



Charter School Site Visits

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Agenda

1. Legal Requirements
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Oversight – Legal Requirements

- Ed. Code § 47604(c) – ties authorizer’s liability to performance of oversight duties
- Ed. Code § 47604.32 – defines duties of chartering authority:
 - identify contact person for charter school
 - visit charter school at least annually
 - ensure that charter school complies with all reporting requirements (including Ed. Code section 47605(m) regarding annual audit report)
 - monitor charter school’s fiscal condition
 - notify State Department of termination
- *All other oversight duties required by law*





Legal Requirements – 47604.32

(a) Each chartering authority, in addition to any other duties imposed by this part, shall do all of the following with respect to each charter school under its authority:

- (1) Identify at least one staff member as a contact person for the charter school.
- (2) Visit each charter school at least annually.
- (3) Ensure that each charter school under its authority complies with all reports required of charter schools by law, including the local control and accountability plan and annual update to the local control and accountability plan required pursuant to Section 47606.5.
- (4) Monitor the fiscal condition of each charter school under its authority.
- (5) Provide timely notification to the department if any of the following circumstances occur or will occur with regard to a charter school for which it is the chartering authority:
 - (A) A renewal of the charter is granted or denied.
 - (B) The charter is revoked.
 - (C) The charter school will cease operation for any reason.

(b) The cost of performing the duties required by this section shall be funded with supervisorial oversight fees collected pursuant to Section 47613.

(Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 29, Sec. 17. (SB 828) Effective June 27, 2016.)





Legal Requirements – 47604.33

(a) Each charter school shall annually prepare and submit the following reports to its chartering authority and the county superintendent of schools, or only to the county superintendent of schools if the county board of education is the chartering authority:

- (1) On or before July 1, a preliminary budget. For a charter school in its first year of operation, the information submitted pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 47605 satisfies this requirement.
- (2) On or before July 1, a local control and accountability plan and an annual update to the local control and accountability plan required pursuant to Section 47606.5.
- (3) On or before December 15, an interim financial report. This report shall reflect changes through October 31.
- (4) On or before March 15, a second interim financial report. This report shall reflect changes through January 31.
- (5) On or before September 15, a final unaudited report for the full prior year.

(b) The chartering authority shall use any financial or other information it obtains from the charter school, including, but not limited to, the reports required by this section, to perform the duties described in subdivision (a) of Section 47604.32, including monitoring the fiscal condition of the charter school.

(c) The cost of performing the duties required by this section shall be funded with supervisory oversight fees collected pursuant to Section 47613.



Oversight

- Oversight responsibilities exist for both dependent and independent charters
- Petition is roadmap for oversight
- Ed Code § 47604(c) – ties authorizer’s liability to performance of oversight duties
- Board must receive regular updates on whether the school is meeting its benchmarks





Site Visits

- Informal
- Formal
- Compliance follow-ups





Formal Visit Components

- Interviews
- Compliance Reviews
- Classroom Visits
- Exit Wrap-up





Report Components

- Areas for Compliance
- Data Book
- LCAP Review
- Document submittals
- Reporting and sharing to Board, CMO, Leadership





SCCOE Annual Review Tool - DRAFT

- Created a draft tool – objective in nature





New Legislation Impacts

- AB 1505 – Charter Schools Act Update
- AB 1507 – Charter Schools Resource Centers
- AB 976 – Charter Schools and LCAPs
- AB 1219 – Credentialing Reviews



Resources

- www.sccoe.org/supoffice/charter-schools-office/pages/default
- www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/cs/
- www.carsnet.org



Q&A



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