

New Charter School Applicants
Polk County Public School System
Middle School Focus Questions

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Targeted Student Population:

- What grades and ages of student will this charter school serve?
- Why was this age group chosen? What is the need for additional service?
- What other defining attributes exist for this targeted student population?
- What data has been collected regarding established need for another school?
- How many students in each grade level will be served? Will this number increase? What are expansion plans for the future?
- Is there a plan to address over-age students to accelerate learning?
- How will students be selected/recruited for membership? What percent minority population will there be? What percent economically disadvantaged? What percent ESE?

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment:

- What Florida/National standards is the selected curriculum for instruction based upon?
- What strategies and methods will be used for the instruction of content curriculum?
- How will PSRTi be implemented, indicating three tiers of service for academics, behavior, recognition and attendance?
- What formative and summative assessment tools will be used? What data collection services will be used? What training will staff have in data interpretation?
- What measures will be used to determine student growth?
- What technology will be in place for student use in the learning process?
- Will Polk Virtual classes be incorporated into the program?

Finance:

- What are the planned purchases for providing materials and resources for the instructional program, including technology?
- How will these purchases be sustained over 5-10 years?

*How is this new charter school plan unique and different from *anything* that is being offered already in the Polk County Public School System, and why is it needed?