

National Network for District Authorizing (NN4DA) Professional Learning Community

Pennsylvania: Incubating State Partner

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Agenda



Introductions (10 minutes)

NN4DA Updates (15 minutes)

NN4DA will provide updates on annual meeting in Houston, resource hub, and prioritized model tools.

Open Discussion (30 minutes)

Time will be set aside for sharing pressing needs and discussion amongst the group.

Closing (5 minutes)

NN4DA will share reminders and next steps.

Introductions



Overview

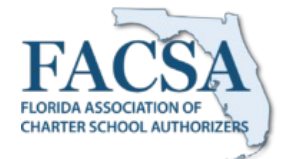
- Name
- District, role, years at District
- Number of charter schools

Who is the NN4DA?



National Network for District Authorizing

The National Network for District Authorizing (NN4DA, or “the Network”), funded through a Charter School Program National Dissemination Grant, supports state-level initiatives that strengthen the charter school authorizing practices of school districts. The Network has three state association members (more coming): California, Colorado, and Florida and seven incubating state partners (including PA). The 10 participating states represent 72% of all district authorizers and 42% of all charter students.



Charter Schools in PA

As reported by PDE for 2024-25:

- 154 brick and mortar charter schools statewide across 47 school districts
- 10 regional charter schools statewide across 23 school districts
- 14 cyber charter schools authorized by PDE
- 43 school districts only authorize one charter school

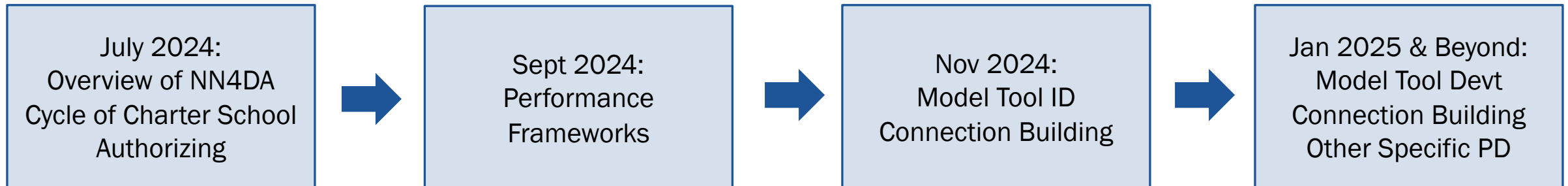
District	# Charter Schools
Philadelphia	81
Pittsburgh	12
Harrisburg	4
Allentown	4
Bethlehem*	3
York City*	3
Woodland Hills*	3
Erie City*	3
State College*	3

*Bethlehem has 2 regional charter schools and York City, Woodland Hills, Erie City, and State College have 1 regional charter school

Incubating State Partners – Year 1 & Beyond

Incubating State Partner Year 1 objectives include:

- Convene District authorizers at least quarterly
- Complete a needs assessment and asset map
- Identify priorities for 2+ model materials and 2+ professional development forums
- Begin work on model materials
- Develop sustainability plan



NN4DA Annual Meeting

- Held over two days in Houston, TX at the end of October and convened primary and incubating state partners of NN4DA
- States present: California, Florida, Colorado, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Georgia, and Pennsylvania
- Topics covered included:
 - State updates
 - Engagement strategies and sustainability planning
 - Financial literacy for authorizers
 - CA Anti-Fraud Task Force recommendations
 - Technology platforms to support authorizing
 - Research opportunities with MIT Blueprint Labs and WestEd

NN4DA PA Resource Hub

- [Google drive folder](#) for this community
- Organized by authorizing area
- Contains sample resources from PA, other NN4DA states, and other recognized authorizers around the country
- Also contains decks from all NN4DA PA convenings
- Will be updated on an ongoing basis as new tools are identified and our model tools are created

Name ↓

	Site Visit Protocols
	Revocation and Closure
	Renewal Guides
	Ready-To-Open
	Performance Frameworks
	New Charter School Application
	Convening Decks
	Charter Agreements
	Annual Evaluation Reports

Prioritized Model Tools

- Based on the needs assessment survey and conversations with district leaders, the priority tools this group is learning towards creating first include:
 1. Site visit protocol
 2. Renewal guide

Let's take a poll to confirm so we can get working!

Open Discussion

Round Robin:

What is top of mind for you right now?

How can this group assist?

Next Steps

1. Complete [PA Needs Assessment](#) if not done so already
2. Share any tools with Lauren that currently using that could benefit this group
3. Peruse resource hub and share feedback/other tools you'd like to see

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