



**Minor Modification Request
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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.

We seek to have our annual amount of school hours be 1060 for the calendar year which is the same hours as required by code for all public schools in Delaware.

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

Beginning the 2019-2020 school year.

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.

The School has had a strong academic history over its tenure. Recently we have seen a steady increase in our scores on the SBAC. Much of the data is promising as we are looking to see growth in all tested areas this year.

Financially, the school has fallen short of a few metrics on our framework all attributable to cash flow. The ratings of "approaching standard" or "failed" were caused by major school improvements to accommodate our program and owning a vacant building. In FY19 the school made major strides to righting our cash flow issue by entering into a lease with a tenant to obtain half of the building in FY19 with the intent of them renting the entire building in FY20. Coupled with this, the school has no immediate plans to approve any major capital improvements. The school is confident that our financial ratings will continue to improve each year going forward.

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*)

When the charter was renewed, the administrator was merely stating the amount of hours that the school operated above the 1060 hours required by the state. There was no intention of changing the minimum hours for the school to operate. In the past few years we have continued to submit our calendar hours to DOE based on the 1060 threshold without any issue.

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.

The change being considered here is to continue operating with the threshold of 1060 hours in a calendar year. We see no impact from this change.

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.

There will be no budgetary impact.