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
• 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?
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