Minnesota Authorizer Performance Evaluation System
Ratings and Outcomes

Exemplary
Overall Rating 3.8-4.0
• “Exemplary” authorizer performance recognition
• Expedited authorizing plans for the next five years
• Expedited review and approval of affidavits and other requests from MDE
• Eligible to be identified for authorizer best practice
• Must receive at least Level 3 – “Commendable” on all performance measures in order to receive this rating

Commendable
Overall Rating 3.0-3.79
• “Commendable” authorizer performance recognition
• Eligible to submit authorizing plans for the next five years
• Eligible to be identified for authorizer best practice
• Must receive at least Level 2 – “Satisfactory” on all performance measures in order to receive this rating

Satisfactory
Overall Rating 2.0-2.99
• Eligible to submit authorizing plans for the next five years
• Thoroughly addresses identified deficiencies in authorizing plans for the next five years
• Must receive an overall performance rating of at least 2.0 in order to receive this rating

Approaching Satisfactory
Overall Rating 1.0-1.99
or
Unsatisfactory/Incomplete
Overall Rating 0-0.99
• Ineligible to submit authorizing plans for the next five years
• May be subject to corrective action status*
• Does not have authority to charter new schools, accept transfers or initiate expansion requests until an overall performance rating of “Satisfactory” is attained

*Corrective Action Status Considerations
• Authorizers receiving an overall rating of “Unsatisfactory” or “Approaching Satisfactory”
  – May be subject to corrective action status
  – Per Minnesota Statutes, section 124E.05, Subdivision 6, “The authorizer has 15 business days to request an informal hearing before the commissioner takes corrective action.”
  – If the informal hearing is waived by the authorizer or if the authorizer is placed in corrective action status after the informal hearing, an authorizer:
    • Will not have the authority to charter new schools, accept transfers or initiate expansion requests while in corrective action and until an overall performance rating of “Satisfactory” is attained (i.e. out of corrective action status)
    • Will have up to one year to satisfactorily address all performance measures in order to be eligible to submit their AAP
    • Will only be evaluated on deficient measures during the corrective action period
    • If identified deficiencies remain unaddressed, termination of an authorizer’s approval to charter schools may occur per Minnesota Statutes, section 124E.05 Subdivision 6