

CHARTER SCHOOLS & CTAE

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Charter School Basics

Defining characteristics

- Five-year Performance contract (charter)
- Exchange of flexibility for improved outcomes
- Can waive all waivable education rules and laws
- Autonomy from authorizing district
- Organized as a non-profit
- Lottery-based open enrollment
- Site-based financial management
- Board employs and oversees leader
- Employees work for school (not district)

Types of Charter Schools

- Locally-approved start-up charter school
 - District authorizer
 - DOE serves as third party oversight and issues contract
- State Charter Commission charter school
 - Approved by SCSC, affirmed by SBOE
 - Can serve multiple districts or statewide
 - Schools serve as own LEAs
- Conversion charter school
 - Starts as district school
 - Requires parent/staff vote
 - Retains former enrollment zone

Types of Charter Schools (cont.)

- College & Career Career Academy (start-up)
 - Structured as start-up charter school (requires independent board, contract).
 - Generates site allotment sheet, manages own FTE data, earned revenue, employees
- College & Career Academy (operating within charter system or SWSS)
 - Does not require a separate charter or performance contract, nor a separate nonprofit governing board
 - FTE data, earned revenue, employees managed centrally

What is Waivable

- All parts of Title 20 and related rules except for:
 - Student Health & Safety
 - Assessment
 - Charter Schools rules and laws
 - SPED, other federal laws
 - Civil rights
 - Laws or rules involving other agencies outside of Education

Perkins V Eligibility

- Charter schools serving as their own LEAs (Commission charters) are eligible for the grant directly.
- Locally-authorized charter schools may access Perkins V funds through their authorizing school district.
- Schools within charter and SWSS systems may access Perkins V funds through their authorizing school district.

Questions?

Additional Information

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