

CHARTER SCHOOLS: THE TOP 5 ISSUES

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WHO IS IN THE ROOM?

ISSUE #1





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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ISSUE #2

**SB 208
and
HB 4036**

**SB 208:
INTERSCHOLASTIC
ACTIVITIES** ≈ 


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

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

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

5%_{MAX}
FOR NON-COURSE REQUIRED ACTIVITIES
NO MATTER HOW MANY ACTIVITIES

5%^{MAX}
**PER COURSE
REQUIRED FOR
PARTICIPATION**

**HB 4036:
INTERSCHOLASTIC
ACTIVITIES** 

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

**CAN ONLY BILL
ONCE A YEAR**

Draft rules

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

9-12 = OSAA

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

ISSUE #3

**GOVERNING
DOCUMENTS**



**BYLAWS
POLICIES**

BYLAWS

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

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

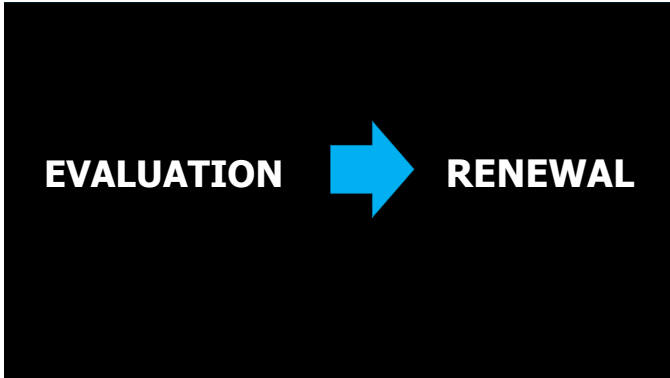
POLICIES

- 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

ISSUE #4



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

**ANNUAL
EVALUATION**

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

ISSUE #5

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;
