



STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

2024 Charter Application Questions

1. Is this application process for Pre-K?

This application period is not for Pre-k charter schools. The application cycle for Pre-k will be available at a later date. Please contact the commission staff at applications@spcsc.hawaii.gov to schedule a meeting for further information.

2. With the one year opening option, is a signed facility contract required at this time?

The applicant should have a facility already secured or have a draft of the lease ready to be reviewed/signed by the Deputy Attorney General.

3. If I wanted to have a conversation with someone about a specific question, is this already considered the application window and communication can only be via email?

We are currently in the application window and all questions should be directed via the applications@spcsc.hawaii.gov email. For specific scenarios that need further discussion, technical assistance will be offered to the applicants by Commission Staff, in accordance with HRS §302D-5(g). This will consist of one (1) thirty-minute session with staff for clarifying questions. The purpose of the session is to provide clarity for potential applicants. Technical support provided shall not “directly and substantially impact any authorizer decision related to the approval or denial of the charter application.” To schedule your technical assistance before the submittal date, email applications@spcsc.hawaii.gov.

All questions and answers will be posted on the website for public access.

4. Can I hire a consultant to help with the application process?

Yes, consultants are allowed. The Application Information Sheet has a section that will need to be completed in regards to hiring a consultant/company/ies to assist you in the development and/or writing of your charter application.

5. Is a physical building required or can the school operate from a boat?

This question cannot be answered without first understanding the intent of the charter mission and the full scope of the proposed program through the application process. The option to schedule technical assistance is available before the submittal date, email applications@spcsc.hawaii.gov.



6. Are there any restrictions on the medium of instruction besides English and Hawaiian?

This question cannot be answered without first understanding the intent of the charter mission and the full scope of the proposed program through the application process. Currently, the State of Hawai'i recognizes two official languages, which are English and Hawaiian ('Ōlelo Hawai'i). In addition, charter schools are required to follow all statewide content and performance standards in accordance with [BOE Policy 102-3](#).