

## CHARTER COMMISSION TO HOST PUBLIC FORUMS ACROSS STATE

Commission eager to learn more about academic needs of communities and to hear directly from applicants.

The Washington State Charter School Commission will be hosting nine public forums across Washington State in January to hear directly from 19 applicants and to learn more about the educational needs of the prospective charter communities. The forums are a part of the official evaluation process and are designed to ensure that Charter Commissioners are able to hear and learn from members of the communities where the charters would reside.

Charter applicants will be given 10 minutes for presentations, after which the floor will be open for 30 minutes of public comment. Community members who wish to comment publicly will be limited to 2 minutes each in order to accommodate as many participants as possible. Speakers will be randomly selected in a lottery prior to the meeting. Individuals or groups wishing to provide written comment may send their statements to the Washington State Charter School Commission, P.O. Box 40996 Olympia, WA 98504-0996. Comments may also be hand delivered to the public forums. Written comments are limited to one page. (12 point font)

Below is the list of dates, times and locations for each public forum.

Applicant	Date	Time	Location
Pioneer School	January 6	5:15-6:15pm	Spokane Public School Administration Building, 200 N Bernard Spokane, WA 99201
Yakima Academy	January 8	5:30-6:30pm	Perry Technical Institute, 2011 W. Washington Ave. Yakima, WA 98903
Sunnyside Charter Academy	January 8	6:30-7:30pm	
Evergreen Leadership Academy	January 9	6-7pm	Hoquiam High School: The Little Theatre, 201 W. Emerson, Hoquiam WA 98550
Washington STEM Academy	January 13	5-6pm	South Seattle Community College, 6737 Corson Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108, Building C, Room C122
CAL Elementary	January 13	6-7pm	
Sports in Schools Team Charter	January 13	7-8pm	
Coral Academy	January 15	5:30-6:30pm	Puget Sound Educational Service District, 800 Oakesdale Ave SW, Renton, WA 98057
Excel Public Charter School	January 15	6:30-7:30pm	
Cedar River Academy	January 15	7:30-8:30pm	
Rainier Prep	January 16	5-6pm	TAF: Bethaday Community Learning Space (White Center), 605 SW 108 <sup>th</sup> St, Seattle, WA 98146
Summit Public School: Sierra	January 16	6-7pm	
First Place Charter School	January 16	7-8pm	
King County Academy	January 17	5:30-6:30pm	Aviation High School, 9229 East Marginal Way S, Tukwila, WA 98108
Out of the Box Learning Studio	January 17	6:30-7:30pm	
Summit Public school: Olympus	January 22	5-6pm	Tacoma Main Library, 1102 Tacoma Ave South, Tacoma, WA 98402
Green Dot Public Schools	January 22	6-7pm	

SOAR Academy	January 23	5-6pm	Bates Technical College South Campus, 2201 S. 78 <sup>th</sup> St, Tacoma, wa 98409, Building E, Auditorium 102 and 103
The Village Academy	January 23	6-7pm	

Charter schools are independent public schools operated by non-profit organizations that are allowed more flexibility to be innovative with their educational program and are held accountable for improved student achievement. Broadly, charters must adhere to the same state learning standards, accountability goals, health, safety, and non-discrimination laws, must hire certificated teachers, must follow generally accepted accounting principles and are subject to state financial audits. They are free and open to all students.