

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools provide one opportunity to implement school-level reform and to support innovations which may improve student learning. These schools shall operate under the provisions of their charters, federal laws, specified state 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.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

CHARTER SCHOOLS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33054 *Waivers*
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*
46201 *Instructional minutes*
47600-47616.5 *Charter Schools Act of 1992, as amended*
48000 *Minimum age of admission (kindergarten)*
48010 *Minimum age of admission (first grade)*
48011 *Minimum age of admission from kindergarten or other school*
51745-51749.3 *Independent study*
54032 *Limited English or low-achieving pupils*
56026 *Special Education*
56145-56146 *Special education services in charter schools*
60600-60652 *Assessment of academic achievement, including:*
60605 *Academic content and performance standards; assessments*
60640-60647 *Standardized Testing and Reporting Program*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 *Educational Employment Relations Act*
54950-54962 *The Ralph M. Brown Act*
6258 *Joint powers agreement, charter schools*

PENAL CODE

667.5 *Definition of violent felony*
1192.7 *Definition of serious felony*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11700.1-11705 *Independent Study*
11960-11969 *Charter schools*

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

80 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 52 (1997)*
78 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 297 (1995)*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
Education Commission of the States: <http://www.ecs.org>
NSBA: <http://www.nsba.org>