

Application for Conditional Approval to open a new Rule 14 school is **due to NDE by May 1**. To legally open and operate, the school must meet the approval requirements in Rule 14.

- After NDE receives the application, a staff member will contact the school to answer any questions and to set up a visit to inspect the site.
- The visit will take place after a site has been obtained and a Fire Marshall inspection has been verified. Staff, curriculum, etc. should be in place for the visit.
- If the school passes the approval review, a recommendation will be presented to the State Board of Education at the August meeting to “conditionally approve” the school to open. Sometime during the first semester, NDE staff will again visit the school when students and staff are present. If everything is in place, at the April State Board meeting, the school will be recommended for approval for the next school year. Thereafter, the school will automatically be recommended to the State Board for approval based on compliance with Rule 14 regulations.

Application for Conditional Approval to Open a New Interim-Program School is due to NDE by May 15. County Detention Homes, Institutions, or Juvenile Emergency Shelters seeking approval to open an interim-program school under Rule 18 must submit an application form.

- After NDE receives the application, a staff member will contact the person listed on the application to answer any questions; verify employment of staff with proper Nebraska certification; determine if the applicant interim-program school can comply with the Rule 18 regulations; and verify the proposed facility has been inspected and approved by the State Fire Marshall.
- NDE staff will set up a visit date to determine if the applicant school is meeting all of the regulations in Rule 18. If the school passes the approval review, a recommendation will be made to the State Board of Education at the August meeting to grant conditional approval for one school year.
- Continued approval will be granted for one school year from July 1 to June 30 based upon the Interim-program school’s compliance with the regulations in Rule 18.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our office at:
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