

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

210:10-1-22. Guidelines for nontraditional public schools [NEW]

a. What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?

The proposed rule addresses guidelines for conversion schools and partnership schools, two types of public school entities authorized by statute, which differ from both traditional public schools and charter schools. For conversion schools, the rule clarifies the statutory requirements for "conversion plans" by stating the elements of the plan in clear language, as the authorizing statute uses citations and requires cross-referencing rather than simply stating the requirements. The statutory Open Records Act and Open Meeting Act requirements for conversion plans are also emphasized, and the rule directs a board of education that adopts a conversion plan to provide a copy of the plan to the State Department of Education. For both conversion schools and partnership schools, the rule provides that nontraditional public school sites are subject to the same accreditation standards as charter schools.

b. What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?

The change will affect school districts that access the flexibilities available through either a conversion school as authorized by 70 O.S. § 3-132(E), or a partnership school as authorized by 70 O.S. § 5-117(G).

c. What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?

The change will benefit school districts with one or more conversion or partnership school sites by clarifying the requirements that apply to nontraditional public schools, and will benefit the residents of districts with such schools by ensuring that the unique features of the schools are clearly explained in publicly accessible documents.

d. What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.

e. What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?

The agency does not anticipate any cost to the agency to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.

f. What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.

g. Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?

The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.

h. Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?

No.

i. Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.

The agency does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

j. What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?

The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of failure to implement the proposed rule at this time.

k. Date Prepared: February 7, 2019