



STEWARDS OF THE PUBLIC TRUST: High Quality Charter School Oversight

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LAUSD's Core Responsibilities as a Charter School Authorizer

- ❖ Charter School Authorization & Re-authorization
 - ❖ New Petitions
 - ❖ Renewal Petitions
 - ❖ Requests for Material Revision of Charter
- ❖ Charter School Oversight
 - Proactive Oversight
 - Responsive Oversight
- ❖ Proposition 39 Facilities Program
- ❖ Sharing Promising Practices

Number of LAUSD Charter Schools

- ❖ Total Number of LAUSD-Authorized Charter Schools: 274*
(Elementary: 111; Middle: 60; HS: 57; Span: 46)

- ❖ Affiliated Charter Schools: 53

- ❖ Independent Charter Schools: 221
 - ❖ Independent Charter Schools Operating on District Property: 80**
 - Proposition 39: 42
 - Conversion: 12
 - PSC Program: 16
 - Other: 12
 - ❖ Independent Charter Schools Operating on Private Site(s) Only: 194

*As of November 6, 2015

**These schools may also be operating on one or more private sites as well. Please also note that this category does not include one charter school authorized by the state that currently operates on a District facility pursuant to Proposition 39.

CSD Mission

The LAUSD Charter Schools Division fosters high quality educational opportunities and outcomes for students in the greater Los Angeles community through exemplary charter public school authorizing, oversight, and sharing of promising practices so that all students maximize their potential.



CSD Core Values

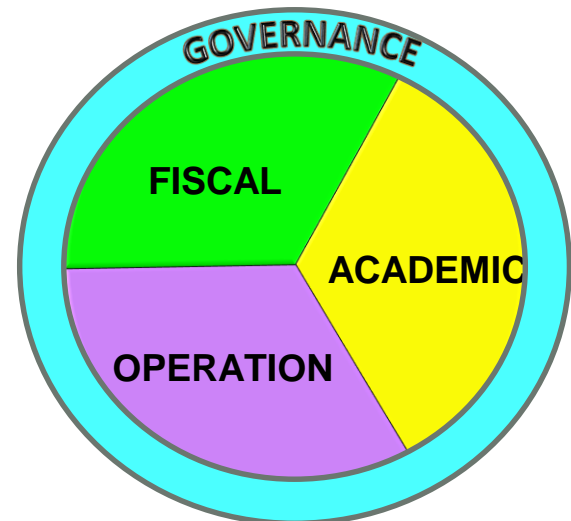
We believe that our success depends on:

- Making decisions that put the interests of students first.
- Serving with high expectations, integrity, professionalism, and commitment.
- Employing authentic, responsive, and effective leadership and teamwork.
- Continuously learning as a dynamic organization.
- Building and sustaining a healthy workplace culture where high performance, diversity, and creativity thrive.
- Developing productive relationships with our charter public schools and all stakeholders.

Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visits

The CSD teams gather, review and evaluate evidence of school performance in four main categories:

- Governance
- Student Achievement and Educational Performance
- Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations
- Fiscal Operations



Budget – Charter Schools Division

2015-16

Revenue – 1% Oversight Fee			\$8,868,269
Expenses			\$8,372,872
Included in expenses			
Staff with all Benefits*		\$6,580,194	
Operations (non-staff expenses)		\$ 294,000	
Other Departments		\$1,498,678	
Included in Other Departments			
Office of General Counsel	\$765,095		
Data And Accountability	\$240,883		
Revenue Accounting Branch	\$286,647		
Attendance and Enrollment	\$206,053		

Staffing/Resources

- ❖ 47 full-time staff members – includes three vacancies we are working to fill and one substitute
 - Ratio of program oversight staff to school is about 1:22. About 1:40 for fiscal staff.
- ❖ CSD provided specific funding support to the Office of Inspector General to complete two in-depth forensic reviews requested in the past two years (approx. \$200K)
- ❖ * Planning to appropriately and prudently increase staff (and technology resources) to respond to increasing needs in oversight using funds carried over into this fiscal year (approx. \$2.8MM)
 - Plans include: Program staff to keep ratio of schools to about 1:15-20; fiscal staff to reduce ratio to about 1:25-30; Operations staff to assist the Local Districts and schools with co-location operational matters and other ongoing issues; staff to assist with processing board materials and ongoing performance management; fund special oversight projects, as needed.

Office of the General Counsel

Representative duties include

- Review charter petitions (new and renewals), including review of elements of the petition, bylaws and conflict of interest policies, and other issues as presented
- Provide legal analysis and drafting of findings of fact for denial
- Oversight support including applicability of various laws to charter schools, conflict of interest analysis, governance analysis, notices to cure
- Draft revocation-related documents and evidence in support of Notice of Violations, Notice of Intent to Revoke and Revocation Findings
- Provide legislative analysis and support – interpretation and applicability of newly enacted charter-related legislation; drafting of charter-related legislative proposals
- Handle charter-related litigation—funding to defend litigation against the District comes from general fund; funding to initiate litigation as part of oversight is funded by the Charter Schools Division
- Draft Memoranda of Understanding and other agreements

Revenue Accounting Branch, Charter Schools Unit

Representative duties include

- Prepare monthly revenue source allocation reports for the fiscally independent charter schools.
- Process payment requests and related accounting entries for the monthly revenue source allocations to fiscally independent charter schools.
- Coordinate the submission of financial reports, including interim and unaudited actual financial reports, for fiscally independent charter schools. Reviews the reports to ensure financial reporting compliance with California School Accounting Manual.
- Monitor special transactions/activities involving fiscally independent charter schools including, but not limited to, Automated Clearing House account information, Account Assignment information, loan payment information, etc.
- Provide external and internal audit confirmation and report requests.
- Respond to inquiries related to fiscally independent charter schools.

Office of Data and Accountability

Representative duties include

- Collection and consolidation of student demographics, enrollment, suspension and achievement data for all independent charter schools.
- Preparation of charter renewal packets with comparisons to similar schools and resident schools.
- Respond to data requests from board members, general public and school staff regarding charter demographics, enrollment and achievement data.
- Maintain directory of charter schools for California Department of Education and LAUSD master location file with configuration, address, etc.
- Submit requests for CDS (County, District School) codes for all charter schools.
- Resolve overlapping enrollment issues with LAUSD and charter schools.
- Respond to data requests from charter schools for newly enrolled students from LAUSD.

Attendance and Enrollment

Representative duties include

- Prepare and issue Calendar of Reports for each charter school based on the school's instructional calendar.
- Review and process classification and statistical reports; resolve report issues, if any, with school staff.
- Monitor submission of required reports and follow up with schools, as necessary.
- Run summary ADA reports. Prepare P1, P2, and Annual reports for affiliated charter schools; review and reconcile P1, P2, and Annual reports of fiscally-independent charter schools.
- Provide support to Charter Schools Division, such as in data collection, research of attendance and enrollment-related matters, etc.
- Respond to various inquiries from charter schools.