

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY NO. 0420.4

ADOPTED: 2/24/97

**CLASSIFICATION: Philosophy, Goals and
Comprehensive Plans**

REVISED: 11/22/99

SUBJECT: Charter Schools

The County Board of Education (Board) encourages the establishment of charter schools in Ventura County as an integral part of the California educational system. The Board believes that charter schools provide one opportunity to implement school-level reform and to support innovations which improve student learning and enable students to become self-motivated, competent, and lifelong learners. These schools shall operate under the provisions of their charters, specific state and/or federal laws, Title 5, California Code of Regulations adopted by the State Board of Education, and general oversight of the chartering authority.

While maximizing operational flexibility, the charter school petition shall include compliance-based components or other provisions mandated by law. The County Superintendent of Schools shall establish an administrative regulation for the process of submission, review, evaluation, and preparation of written findings for a charter petition submitted to the Board prior to Board action. The administrative regulation is designed to:

1. Specify details for the granting or denying of a charter petition.
2. Identify the process for submitting a charter petition.
3. Establish guidelines to determine if a charter petition is consistent with the intent of the law and sound educational practice to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Charter Schools Act.
4. Give direction for performing a critical evaluation of the soundness of the proposed educational program and the likeliness of its successful implementation.
5. Provide a process to ensure sound fiscal solvency and procedures.
6. Provide a plan for effective parental involvement in curricular and extra curricular (school related) activities.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

41365 Charter school revolving loan fund
44237 Private school employee fingerprinting
44830.1 No employment if convicted of serious or violent felony
45122.1 No employment if convicted of serious or violent felony
The Charter Schools Act of 1992
47600 et seq. Charter school general provisions
48000, 48010, 48011 Enrollment in Kindergarten
51747.3, 54032 Claiming state funds
56145 – 56146 Exceptional needs students served in charter school
60605 CA assessment of academic achievement
60640 – 60647 Standardized testing and reporting program

GOVERNMENT CODE

54950 – 54962 Brown Act

PENAL CODE

667.5, 1192.7

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11960 et seq., 15410 et seq.,

COURT DECISIONS

Evensen v. Vicki L. Barber et al, (1996) No. PV 94-0465, Superior Ct.,
County of El Dorado

Desert Sands Unified School District and Washington Charter School v. Public Employment
Relations Board and California School Employees Association and its Desert Sands Chapter
#106, No. BC 126357, Superior Ct., County of Los Angeles

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

80 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 52 (1997), 78 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 253 (1995),
78 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 297 (1995)