

OFFICE OF THE SOLANO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Policy 0420.4

Charter Schools

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) believes that charter schools provide one opportunity to implement school-level reform and 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 charter granting agency.

At his/her discretion, the County Superintendent or designee may establish a staff advisory committee to review a submitted petition or charter appeal and the supporting documentation. Such a committee may be used to evaluate the completeness of the proposal, the merits of the proposed educational program, the level of community support, and any concerns that should be addressed by the petitioners. The Superintendent or designee shall also consult with legal counsel as appropriate regarding compliance of the proposal with legal requirements.

Any charter school considered for approval shall be done so in accordance with the Solano SELPA Local Plan Governance Policy as it pertains to charter schools.

Following a review of the petition or charter appeal and a comparison against legal requirements, the staff advisory committee will present its findings and make recommendations to the Solano County Board of Education for consideration and action.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 47600-47616.7 Charter Schools Act of 1992, as amended
- 47640-47647 Special education funding for charter schools
- 47652 Funding of first-year charter schools
- 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
- 52052 Alternative accountability system
- 54032 Limited English or low-achieving pupils
- 56026 Special education
- 56145-56146 Special education services in charter schools

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

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Legal Reference (Continued):

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24

101 et seq. California Building Standards Code

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

300.18 Highly qualified special education teachers

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

89 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 166 (2006)

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

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

COURT DECISIONS

Ridgecrest Charter School v. Sierra Sands Unified School District, (2005) 130
Cal.App.4th 986

Policy Cross-Reference:

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY MANUAL

9000.31(III.) Functions Concerning Services Provided: Charter Schools