



Are you considering designing or opening a charter school in Idaho?

Read through these key points first!

1. You must go through an authorizer, which could be any of the following:
 - a. the district in which your charter would exist
 - b. the Idaho Public Charter School Commission
 - c. an Idaho public college, university, or community college
 - d. a private, nonprofit, Idaho-based, nonsectarian college or university that is accredited by the same organization that accredits Idaho public colleges and universities
2. There is a significant application process for you and your team. Attending the Charter Start 101 workshop offered by the Idaho Department of Education would be beneficial. This is offered annually (usually in February). Registration will be available on our “Charter Schools” page in a reasonable time before the event.
3. Your charter application must be received no later than September 1st of the preceding year to the planned opening. The process for opening a charter may take (at least) two years when building an effective educational model.
4. Your charter must be approved no later than January 1st of the year of desired opening.
5. Read through the [Idaho Charter Law](#) to become familiar with what a charter is and isn't and the various aspects of the charter world in Idaho.