

**State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
Approval Process for Non-Public Schools**

The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) does have an approval process for non-public schools, but BESE's approval is perfunctory. As you can see from the policy below, BESE does not evaluate the experience of the team running the school, evaluate academic performance, or do any qualitative analysis.

§110. Initial Classification for New Schools

A. In January of the year prior to opening, the school must notify the DOE that the school will be opening the next August.

1. The school should complete a new school application form which will include information on staff credentials, school calendar, daily schedule, projected class size, projected student registrations, and other information to meet provisional approval. ([View a list of the documents required for an application.](#))

2. The DOE will examine the information and give provisional approval by June.

After the school receives provisional approval, the DOE will provide information to the school concerning applying for Brumfield v Dodd approval.

C. In August, the DOE will allocate nonpublic textbook funds and transportation funds as applicable based on the registered student count and compliance with academic approval requirements and Brumfield v Dodd approval.

D. Beginning in August, the DOE will schedule site visits to verify that the school is open and in compliance.

E. Upon verification of compliance with all criteria, the DOE will release funds.

1. If the school fails to receive full academic approval or Brumfield v Dodd approval, the allocation will be removed.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 32:2237 (December 2006).

§111. Re-Applying for State Approval

A. An unapproved school reapplying for state approval must qualify as either approved or provisionally approved.

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§113. School Self-Evaluation

A. School self-evaluation shall be used to effect improvement in the purposes of the school and in the understanding of pupils, instructional methods, and educational outcomes.

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