

**NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**REQUEST FOR A MINOR MODIFICATION**

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## Type of Questionnaire

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Please indicate the type(s) of modification(s) you are requesting by checking all applicable boxes below:

**Table 2**

<b>Minor Modification (Section A Only)</b>		<b>Major Modification (Section A <i>AND</i> additional questions identified below)</b>	
	Enrollment change (increase or decrease) between 5 and 15%		Performance Agreement <b>Section A only</b>
	Change agreement with EMO/CMO		Enrollment change (increase or decrease) of greater than 15% <b>Section B</b>
	Start date (one-time) delay		Grade configuration (adding grade levels or reducing grade levels) <b>Section C</b>
	Name of charter school		Educational Program (i.e. curriculum) <b>Section D</b>
	Existing or planned school facilities or structures (including any plan to use temporary or modular structures)		Mission (includes At-Risk designation) <b>Section E</b>
	Change in terms to current site facility arrangement (i.e. lease to purchase)		Replace, remove, or add EMO/CMO, or transfer of authorizer <b>Section F</b>
	Educator Evaluation Process		Enrollment preferences <b>Section G</b>
	A change to the current authorized number of hours, either daily or annually, devoted to actual school sessions.		Location change <b>Section H</b>
X	Other – Purchase land		Goals for student performance <b>Section I</b>

## Section A Core Questions:

1. What modification does the school's Board of Directors want to make to the term(s) of the charter? Identify the page number(s) on which the term(s) is/are stated in the currently approved charter. If the term(s) of the charter the school wants to modify is/are conditions placed on the charter by the Secretary of Education and members of the State Board of Education, state the condition(s) and the date(s) on which the condition(s) was/were placed on the school's charter.

Newark Charter School is requesting a minor modification to acquire land adjacent to their 2001 Patriot Way campus that allows additional and more streamlined egress for its existing site. The purchase will include 7.5 acres of land, a roadway that has an egress at a traffic stop and a building that was once utilized as by Refrigeration Company.

2. What is the effective date of the proposed modification?

The Board of Directors anticipates executing a purchase agreement with the Seller in mid-February with a 45 day due diligence period. Presuming that the due diligence is completed with no issues, the school hopes to settle on the property in May 2018.

3. The authorizer will review your most recent Performance Review Reports as part of your application. Discuss the school's academic performance, compliance with the terms of its charter, and financial viability as measured by the Performance Framework.

As reflected in the Performance Frameworks and the DSSF, Newark Charter School meets or exceeds all Academic, Financial and Organizational measures. The school has been named a National Blue Ribbon School twice in the last ten years. Newark Charter School's charter was approved in 2000 and its charter has been renewed three times.

4. Describe the rationale for the request(s). Discuss any relevant research base or evidence that supports this type of request. (*Attachments may be provided*)

This property is adjacent to the 2001 Patriot Way campus and will provide a more streamlined, safer means of egress for the school at an existing intersection. Additionally, the 7.5 acres of property will enable the school to develop plans for some much needed areas. These may include but are not limited to athletic fields, expanded parking, an auditorium or common area, play areas, etc. Newark Charter School has developed a strategic planning committee to develop a long range plan for the school and its students. Working with a consultant provided through the Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement (DANA), this committee will develop alternatives with detailed cost benefit analysis that will be brought before the Board of Directors for review, modification and approval. This land purchase will be factored into this long range plan.

5. Describe how the proposed modification will impact the operation of the school. Include how student achievement, staffing, facilities, and financial viability of the school may be impacted in the current school year and for the remainder of the school's charter term.

This modification request is just to acquire the property to allow the school to have alternative egress from the 2001 Patriot Way campus. Based upon the direction the school will take from its long range planning committee, the school will determine what future uses this property may suffice and dependent on those needs the school would submit a minor or major modification request to the Delaware Department of Education.

6. Indicate the projected impact, if any, of the proposed modification on the school's present financial position, and its financial position going forward. If the modification promises to create financial challenges, indicate how those will be remedied.

As demonstrated by the school's Financial Statements (available on the school's website) and the sale price of the property, the school has the financial capacity to complete this purchase utilizing the reserves within the school's Local Appropriations. The Board of Directors and the school's administration have worked with commercial property agents and their attorneys to draft a purchase agreement in the amount of \$1,500,000. A deferred payment plan is proposed whereby \$600K is paid in FY 18, \$600K in FY 19 and the remainder \$300K in FY 20. The ongoing maintenance of the property will not necessitate additional educational staff but will be assessed by the Delaware Department of Education for custodial positions/staff.