



NEW SCHOOLS
FOR NEW ORLEANS

Start a Charter School in New Orleans

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In 2005, New Orleans was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. In 2007, New Orleans is the epicenter of urban education reform. New Schools for New Orleans (NSNO) is calling on America's most talented educational entrepreneurs to develop charter schools in New Orleans. Together, we will revitalize this city one school at a time.



New Orleans has the densest population of education reformers in the nation: no other city is so primed to demonstrate that all children can succeed at high levels. *New Schools for New Orleans, Teach For America, New Leaders for New Schools, The New Teacher Project, and KIPP* are all already on the ground. Now all we need is you.

The NSNO Incubation Grant

\$100,000 to founding school leaders or CMOs

New School Development Assistance

NSNO will provide founders with leadership training, operational assistance, legal assistance, teacher recruitment services, board development consulting, and a charter application review.

Great School Exposure

NSNO believes that is vital for charter founders to be exposed to the school models and best practices of our nation's greatest urban charter schools. NSNO is in close contact with these great schools and will facilitate site visits for all founders.

Community Outreach and Networking

NSNO will facilitate meetings between founders and community groups to ensure that neighborhoods and founders have a shared vision of the future school. NSNO will also assist founders in making contacts with New Orleans' education entrepreneurs, so as to facilitate continual collaboration and innovation in New Orleans schools.

To join the New Orleans reform efforts, please fill out the remainder of the application and electronically submit it to Adrian Mendez at adrian@nsno.org by December 1st, 2007. Applicants who successfully complete first round will be asked to submit a more detailed proposal of their proposed school. Accepted Applicants will begin the program in July 2008 in order to open a school in 2009.



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New School Incubation Application

Name:
Phone:
Email:
Address:

Years of teaching experience:
Years of urban teaching experience:
*Years of principal experience:
*Years of urban principal experience:
Undergraduate College:
Undergraduate GPA :
Resume Attached:

*principal experience not required

Applicants Must Answer "Yes" to the Following Questions:

Can you be in New Orleans by July 1st, 2008 to begin the incubation program:
Can you commit to being in New Orleans for a minimum of 3 years:
Will you be the instructional leader (principal) of the school:

1. Rank the following (1 being the most important, 8 the least important) in terms of what you think are the most important aspects of a great urban school. Please briefly explain why you selected your top 3 most important factors. Please use each number only once:

- _____ A comprehensive approach that meets the needs of the whole child
- _____ Engaging parents and the community at large
- _____ A relentless focus on state standards and having students meet them
- _____ Experience based learning that provides real-life academic activities
- _____ A culture of no excuses for school staff and students
- _____ Integration of technology to prepare students for the professional workplace
- _____ An emphasis on the arts that embraces New Orleans culture
- _____ Ensuring that every child attends and graduates from college

Explanation:

2. Have you raised student achievement as a teacher or a principal? Please use specific data and briefly explain how you achieved these gains.

3. What do you believe are the top two reasons that children are failing in urban schools?

4. Please describe your proposed school model in one to two paragraphs. (A more detailed description will be expected in the second phase of application).