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## **Summary of Charter School Criteria**

1. Attorney reviews each proposed charter school application for legality purposes; the Attorney provides a detailed written analysis of the conformity of the application to the charter school law, RSA 194-B.
2. The Charter School Office and committee of peers evaluate the application to determine the quality using the *Charter School Evaluation Scoring Guide for Proposed Charter School Application*. Applications are evaluated according to the following criteria:
  - Clear and meaningful mission and vision statements to measure success.
  - Strong governing board with a wide-range of experience and qualifications to implement a successful school and an outline of their roles and responsibilities.
  - General description of school facilities and students to be served.
  - Clearly defined, research-based curriculum.
  - Measurable and specific educational goals and objectives.
  - Overview of school staffing to include qualifications and job responsibilities.
  - Adequate plans for student transportation.
  - Strategies in place to meet individual student needs, i.e., special education.
  - Detailed budget and clear description of the internal financial management.
  - The school's purpose and expectations for parent and community involvement.
  - Dissemination of information relating to implementation and action steps of the proposed charter school.
  - The charter school office strongly encourages community outreach with surrounding school districts and organizations and to acquire letters of support from business and community leaders, elected officials and/or local school districts.

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