



## Fast Forward

*Customized charter starter consulting for charter starters ready to submit a high-quality application to a district*

The INCS Fast Forward program exists to support high potential charter developers in starting new, high-quality charter schools in communities that need them. To determine if a candidate is a good fit for Fast Forward, INCS will conduct a thorough application and interview process. Candidates should reference the tools at <http://incschools.org/>, particularly [\*Paving a New Path\*](#), as they engage in the process.

To know if Fast Forward is right for you, please take this quick quiz:

- Do you know the community where you are seeking to start a charter school?
- Have you conducted any community meetings?
- Have you met with civic, business and elected leaders?
- Do you know what your proposed school model will be?
- Do you have a diverse and well-rounded working group to help start the school?
- Do you have the beginnings of a board of directors?
- Have you looked over sample charter applications so you know what you are getting into? (Call INCS for more information on getting a sample application)
- Have you started writing the application?

The application and admissions process includes the following steps:

- Initial application which will include the following components
  - o Vision, Mission and Outcomes
  - o Strengths and track record of leader
  - o Areas for growth of the team and the leader
  - o Community you are seeking to serve
  - o Fundraising capacity
  - o Area(s) of charter school development (i.e., finance, operations, community engagement, facilities, etc.) do you require the most support?
- Initial interview

- Strategic planning exercise
- In-depth interview

If you have any questions about the application and admissions process or the Charter Starter Consulting program, please reach out to Allison Jack at [ajack@incschools.org](mailto:ajack@incschools.org).