

Horace Mann Charter Schools

The 2010 education reform law (chapter 12 of the acts of 2010) created two new types of Horace Mann charter schools, in addition to the original version established in 1997.

	Horace Mann I Open to any district for new school or conversion of existing school.	Horace Mann II Open to any district for conversion of existing school.	Horace Mann III Initially open only to city of Boston for new school or conversion of existing school.
Eligible applicants	“shall include but not be limited to: (i) a non-profit business or corporate entity; (ii) 2 or more certified teachers; or (iii) 10 or more parents; provided, however, that for profit business or corporate entities shall be prohibited from applying for a charter.” . . . may be filed in conjunction with a college, university, museum or other similar non-profit entity.	“shall include but not be limited to: (i) a non-profit business or corporate entity; (ii) 2 or more certified teachers; or (iii) 10 or more parents; provided, however, that for profit business or corporate entities shall be prohibited from applying for a charter.” . . . may be filed in conjunction with a college, university, museum or other similar non-profit entity.	“shall include but not be limited to: (i) a non-profit business or corporate entity; (ii) 2 or more certified teachers; or (iii) 10 or more parents; provided, however, that for profit business or corporate entities shall be prohibited from applying for a charter.” . . . may be filed in conjunction with a college, university, museum or other similar non-profit entity.
Managed by board of trustees?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Board membership	Independent; may include a member of the school committee	Independent; may include a member of the school committee	Independent; may include a member of the school committee
Application			
School committee approval of application	Required	Required	Required
Teachers union approval of application	Required	Not required	Not required
Application timeline	Must be submitted in accordance with annual application calendar established by Department	May be submitted at any time during the year	Must be submitted in accordance with annual application calendar established by Department

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)			
MOU with school committee regarding services, facilities, and funding to be provided by district	Submitted with application	Submitted with application	Submitted with application
MOU regarding waivers of collective bargaining agreement provisions	MOU approved by teachers' union; submitted with application	MOU approved by majority of faculty at the school; vote to be held within 30 days of submission of application	Negotiated with teachers union and school committee following charter award; if agreement is not reached at least 30 days before scheduled opening, charter school operates under the terms of its charter until an agreement is reached
Caps			
Maximum number	Statewide limit of 48 (including HM I and HM III schools)	No limit	Statewide limit of 14; the first four to be established must be in Boston
Renewal			
Approvals required for submission of renewal application	School committee and teachers union	School committee and teachers union	School committee and teachers union
Recruitment and Retention Plan			
Recruitment and retention plan	Required	Required	Required
Statutory and Regulatory References			
Statute	G.L. c.71 s.89(c)	G.L. c.71 s.89(c)	G.L. c.71 s.89(i)(1)
Proposed regulations	603 CMR 1.04(1)(a)(i)	603 CMR 1.04(1)(a)(ii)	603 CMR 1.04(1)(a)(iii)

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