

BOARD POLICY
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Philosophy/Goals/Objectives

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CHARTER SCHOOL REVOCATION

The Governing Board expects any charter school it authorizes to provide a sound educational program that promotes student learning and to carry out its operations in a manner that complies with law, the terms of its charter and any memoranda of understanding. The Board may revoke a charter in accordance with law.

The Board may revoke a charter if it finds through a showing of substantial evidence, that the charter school has done any of the following: (Education Code § 47607(f)(1)-(4))

1. Committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter
2. Failed to meet or pursue any of the student outcomes identified in the charter
3. Failed to meet generally accepted accounting principles or engaged in fiscal mismanagement
4. Violated any provision of law

When the Board determines, in writing, that any violation under Education Code § 47607(f) constitutes a severe and imminent threat to the health or safety of students, the Board may immediately revoke the school's charter. When such a determination is made, the Board shall approve and deliver to the charter school's governing body, the County Board of Education, and the California Department of Education (CDE), a Notice of Revocation by Determination of a Severe and Imminent Threat to Pupil Health or Safety as detailed in 5CCR §§ 11865 and 11968.5.3. (Education Code § 47607; 5 CCR § 11968.5.3)

In all other circumstances, the Board may revoke a charter after providing the due process and using the procedures set forth in Education Code § 47607(g) and (h) and its implementing regulations. (Education Code § 47607(g), (h) and 5 CCR § 11968.5.2)

The Board shall also consider revoking the charter of any charter school for which the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) has provided advice and assistance pursuant to Education Code § 47607.3 if CCEE has issued either of the following findings: (Education Code § 47607.3)

1. That the charter school has failed or is unable to implement the recommendations of the CCEE; or
2. That the inadequate performance of the charter school, as based on the California School Dashboard, is so persistent or acute as to require revocation of the charter

Appeals

If the Board revokes a charter the charter school may, within 30 days of the Board's final decision, appeal the revocation to the County Board. The County Board's decision may subsequently be appealed to the State Board of Education by either the charter school or the district. However a revocation based upon the findings of CCEE pursuant to Education Code § 47607.3 may not be appealed (Education Code §§ 47607, 47607.3; 5 CCR §11968.5.3- 11968.5.5)

If the revocation decision is reversed on appeal, the agency that granted the charter shall continue to be the chartering authority. (Education Code § 47607(k))

School Closure

Should a school's charter be revoked, or should the charter school cease operating for any reason, the District shall notify the California Department of Education within 10 calendar days of the official action closing the charter school.

If a charter school ceases operation due to revocation or for any other reason, the charter school shall implement the school closure procedures specified in the charter and/or memorandum of understanding in accordance with Education Code § 47605(c)(5)(O) and 5 CCR §11962. (Education Code § 47603.32)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

47600-47616.7 Charter Schools Act of 1992, especially:
47607 Charter renewals and revocations
52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroup

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11960-11969 Charter schools, especially:
11968.5-11968.5.5 Charter revocations

COURT DECISIONS

Today's Fresh Start, Inc. v. Los Angeles County Office of Education, (2013) 57 Cal.4th 197
American Indian Model Schools v. Oakland Unified School District, (2014) 227 Cal.App.4th 258

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

The Role of the Charter School Authorizer, Online Course
Charter Schools: A Manual for Governance Teams, rev. 2012

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Charter Schools Association: <http://www.ccsa.org>
California Department of Education, Charter Schools: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ch/index.asp>
National Association of Charter School Authorizers: <http://www.qualitycharters.org>
U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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