

WAC 108-40-090 Renewal decision and presumptions. (1) In making charter contract renewal decisions, the commission will:

(a) Ground its decisions in evidence of the school's performance over the term of the charter contract in accordance with the performance framework set forth in the charter contract;

(b) Ensure that data used in making renewal decisions are available to the school and the public; and

(c) Provide a public report summarizing the evidence that forms the basis for its decision. Specific criteria guiding the commission's renewal decisions will be set out in the commission's renewal application guidance.

(2) Schools are presumed to be ineligible for renewal if they have:

(a) Committed a material and substantial violation of any of the terms, conditions, standards, or procedures required under this chapter or the charter contract;

(b) Failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward the performance expectations set forth in the charter contract;

(c) Failed to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management;

(d) Substantially violated any material provision of law from which the charter school is not exempt;

(e) Fallen in the bottom quartile of schools on the state board of education's Washington achievement index at the time of the renewal application; and

(f) Are subject to an active corrective action plan for the failures or violations listed in (a) through (f) of this subsection.

(3) The presumption of ineligibility can be rebutted if the school demonstrates exceptional circumstances that the authorizer finds justifiable. The school must satisfy this burden in its application and response to the performance report.

(4) A decision to renew, conditionally renew, or nonrenew a school's charter contract will be memorialized in a resolution that sets forth the action taken, the reasons for the decision, and assurances of compliance with the commission's procedural requirements. A report of action, with the resolution attached, must be submitted to the renewal applicant and the state board of education within ten days of the decision.

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