

**281—19.2(256E) Establishment of charter schools.**

**19.2(1)** A charter school may be established by either of the following methods:

*a. School board-state board model.* A school board may create a founding group to apply to the state board for approval to establish and operate a charter school within and as a part of the school district by establishing a new attendance center, creating a new school within an existing attendance center, or converting an existing attendance center to charter status.

*b. Founding group-state board model.* A founding group may apply to the state board for approval to establish and operate a charter school within the boundaries of the state that operates as a new attendance center independently from a public school district.

**19.2(2)** The state board of education shall be the only authorizer of charter schools under this chapter.  
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