

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Board Policy

BP 0420.4

Mission, Goals, and Plans

CHARTER SCHOOLS

The district acknowledges the intent of the legislature that charter schools are and should become an integral part of the California educational system and that establishment of charter schools should be encouraged. (California Charter Schools Act, Part 26.8 of the Education Code, sections 47600 through 47664)

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, 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 supplemental 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 regular reports to the board related to the charter provisions as further outlined in the administrative regulation and any memorandum of understanding between the district and the charter school.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 41365 | <i>Charter school revolving loan fund</i> |
| 42100 | <i>Annual statement of receipts and expenditures</i> |
| 42238.51-42238.53 | <i>Funding for charter districts</i> |
| 44237 | <i>Criminal record summary</i> |
| 44830.1 | <i>Certificated employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony</i> |
| 45122.1 | <i>Classified employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony</i> |
| 46201 | <i>Instructional minutes</i> |
| 47600-47616.7 | <i>Charter Schools Act of 1992, as amended</i> |
| 47640-47647 | <i>Special education funding for charter schools</i> |
| 47652 | <i>Funding of first-year charter schools</i> |
| 48000 | <i>Minimum age of admission (kindergarten)</i> |
| 48010 | <i>Minimum age of admission (first grade)</i> |
| 48011 | <i>Minimum age of admission from kindergarten or other school</i> |
| 51745-51749.3 | <i>Independent study</i> |
| 52052 | <i>Alternative accountability system</i> |
| 54032 | <i>Limited English or low-achieving pupils</i> |

56026 *Special education*
56145-56146 *Special education services in charter schools*
60600-60649 *Assessment of academic achievement, including:*
60605 *Academic content and performance standards; assessments*
60640-60649 *Standardized Testing and Reporting Program*
GOVERNMENT CODE
3540-3549.3 *Educational Employment Relations Act*
54950-54963 *The Ralph M. Brown Act*
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*
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6311 *Adequate yearly progress*
6319 *Qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals*
7223-7225 *Charter schools*
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
200.1-200.78 *Accountability*
ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
80 *Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 52 (1997)*
78 *Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 297 (1995)*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Charter Schools: A Manual for Governance Teams, 2002

CDE PUBLICATIONS

Special Education and Charter Schools: Questions and Answers, September 10, 2002

USDOE DRAFT NONREGULATORY GUIDANCE

Charter School Program, August 31, 2003

The Impact of the New Title I Requirements on Charter Schools, March 24, 2003

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/charter>

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

NSBA: <http://www.nsba.org>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

Policy: SANTA BARBARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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