CHARTER SCHOOLS

The Governing Board believes that charter schools provide one opportunity to implement school-level reform and to support innovations which improve student learning. These schools shall operate under the provisions of their charters, Federal laws, and general oversight of the Board.

As needed, the Superintendent or designee may work with charter school petitioners to establish workable plans for technical assistance or contracted services which the District may provide to the proposed charter school.

In determining whether to grant or deny a charter, the Board shall carefully review the proposed charter and any supplementary information, consider public and staff input, and determine whether the charter petition adequately addresses all the provisions required by law. The Board shall not deny a charter school petition unless specific written factual findings are made pursuant to law and administrative regulation.

The Board shall ensure that any charter granted by the Board contains adequate processes and measures for holding the school accountable for fulfilling the terms of its charter. These shall include, but not be limited to, fiscal accountability systems as well as multiple measures for evaluating the educational program. To assist the Board in its general oversight responsibility, charters shall provide for regular reports to the Board related to the charter provisions.

(cf. 0500 -Accountability)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
41365 Charter school revolving loan fund
44237 Criminal record summary
44830.1 Certificated employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony
45122.1 Classified employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony
47600-47616.5 Charter Schools Act of 1992
48000 Minimum age of admission (kindergarten)
48010 Minimum age of admission (first grade)
48011 Minimum age of admission from kindergarten or other school
51747.3 Apportionments for independent study
54032 Limited English or low-achieving pupils
56145-56146 Special education services in charter schools
60605 Academic content and performance standards; assessments
60640-60647 Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

GOVERNMENT CODE
54950-54962 The Ralph M. Brown Act
Philosophy-Goals-Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

CHARTER SCHOOLS (continued)

Legal Reference (continued):

**PENAL CODE**
- 667.5 Definition of violent felony
- 1192.7 Definition of serious felony

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5**
- 11960 Regular average daily attendance for charter schools

**COURT DECISIONS**
- Evensen v. Vicki L. Barber et al. (1996) No. PV 94-0465, Superior Ct., County of El Dorado

**ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS**

Management Resources:

**WEB SITES**
- California Department of Education: [http://www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov)
- Education Commission of the States: [http://www.ecs.org](http://www.ecs.org)
- National School Boards Association: [http://www.nsba.org](http://www.nsba.org)