

Charter and Contract School Recommendations

December 7, 2016



2016 Charter School and Contract School Request for Proposals

Nine applicants proposed to open 13 campuses and one expansion in fall 2017 and fall 2018. All applications have been withdrawn.

Request for Proposals

The District accepted charter applications through an RFP process in accordance with ILCS 5/27A-7. There were three phases in the RFP process, each concluding on the following dates: April 25, 2016, September 16, 2016, October 14, 2016.

Comprehensive Evaluation Review

The rigorous evaluation process is based on national best practice. The evaluation consisted of a review of academic, financial, operational capacity, parent and community engagement, facility viability, and interviews of each applicant.

Public Hearing

Received community input on new school applications at a public hearing held on November 21, 2016.



2016 Charter School and Contract School Renewal Process

Nine charter operators with 29 campuses (14,822 students) and one contract school (252 students) with agreement terms ending June 30, 2017 are recommended for renewal.

Renewal Applications

School operators submitted renewal applications on September 14, 2016.

Comprehensive Evaluation Review

The rigorous evaluation process is based on national best practice. Evaluation of renewal applications consisted of a review of academic, financial, and operational performance according to the contractual expectations. On-site campus reviews were also conducted.

Public Hearing

Received community input on renewal proposals at a public hearing held on November 21, 2016.

Renewal Agreement

CPS will finalize school contracts and define mandatory conditions. The conditions for renewal address compliance findings that are considered resolvable. Schools will be held accountable for resolution.



2016-2017 Charter School Renewal

Charter/Contract	Number of Campus	SY17 Enrollment	Academic Performance	Recommended Contract Term Length
Catalyst – Maria	1	1,107	Level 1+	5 Years
Chicago International Charter School	14	8,616	Level 1+ (3 schools) Level 1 (2 schools) Level 2+ (5 schools) Level 2 (3 schools) Not Rated (1 school)	5 Years
Instituto Leadership Academy (Option Charter)	2	131	Level 2 (2 schools)	3 Years
KIPP Chicago	4	1,697	Level 1+ (1 school) Level 1 (1 school) Level 2 (1 school) Not Rated (1 school)	5 Years
Legal Prep Academy Charter School	1	306	Level 2+	5 Years
Montessori School of Englewood	1	293	Level 1	5 Years
Perspectives Charter Schools	4	1,725	Level 1+ (1 school) Level 1 (3 schools)	5 Years
Polaris Charter School	1	445	Level 1	5 Years
Providence Englewood Charter School	1	502	Level 2+	3 Years
Chicago Excel Academy (Option Contract)	1	252	Level 1	3 Year

