

If you are interested in having the center consider your school for sponsorship we recommend the following steps:

1. Learn who we are. Go to our websites, read about our programs, our philosophy, our mission. If your mission does not align with us, you should not pursue a sponsorship. If it does continue the process.
 - a. Look at our MOU – this is what we will ask you to commit to.
 - b. Look at the sponsorship worksheets. These are the reports that you will have to provide to us.
 - c. Finally look at the renewal process because even if you are new this will guide you to the kind of information that we will be looking for.
2. If you are comfortable with these commitments prepare for us the following:
 - a. Send us a summary of your plan:
 - i. Why do you need a charter school?
 - ii. What is your purpose? What will you do that the current school can not?
 - iii. Give us your mission.
 - iv. How do plan to fill your school? Who is your client base?
 - b. Tell us who you are?
 - i. Tell us about your committee. Who are your founders? What are your backgrounds?
 - c. Describe the financial projections that you are working with.
3. Set up a meeting for your board/planning group to meet at the center or with the committee so that we can discuss your goals, dreams, motivations, and plans. Bring the material in part two materials for our charter school committee to review.
4. After review the committee will have questions for you to respond to.
5. If we feel that there is an opportunity to pursue this sponsorship there will be another meeting to discuss the next steps.

If you are accepted for possible sponsorship:

1. We will need to see your application and meet with you to finalize the application before presenting it to the state.
2. We will set a schedule for follow up and processing through the state process.
3. Once you are approved we will once again need to meet and work on the steps between approval and opening.
4. You will need to build money in to your start up grant to cover the costs of center time and expenses in developing the school opening.

After that, we will follow the processes outlined in the MOU and the contract.