



## Small Expansion Application

Charter School Name:

Wasatch Waldorf Charter School

Charter School Director:

Emily Merchant

Does this request meet the definition of a small expansion, as found in R277-550 and R277-552, which is: is for 50-100 students; would not necessitate a significant renovation; and is for no more than one additional grade?

Yes       No

Explanation from the charter school of justified need, as allowed by R277-552-6(4).

Wasatch Waldorf Charter School is seeking to expand our maximum enrollment from 640 students to 690 within our existing grade configuration of kindergarten to grade eight. Initial enrollment at the school in our start-up year (2016) was unevenly distributed across the grades, for the past eight years, we have been working to even that distribution so that the number of students and classes in each grade remains steady. We have also (over the past four years) been working to reduce class sizes from 30-32 students to 25-26 students. (This has led to slightly lower enrollment in the past two years, as we knew it would.) In order to continue this trend towards three smaller classes per grade, we need to increase enrollment annually for the next four years, adding a new class each year until we have three classes per grade, K-8. This requires an additional 15 students per year. We would like to be approved for an overall increase so that we can plan for this modest expansion which aligns with our pedagogical and strategic goals. Approval will also allow us to make plans to provide additional space that will be needed in 2025-26 to begin housing the additional classes. In addition, interest remains high and retention is strong, justifying this increase.

Signature from the school's governing board chair and director, as allowed by R277-552-6(4).

Board Chair

Handwritten signature of Emily K. Merchant in black ink.

School Director

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No concerns

or

On-going remediation

Corrective action plan (CAP)

State turnaround

System of Support

Comprehensive Support and Improvement

SCSB Warning

SCSB Probation