

## ANSWERS TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS

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### New Charter School Application for 2021-2022 School Year, Pages 14-15

#### Applicant Questions

*Clarifying questions from applicants about the New Charter School Application, its content and/or evaluation standards will be allowed consistent with the Timeline. All questions must be submitted in writing (email acceptable) to the New Charter School Application Coordinator. Official written Commission responses will be provided for questions received by the deadlines, and will be posted at <https://charterschool.wa.gov/applying/application-information/>. Questions received after the deadline will be answered at the Commission's discretion. For this reason, applicants are encouraged to read the application and pose any and all questions well in advance of the deadline.*

*Applicants submitting questions will not be identified. Verbal responses to questions will be considered unofficial and non-binding. Only written responses posted to the Commission website listed above will be considered official and binding.*

*Applicants are encouraged to review the requirements of this New Charter School Application carefully, and submit any comments and recommendations to the New Charter School Application Coordinator. Where application requirements appear to prohibit or restrict an organization's participation, an explanation of the concern as well as suggested alternative language should be submitted in writing to the New Charter School Application Coordinator by the deadline for Applicant Questions and Comments in the Timeline.*

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**Question:** For entities that are applying for multiple schools with a similar model and academic program, there will likely be significant portions of the applications that are similar, if not identical (particularly district-wide policies, structure, etc.). Do we need to acknowledge this in the narrative of the application or will it be understood/anticipated by the evaluators?

**Official Commission Response:** For sections of the application that require applicants to disclose the submission of former or current applications, they should do so accurately and truthfully. In cases where the application has similar or identical information (policies, educational model, etc.) applicants may want to briefly reference early in the application that there may be similarities/identical information in other applications, but do not need to reiterate it throughout the application. All submitted information must adhere to the rules and guidelines regarding misrepresentation and plagiarism found in the Request for Proposal.