

Policy 0420.41: Charter School Oversight

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The Governing Board recognizes its ongoing responsibility to oversee that any charter school authorized by the Board is successfully fulfilling the terms of its charter.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify at least one staff member to serve as a contact person for each charter school authorized by the Board. (Education Code 47604.32)

The Superintendent or designee shall visit each charter school at least annually and may inspect or observe any part of a charter school at any time. (Education Code 47604.32, 47607)

The Superintendent may designate someone to attend meetings of the charter school governing body whenever possible.

Monitoring Charter School Performance

Any charter school authorized by the Board shall be monitored by the Superintendent or designee to determine whether the charter school complies with all legal requirements applicable to charter schools, including all reports required of charter schools by law, as specified in Education Code 47604.32. Any violations of law shall be reported to the Board.

The Board shall monitor each charter school to determine whether it is achieving the measurable student outcomes set forth in the charter, both schoolwide and for each numerically significant student subgroup served by the school as defined in Education Code 52052. This determination shall be based on the measures specified in the approved charter and any applicable MOU, and on the charter school's annual review and assessment of its progress toward the goals and actions identified in its local control and accountability plan (LCAP), as reported in the California School Dashboard.

The Board shall monitor the fiscal condition of the charter school based on any financial report or information obtained from the charter school, including, but not limited to, the charter school's preliminary budget, LCAP and annual update of the charter school's LCAP, first and second interim financial reports, and final unaudited report for the full prior year. (Education Code 47604.32, 47604.33, 47606.5)

Waivers

If the charter school wishes to request a general waiver of any state law or regulation applicable to it, it shall request that the Board approve and the district submit a general waiver request to the State Board of Education (SBE) on its behalf. Upon approval of the Board, the Superintendent or designee shall submit such a waiver request to SBE on behalf of the charter school.

Provision of District Services

Upon approval by the Board of an appropriate agreement, the charter school may contract with the district or any other source for administrative or other services. (Education Code 47613)

Whenever the district agrees to provide administrative or support services to a charter school, the district and the charter school shall develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) which clarifies the financial and operational agreements between them.

At the request of a charter school, the Superintendent or designee shall create and submit any reports required by the State Teachers' Retirement System or Public Employees' Retirement System on behalf of the charter school. The district may charge the charter school for the actual costs of the reporting services, but shall not require the charter school to purchase payroll processing services from the district as a condition for creating and submitting these reports. (Education Code 47611.3)

Material Revisions to Charter

Material revisions to a charter may only be made with Board approval. Material revisions shall be governed by the same standards and criteria that apply to petitions for the authorization of charter schools as set forth in Education Code 47605 and shall include, but not be limited to, a reasonably comprehensive description of any new requirement for charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed. (Education Code 47607)

The Board shall determine whether a proposed change in charter school operations would constitute a material revision of the approved charter.

If an approved charter school proposes to expand operations to one or more additional sites or grade levels, whether concurrently with or unrelated to a renewal, the charter school shall request a material revision to its charter and shall notify the Board of those additional locations or grade levels. The Board shall consider approval of the additional locations or grade levels at an open, public meeting. (Education Code 47605, 47607)

The Board may deny a proposed material revision if it finds that the proposed material revision would render the charter school demonstrably unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the school is located or proposes to locate. In making this finding, the Board shall consider all of the following: (Education Code 47605)

1. The fiscal impact of the proposed expansion on the district
2. The extent to which the expansion would substantially undermine existing services, academic offerings, or programmatic offerings

3. Whether the expansion would duplicate a program currently offered within the district that has sufficient capacity for the students proposed to be served within reasonable proximity to where the charter school intends to locate
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Additionally, the Board may deny a proposed material revision if it finds that the district is not positioned to absorb the fiscal impact of the proposed material revision. The Board shall make this finding if the district has a qualified interim certification pursuant to Education Code 42131 and the County Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, certifies that approving the charter school would result in the district having a negative interim certification pursuant to Education Code 42131, the district has a negative interim certification pursuant to Education Code 42131, or the district is under state receivership. (Education Code 47605)

Location of Charter Schools

Except when permitted to operate outside district boundaries pursuant to Education Code 47605 and 47605.1, a charter school shall be located within district boundaries.

Fees/Charges for Supervisorial Oversight

The district may charge for district supervisorial oversight as follows: (Education Code 47613; 5 CCR 11969.7)

1. Actual costs up to one percent of the charter school's revenue
2. Actual costs up to three percent of the charter school's revenue if the district provides the charter school substantially rent-free facilities

If the district provides the charter school with facilities under Education Code 47614 and charges the charter school a pro-rata share of the facilities costs calculated pursuant to 5 CCR 11969.7, the district may only charge the charter school for the actual costs of supervisorial oversight up to one percent of the charter school's revenue.

3. Actual costs if the district is assigned supervisorial oversight responsibility for the charter school by SBE when authorized on appeal
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Technical Assistance/Intervention

Whenever a charter school is identified for technical assistance based on the performance of one or more numerically significant student subgroups on SBE-established criteria, the charter school shall receive technical assistance from the County Superintendent. Such technical assistance shall be focused on building the charter school's capacity to develop and implement actions and services responsive to student and community needs, including, but not limited to, any of the following: (Education Code 47607.3)

1. Assisting the charter school to identify its strengths and weaknesses in regard to the state priorities applicable to the charter school pursuant to Education Code 47605(c)

This shall include working collaboratively with the charter school to review performance data on the state and local indicators included in the California School Dashboard and other relevant local data and to identify effective, evidence-based programs or practices that address any areas of weakness.

2. Working collaboratively with the charter school to secure assistance from an academic, programmatic, or fiscal expert or team of experts to identify and implement effective programs and practices that are designed to improve performance in any areas of weakness identified by the charter school

Another service provider, including, but not limited to, a school district, county office of education, or charter school, may be solicited to act as a partner to the charter school in need of technical assistance.

3. Obtaining from the charter school timely documentation demonstrating that it has completed the activities described in Items #1 and 2 or substantially similar activities, or has selected another service provider to work with the charter school to complete the activities described in Items #1 and 2 or substantially similar activities, and ongoing communication with the Board to assess the charter school's progress in improving student outcomes
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In addition, if, in three out of four consecutive school years, a charter school fails to improve outcomes for three or more numerically significant student subgroups, or for all of the student subgroups if the school has fewer than three subgroups, in regard to one or more state or school priorities identified in the charter, the County Superintendent may request that the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), with SBE approval, assign the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence to provide advice and assistance to the charter school pursuant to Education Code 52074. (Education Code 47607.3; 52072)

In accordance with law, the Board may deny a charter school's renewal petition or may revoke a charter based on the charter school's poor performance, especially with regard to inadequate academic achievement of all numerically significant subgroups of students served by the charter school. (Education Code 47607, 47607.2)

Complaints

Each charter school shall establish and maintain policies and procedures in accordance with the uniform complaint procedures as specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670 to enable any person alleging the school's noncompliance with Education Code 47606.5 or 47607.3 to file a complaint with the charter school. (Education Code 52075)

A complaint may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support an allegation of noncompliance. A complainant who is not satisfied with the decision may appeal the decision to the SPI. (Education Code 52075)

If the charter school finds merit in the complaint or the SPI finds merit in an appeal, a remedy shall

be provided to all affected students and parents/guardians. (Education Code 52075)

School Closure

In the event that the Board revokes or denies renewal of a charter or the charter school ceases operation for any reason, the Superintendent or designee shall, when applicable in accordance with the charter school and/or an applicable agreement between the district and the charter school, provide assistance to facilitate the transfer of the charter school's former students and to finalize financial reporting and close-out of the charter school.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide notification to the California Department of Education, within 10 calendar days of the Board's action, if renewal of a charter is denied, a charter is revoked, or a charter school will cease operation for any reason. Such notification shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the circumstances of the closure, the effective date of the closure, and the location of student and personnel records. (Education Code 47604.32; 5 CCR 11962.1)

State	Description
5 CCR 11700-11705	Independent study
5 CCR 11960-11969.10	Charter schools
5 CCR 4600-4670	Uniform complaint procedures
Bus. And Prof. Code 7583.45	<u>Training for security officers</u>
CA Constitution Article 16, Section 8.5	<u>Public finance; school accountability report card</u>
CA Constitution Article 9, Section 5	<u>Common school system</u>
Corp. Code 5110-6910	<u>Nonprofit public benefit corporations</u>
Ed. Code 1006	<u>Prohibition against school district employees serving on county board of education</u>
Ed. Code 17070.10-17079.30	<u>Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act</u>
Ed. Code 17280-17317	<u>Field Act; approval of plans and supervision of construction</u>
Ed. Code 17365-17374	<u>Field Act; fitness for occupancy; liability of board members</u>
Ed. Code 215	<u>Suicide prevention policies</u>
Ed. Code 215.5	<u>Student identification cards; inclusion of safety hotlines</u>
Ed. Code 220	<u>Prohibition of discrimination</u>
Ed. Code 221.61	<u>Posting of Title IX information on website</u>
Ed. Code 221.9	<u>Sex equity in competitive athletics</u>
Ed. Code 222	<u>Reasonable accommodations; lactating students</u>
Ed. Code 222.5	<u>Pregnant and parenting students; notification of rights</u>
Ed. Code 231.5	<u>Sexual harassment policy</u>
Ed. Code 234.4	<u>Mandated policy on bullying prevention</u>
Ed. Code 234.6	<u>Bullying and harassment prevention information</u>
Ed. Code 234.7	<u>Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status</u>
Ed. Code 243	<u>Prohibition of discrimination; instructional materials</u>
Ed. Code 32280-32289.5	<u>School safety plans</u>
Ed. Code 32283.5	<u>Bullying; online training</u>
Ed. Code 33353	California Interscholastic Federation; standardized incident form
Ed. Code 33479-33479.9	<u>The Eric Parades Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act</u>
Ed. Code 35120	<u>Student board membership</u>
Ed. Code 35179.4-35179.6	<u>Interscholastic athletic programs, safety; swimming pool safety that is not part of interscholastic athletic program</u>
Ed. Code 35183.1	<u>Graduation ceremonies; tribal regalia or recognized object of religious/cultural significance</u>
Ed. Code 35292.6	<u>Stocking of menstrual products</u>
Ed. Code 35330	<u>Field trips and excursions; student fees</u>

Ed. Code 38001.5	<u>Training for security officers</u>
Ed. Code 38080-38086	<u>School meals</u>
Ed. Code 39831.3	<u>Transportation safety plan</u>
Ed. Code 39843	<u>Disciplinary action against bus driver; report to Department of Motor Vehicles</u>
Ed. Code 41024	<u>Report of expenditure of state facility funds</u>
Ed. Code 42100	<u>Annual statement of receipts and expenditures</u>
Ed. Code 44030.5	<u>Reporting change in employment status due to alleged misconduct</u>
Ed. Code 44237	<u>Criminal record summary</u>
Ed. Code 44691	<u>Information on detection of child abuse; annual training</u>
Ed. Code 44830.1	<u>Certificated employees; conviction of a violent or serious felony</u>
Ed. Code 45122.1	<u>Classified employees; conviction of a violent or serious felony</u>
Ed. Code 45125.1	<u>Criminal records summary; employees of contracting entity</u>
Ed. Code 46015	<u>Accommodations for pregnant and parenting students; parental leave</u>
Ed. Code 46390-46393	<u>Emergency average daily attendance</u>
Ed. Code 47600-47616.7	<u>Charter Schools Act of 1992</u>
Ed. Code 47634.2	<u>Nonclassroom-based instruction</u>
Ed. Code 47640-47647	<u>Special education funding for charter schools</u>
Ed. Code 47651	<u>Apportionment of funds; charter schools</u>
Ed. Code 48000	<u>Minimum age of admission for kindergarten; transitional kindergarten</u>
Ed. Code 48010	<u>Minimum age of admission to first grade</u>
Ed. Code 48206.3-48208	<u>Students with temporary disabilities; individual instruction</u>
Ed. Code 48850-48859	<u>Education of foster youth and homeless students</u>
Ed. Code 48900	<u>Grounds for suspension or expulsion</u>
Ed. Code 48901.1	<u>Suspension and expulsion; willful defiance</u>
Ed. Code 48907	<u>Exercise of free expression; time, place, and manner rules and regulations</u>
Ed. Code 48913.5	<u>Suspended students; homework assignments</u>
Ed. Code 48950	<u>Speech and other communication</u>
Ed. Code 48985	<u>Notices to parents in language other than English</u>
Ed. Code 49005-49006.4	<u>Seclusion and restraint</u>
Ed. Code 49010	<u>Student fees</u>
Ed. Code 49011	<u>Student fees</u>
Ed. Code 49014	<u>Public School Fair Debt Collection Act</u>
Ed. Code 49056	<u>Prohibition of denial of recess</u>
Ed. Code 49061	<u>Definitions; directory information</u>
Ed. Code 49062.5	<u>Student records; name or gender change</u>
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Ed. Code 49073.2	<u>Privacy of student and parent/guardian personal information; minutes of board meeting</u>
Ed. Code 49076.7	<u>Student records; data privacy; social security numbers</u>
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Ed. Code 49414.3	<u>Administration of opioid antagonist</u>
Ed. Code 49414.7	<u>Administration of albuterol inhalers</u>
Ed. Code 49428	<u>Notification of mental health services</u>
Ed. Code 49428.5	<u>Employment of medical personnel</u>
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Ed. Code 49557.5	<u>Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017</u>
Ed. Code 49564.3	<u>Provision of federal universal meal service</u>
Ed. Code 49603	<u>On campus access to employers and military services</u>
Ed. Code 49700-49701	<u>Education of children of military families</u>

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Exemption from local graduation requirements; acceptance of coursework
High school graduation requirements
Instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; districts that require health education for graduation
Completion and submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and California Dream Act Application
Diploma of graduation without passage of high school exit examination
Independent study
Mandatory mental health education
California Healthy Youth Act
Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups
Local control and accountability plan
Uniform complaint procedures
College and career fairs
Special education
Availability of assistive technology device
Special education services in charter schools
Nonpublic, nonsectarian schools
Emergency Interventions
Assessment of academic achievement
Categorical programs included in consolidated application
School plan for student achievement; consolidated application programs
School site councils
Cal Grant program; notification of grade point average and high school graduation
Prohibitions applicable to specified officers
Educational Employment Relations Act
Public employee communication, information and orientation
The Ralph M. Brown Act
California Public Records Act
Political Reform Act
Tobacco Use Prevention Education grant program
Tobacco-free schools
Personnel records related to performance and grievance
College and career fairs; notice to apprenticeship programs
Definition of serious felony
Definition of violent felony
Child safety alert system

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California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training
California Bureau of Security and Investigative Services
California Department of Pesticide Regulation
California State Controller
California Student Aid Commission
National Association of Charter School Authorizers
California Charter Schools Association
California Department of Education, Charter Schools
California Interscholastic Federation
California Office of the Attorney General
CSBA
U.S. Department of Education

Description

Charter School Authorization
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Charter School Renewal
Charter School Revocation
Local Control And Accountability Plan
Local Control And Accountability Plan
Accountability
Uniform Complaint Procedures
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Charter School Facilities
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