

Rate Yourself on Your Authorizer Practices

	Yes	No
1. Do you sign a charter contract with each school?		
2. Do you have established, documented criteria for evaluating charter applications?		
3. Do you publish charter school application deadlines and materials related to the process for application?		
4. Do you interview prospective founding groups to determine their capacity to open a new charter school?		
5. Do you use external experts to review charter school applications?		
6. Do you grant charters for a minimum of five year terms?		
7. Do you require annual independent financial audits of each of your charter schools?		
8. Do you have established renewal criteria that is fair and transparent?		
9. Do you have established criteria for revoking or nonrenewing a charter?		
10. Do you provide each charter school in your portfolio with an annual performance report?		
11. Do you have staff assigned specifically to charter school issues or do you contract for these services?		
12. Does your authorizer board have a published mission statement for how they will provide quality authorizing?		

This is a quick checklist to determine how well an authorizer aligns with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers' Principles and Standards. Charter School Solutions has resources available to ensure authorizers meet these standards and are conducting quality charter school authorizing practices.