

PERFORMANCE-BASED AUTHORIZER ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK FOR MICHIGAN

Letter Grade	Proposed Incentives and Consequences for Authorizer Performance
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: green; text-align: center;">A</p>	<p>Current "A" Authorizers: Washtenaw Community College, Washtenaw ISD, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Wayne RESA, Hillsdale ISD and Macomb ISD.</p> <p>"A" CHARTER AUTHORIZERS ARE MAKING GOOD AUTHORIZING DECISIONS AT LEAST 90 PERCENT OF THE TIME.</p> <p>An "A" authorizer is making good decisions and, on the whole, is providing high-achieving educational opportunities. These authorizers should be rewarded for their good work through an additional 0.5 percent in school aid funding, ensuring that more students have access to similar high-performing schools.</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: orange; text-align: center;">B</p>	<p>Current "B" Authorizers: Lake Superior State University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University and Bay Mills Community College.</p> <p>"B" CHARTER AUTHORIZERS ARE MAKING GOOD DECISIONS AT LEAST 80 PERCENT OF THE TIME.</p> <p>The state's "B" authorizers would be able to expand like "A" authorizers in the state. The main difference, however, is that these authorizers would not receive any additional public dollars to encourage them to raise their portfolio's performance to an "A" level. "B" authorizers also may only expand schools with operators that would meet the minimum performance standard.</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: orange; text-align: center;">C</p>	<p>Current "C" Authorizers: Central Michigan University and Oakland University.</p> <p>"C" CHARTER AUTHORIZERS ARE MAKING GOOD DECISIONS AT LEAST 70 PERCENT OF THE TIME.</p> <p>Remembering that charter schools are meant to provide better learning opportunities for students than traditional public schools offer, "C," "D" and "F" authorizers must first improve their existing portfolio's academic performance before opening new schools or expanding existing ones. "C" authorizers would need to improve their academic performance to at least "B" level status within three years of their designation as a "C" authorizer. If unable to do so, the state superintendent or governor could suspend or revoke the authorizer's authority.</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red; text-align: center;">D</p>	<p>Current "D" Authorizers: Detroit Public Schools, Saginaw Valley State University and Eastern Michigan University.</p> <p>"D" CHARTER AUTHORIZERS ARE MAKING GOOD DECISIONS AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF THE TIME.</p> <p>The state's "D" authorizers would have two years to reach "C" level status, or face potential suspension or revocation by the state superintendent or governor. Authorizers able to reach "C" status within two years would have another two years to reach "B" level status. "D" authorizers that do not reach these performance standards also would be prohibited from opening, expanding or renewing schools.</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red; text-align: center;">F</p>	<p>Current "F" Authorizer: Northern Michigan University.</p> <p>"F" CHARTER AUTHORIZERS ARE MAKING GOOD DECISIONS LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF THE TIME.</p> <p>"F" authorizers would have one year to improve to a "D" grade and one more year to improve to a "C" grade or face immediate suspension or revocation by the state superintendent or governor. Also, like "D" authorizers, they would not be able open or expand any schools until they reach the "B" grade level.</p>