



State Board of Education Policies

Office of Charter Schools

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Goal

Each board and school leadership members will receive interpretations of State Board of Education Policies as related to charter school operational compliance.



Twenty-First Century Systems (TCS)

Policies specifically related to charter schools are noted in TCS-U Series. <http://sbepolicy.dpi.state.nc.us/>



Key Policies

SBE Policies provide general requirements for charter school operations:

TCS-U-001- NC Accountability Model

TCS-U-003- 30-day Open Enrollment Period

TCS-U-004- Liability Insurance



Charter Amendments

TCS-U-000-

Enrollment Increases and Grade Expansion

- SBE approval required for requests greater than 20%.
- No funding beyond the ADM in the SBE approved application in the first year of operation

TCS-U-014

Requires SBE Approval:

- a. Enrollment growth beyond 20% or grade expansion no in the approved charter;
- b. Relocation;
- c. Transferring the charter to another non-profit entity
- d. Altering the mission or targeted student population;
- e. Employing or terminating a management company;
- f. Change to the application with respect to the National School Lunch Program; and
- g. Change to the application with respect to student transportation



TCS-U-014

Does not require SBE approval:

- a. Bylaws;
- b. The name of the charter school;
- c. The Articles of Incorporation;
- d. Class sizes as stated in the application;
- e. Length of school days and/or academic year; and
- f. Curriculum changes.



Academic Accountability

TCS-U-010

Currently under revision

Reference to G.S. 115C-218.95-

60% Proficiency or Growth in 2 of 3 years

Revised edition proposes to change “shall” revoke to “may” revoke.



Assumption

TCS-U-017

Process for Assumption of Inadequately Performing
Charter Schools



Financial and Governance Noncompliance

TCS-U-006

- I. Impact of Financial Noncompliance
- II. Impact of Governance Noncompliance



Financial Noncompliance

Three Stages:

1. Cautionary (30 days)
2. Probationary (30 days)
3. Disciplinary (10 days)



Financial Noncompliance

- A. Failure to report required UERS data within 30 days of the required reporting date or inaccurate data.
- B. Fails to respond to financial, personnel, or student information request for information/data.
- C. Signs of financial insolvency or weakness.
- D. Office of State Treasurer receives NSF notification.
- E. Material audit finding.
- F. Fails to attend required financial training.



Public Charter School Lottery

Recommendations & Best Practices



Governance Noncompliance

Three Stages:

1. Cautionary (30 days)
2. Probationary (30 days)
3. Disciplinary (10 days)



Governance Noncompliance

- A. Failure to have functioning board in place including failure to conduct regular meetings (minimum of 8 annually) and maintaining minimum policies.
- B. Inability to show progress towards the educational and organizational goals in charter application.
- C. Failure to maintain student enrollment.
- D. Bylaws violations including Open Meetings and Public Records.



Governance Noncompliance

E. Charter agreement violations including state/federal regulations, health and safety standards, adequate academic progress and meeting testing and reporting requirements.

F. Substantiated complaints that the board is not acting as a representative of the school community.

G. Nepotism Policy (*may be under revision to reflect changes to statute*)



Governance Noncompliance

H. Failure to maintain at least 50% of teachers in all grades pursuant to G.S. 115C-218.90(a)(1).

- From first school day through end of the school calendar year.
- Financial implications including reduction in PRC 036 allotment by the amount of the salary of the Headmaster/Director of the school.
- May result in revocation of charter.

Impact of Revocation

1. Access to state and federal funds frozen.
2. Allotment for state funds may be adjusted on monthly basis.
3. If school ceases operation in accordance with Charter Agreement and terminates instruction, without prior permission of SBE, it is considered a surrender of the charter.



Questions ?



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