



# CITY OF BAKER SCHOOL SYSTEM

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## City of Baker School Board

### 2025 District Charter School Application Process for Schools Opening in the Fall of 2025

#### *Forms and Information Needed for Submission of Type 3 Charter School Proposal*

In compliance with R.S. 17:3982, the City of Baker School Board is making public through our website, and in printed form upon request, the guidelines for submitting a charter proposal, all forms required for submission of a charter proposal, the timelines established for accepting and reviewing charter proposals, the process that will be used to review charter proposals submitted to the board, and the name and contact information for a primary point of contact for charter proposals.

#### **I. Chartering Priorities of City of Baker Public Schools**

In the City of Baker Public Schools, we are committed to prioritizing and protecting the safety of our community, identifying and meeting the comprehensive needs of each student, embracing innovation in meeting those needs, and regularly and clearly communicating with all stakeholders.

Our mission in charter authorization is to enhance the City of Baker Public Schools' ability to fulfill our commitments to our community by authorizing charters to those persons who can demonstrate a plan grounded in both research and our community's context to develop schools in which the best interests of economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities are the overriding consideration.

#### **II. Charter School Application**

Applicants should complete the Charter School Application [found here](#).

Applicants should complete the appropriate application based on whether or not they are a New Charter Operator or Experienced Charter Operator.

In order to ensure that the City of Baker School Board fulfills their responsibilities the following additional needed information is requested from applicants:

-A summary of the key demographic, process, perceptual, and student learning data beyond annual standardized assessment results that the school will monitor on an ongoing basis to account better and more thoroughly for educational results.

-A summary of how the applicant will ensure the best interests of economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities are the overriding consideration of their school.

-A description of how the applicant will prioritize and protect the safety of the City of Baker community while operating their school.

The answers to these questions shall be included in the application after the executive summary and shall total no more than three pages, double spaced, together.

### III. Charter School Application Process Schedule

- **April 11, 2025:** City of Baker School Board application released.
- **April 17, 2025:** Deadline for posting all required information to Baker School System website
- **April 21, 2025:** Letter of Intent to Submit an Application due to James Stroder: [jstroder@bakerschools.org](mailto:jstroder@bakerschools.org).
- **May 2, 2025:** Application due. Applicants should email all application components to James Stroder: [jstroder@bakerschools.org](mailto:jstroder@bakerschools.org).
- **May 16, 2025:** Last Day for City of Baker School Board to make decision to approve or deny charter applications.
- **May 30, 2025:** Report any charter entered into; the number of schools chartered; the status of those schools, and any recommendations relating to the charter RFA process to [charters@la.gov](mailto:charters@la.gov).

### IV. Charter Application Review Process

All charter applications will be reviewed by an independent evaluator with educational, organizational, legal, and financial expertise. Applicants will have the opportunity to provide to the evaluator a written response to the independent evaluation of their charter application before the evaluator provides a final recommendation to the City of Baker School Board.

### V. Charter School Contact Information

Individuals or organizations with questions about the district's charter application process should contact:

Posted: April 11, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: The City of Baker School Board strives to offer a transparent charter application process in full compliance with Bulletin 126 and additional LDOE policy. The City of Baker School Board shall, via this webpage, make and communicate any changes to our charter application process that may be required in the event of updates to Bulletin 126 and LDOE policy.