

Philosophy-Goals-Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

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

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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

Desert Sands Unified School District and Washington Charter School v. Public Employment

Relations Board and California School Employees Association and its Desert Sands Chapter #106,

No. BC126357, Superior Ct., County of Los Angeles

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

80 Ops. Cal. Attv. Gen. 52 (1997)

78 Ops. Cal. Attv. Gen. 253 (1995)

78 Ops. Cal. Attv. Gen. 297 (1995)

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Education Commission of the States: <http://www.ecs.org>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>