

# CHARTER SCHOOLS: THE TOP 5 ISSUES

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## WHO IS IN THE ROOM?

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## ISSUE #1

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**WHAT'S THE ISSUE?**

1. Secretary of State audit released in December, 2017: "Stronger Accountability, Oversight, and Support Would Improve Results for Academically At-Risk Students in Alternative and Online Education".
2. Key findings:
  - a. Tracking of performance is inadequate
  - b. Enhanced monitoring and support (by the district) would help
  - c. Some states hold districts and schools more accountable
  - d. Some states have increased their oversight of online schools; Oregon has not.

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3. Verify quality and suitability of online credit recovery options used by Oregon schools
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## ISSUE #2

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**SB 208  
and  
HB 4036**

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**SB 208:  
INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ACTIVITIES** ≈ 

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**IF IT'S NOT  
GOVERNED BY  
OSAA** → **NO\***

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**IF DISTRICT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN OSAA FOR THAT PARTICULAR ACTIVITY** → **NO\***

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**IF CHARTER OFFERS SOME OSAA ACTIVITIES, BUT NOT THE ONE THE STUDENT WANTS** → **NO\***

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**5%<sub>MAX</sub>**  
**FOR NON-COURSE REQUIRED ACTIVITIES**  
**NO MATTER HOW MANY ACTIVITIES**

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**5%<sup>MAX</sup>**  
**PER COURSE  
REQUIRED FOR  
PARTICIPATION**

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**HB 4036:  
INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ACTIVITIES** 

**INCLUDES K-8  
BEFORE- AND  
AFTER-SCHOOL  
ACTIVITIES**

**CAN ONLY BILL  
ONCE A YEAR**

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**Draft rules**

**K-8 = only before  
or after-school**

**9-12 = OSAA**

**Charter school can't be  
member of or  
participate in OSAA  
activities**

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**ISSUE #3**

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**GOVERNING  
DOCUMENTS**



**BYLAWS  
POLICIES**

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**BYLAWS**

**PUBLIC MEETING LAW  
NUMBER OF BOARD  
MEMBERS  
HOW APPOINTED,  
HOW REMOVED**

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**BYLAWS AND PUBLIC MEETING LAW:**

- PRESUMPTION OF ASSENT
- VOTING AFTER A MEETING
- INDIVIDUAL AUTHORITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS
- MEETING OUTSIDE DISTRICT
- COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD
- DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS AT CLOSURE

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**POLICIES**

- DO THEY HAVE THEM?
- SHOULD **NOT** BE DISTRICT POLICIES
- EXAMPLE: POLICY KL

The superintendent will develop and administer the complaint process, as appropriate.

- LEGALLY REQUIRED POLICIES

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**ISSUE #4**

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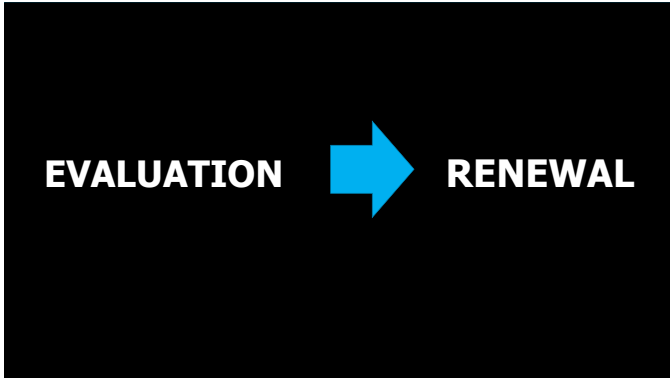
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**STATUTORY RENEWAL CRITERIA**

- COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS
- COMPLIANCE WITH THE CHARTER CONTRACT
- MEETING OR *WORKING TOWARD MEETING* THE STUDENT PERFORMANCE GOALS IN THE CONTRACT
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**HOW DO YOU KNOW?**



**EVALUATION**

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**ANNUAL  
EVALUATION**

**COMPARATIVE  
ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE  
FINANCIAL  
PERFORMANCE  
ORGANIZATIONAL  
PERFORMANCE  
CONTRACT/LEGAL  
COMPLIANCE**

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**ISSUE #5**

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## CONTRACT ISSUES

- STUDENT PERFORMANCE GOALS IN CONTRACT AND DEFINITION OF "WORKING TOWARD MEETING"
- SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
- RENEWAL CRITERIA
- REQUIRING SPED STATUS IN LOTTERY
- REQUIRING PARENT TRANSPORTATION
- INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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**Home school:**  
<https://www.google.com/search?site=imghp&tbn=isch&q=kids%20at%20home&tbs=sur:fm#imarc=0ZrUxoZPKUvM>;

**Online school:**  
[https://www.google.com/search?site=imghp&tbn=isch&q=online%20school&tbs=sur:fm#imarc=IPHu7uXJs\\_sxLM](https://www.google.com/search?site=imghp&tbn=isch&q=online%20school&tbs=sur:fm#imarc=IPHu7uXJs_sxLM);

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