

ESSA SEC. 4310

(7) EXPAND. —The term “expand”, when used with respect to a high-quality charter school, means to significantly increase enrollment or add one or more grades to the high-quality charter school.

(8) HIGH-QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOL. —The term “high-quality charter school” means a charter school that—

1. shows evidence of strong academic results, which may include strong student academic growth, as determined by a State;
2. has no significant issues in the areas of student safety, financial and operational management, or statutory or regulatory compliance;
3. has demonstrated success in significantly increasing student academic achievement, including graduation rates where applicable, for all students served by the charter school; and
4. has demonstrated success in increasing student academic achievement, including graduation rates where applicable, for each of the subgroups of students, as defined in section 1111(c)(2), except that such demonstration is not required in a case in which the number of students in a group is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual student.

(9) REPLICATE. —The term “replicate”, when used with respect to a high-quality charter school, means to open a new charter school, or a new campus of a high-quality charter school, based on the educational model of an existing high-quality charter school, under an existing charter or an additional charter, if permitted or required by State law.