOL
APPLICATION CYCLE

INFORMATION SESSIONS
&
GRANT OPPORTUNITY



INFORMATION SESSIONS

Join the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Charter School Office staff for an information session on how to apply for a Charter School Developer Grant and/or a Massachusetts public school charter. All sessions are held at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Malden, Massachusetts, unless otherwise indicated.*

August 25, 2008	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
September 15, 2008	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
*October 20, 2008	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
November 10, 2008	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
December 15, 2008	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For information on sessions in the spring, please contact the Charter School Office.

RSVP

Please RSVP for each session you plan to attend by registering on line at the Charter School Office website or by calling 781-338-3227.



Visit the Charter School Office website for more information and resources!
www.doe.mass.edu/charter

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE... CHARTER SCHOOL DEVELOPER GRANT?

PURPOSE

The purpose of this federally funded grant program is to support the creation of high quality charter schools in Massachusetts.

PRIORITY

To provide support to charter school founding groups in developing their charter applications, with specific emphasis on the educational program, academic goals, and business plans.

ELIGIBILITY

A sponsor agency must apply on behalf of a charter school founding group. Eligible sponsor agencies include 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organizations or governmental entities, including currently operating charter schools that have had their charter renewed or public school districts (for prospective Horace Mann Charter Schools). The sponsor agency must have at least \$25,000 of annual operating revenue. An entity may sponsor no more than two founding groups.

FUNDING

This funding is to be used to develop a charter application to be submitted in the 2009-2010 application cycle. Each applicant for the 2009-2010 application cycle is eligible for up to \$20,000. There will be two rounds of funding during FY09. Priority will be given to applicants who submit during Round 1. Due dates are - Round 1: October 31, 2008 and Round 2: January 30, 2009.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2009-2010 APPLICATION CYCLE

August 25, 2008	Information Session – Malden 4-6 p.m.
September 15, 2008	Information Session – Malden 4-6 p.m.
October 20, 2008	Information Session – Worcester 4-6 p.m.
October 31, 2008	Charter School Developer Grant Application Due
November 10, 2008	Information Session – Malden 4-6 p.m.
December 15, 2008	Information Session – Malden 4-6 p.m.
January 30, 2009	Charter School Developer Grant Application Due
February, March, April, May, and June 2009	Information Sessions –TBD
July 6, 2009	Letter of Intent to Apply Due
August 3, 2009	Charter Prospectus Due
November 13, 2009	Final Application Due
February 2010	Board of Education votes on charters applicants