

MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Policy and Responsibility

SUBJECT: CHARTER SCHOOLS

1. SPONSORSHIP OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

The Utah State Legislature has authorized Murray School District to contract with Charter Schools for the following purposes.

- A. Sponsoring a Charter School within an existing school facility;
- B. To receive some or all services from the school district if the school received services from the district prior to its conversion to a Charter School;
- C. To receive Federal and State funding available to Charter Schools.

2. APPLICATION PROCESS FOR CHARTER SCHOOL STATUS

The Board hereby elects to receive applications for Charter Schools from individuals and organizations to be assessed under the following procedures. The application shall state:

- A. The age or grade levels to be served;
- B. The governance structure of the Charter School; and
- C. The financial plan for the school together with an auditing provision;
- D. The mission and educational goals of the school, the curriculum offered, and the methods of assessing whether students are meeting education goals, participation in the state's public education statewide assessment program and end-of-level core curriculum assessments;
- E. Admission and dismissal procedures, including suspension procedures;
- F. Procedures for review of complaints of parents regarding operation of the schools;
- G. How the school will provide adequate liability and other appropriate insurance for the school, its governing body, and its employees, including its ability to participate in the state's risk management program;

- H. The proposed school calendar, including the length of the school day and school year;
- I. The anticipated participation of students in extra-curricular activities sponsored by Murray School District
- J. The physical facility in which the Charter School will be housed;
- K. The qualifications to be required of the teachers; and
- L. Arrangements for current students who choose not to attend the Charter School and current teachers who choose not to teach at the school after its conversion to charter status.

3. ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF APPLICATION

The Board shall act to accept or reject the application for Charter School status within forty-five (45) days after initial submission.

- A. If the Board rejects the application, it shall state in writing, the specific reasons for rejection;
- B. A rejected applicant may modify its application and resubmit for reconsideration by the Board.

4. LIMITATIONS ON CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSORSHIPS

The number of Charter Schools not converted from existing public schools is limited to an enrollment of 4% of the District's student population as reported in the most recent annual statistical report.

5. TERMINATION OF CHARTER SCHOOL STATUS

The Board may terminate a Charter School that it sponsors if the school is found to be out of compliance with:

- A. The requirement to submit an annual progress report to the Board stating:
 - 1. The School's progress toward achieving its goals set forth in its charter; and
 - 2. Financial records of the school, including revenues, expenditures, and employee salary and benefit levels.
- B. The Charter School is non-sectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices and operations;
- C. The Charter School does not charge tuition or fees except those normally charged by public schools;
- D. The Charter School meets all applicable health, safety, and civil rights requirements;
- E. The Charter School submits all annual reports required of public schools, including an annual audited financial report; and
- F. The Charter School does not advocate unlawful conduct.