### **BP 6181 CHARTER SCHOOL**

Charter schools are schools established under <u>AS 14.03.250</u> that operate within the public school district. Charter schools are established upon the approval by the Board and the State Board of Education of an application for a charter school. Charter schools shall operate under a written contract between the charter school and the Board. This policy and all its subsections may be repealed as of July 1, 2005.

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS**

The Board shall give appropriate consideration to any charter school petition, in light of its overall effect on the district's children and the proposed school's ability to function effectively and meet its goals. In accordance with law, the proposed charter must include descriptions of the vision, mission and goals of the charter school, the governance structure that will be used, the educational outcomes to be attained by students, and the method by which progress in meeting these outcomes will be measured.

Applications for a charter school to operate during the next school year shall be submitted to the Board no later than February 1 of the current school year. Applications received after the February 1 deadline shall not be considered until the next school year. A charter school shall begin operation as agreed with the Board but no later than October 1.

#### STATE NOTIFICATION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION

Upon approval or rejection of a charter school application, the School Board will submit to the State Board of Education a copy of the charter school application and a report on the action taken by the School Board no later than twenty (20) working days following the School Board action.

### **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL**

Once approved by both the School Board and the State Board of Education, the charter school will be subject to an annual review of its operations and finances by the School Board. Annually, the charter school will submit a written report and make a presentation to the School Board and the public. This report will include information on the attainment of student performance expectations, meetings of the governing bodies of the charter school, descriptions of charter school activities, and other information of interest to the School Board.

If there is evidence of a breach of contract, then the School Board shall have a right to investigate this breach of contract and meet with the charter school to discuss possible remedies, including termination of the charter school contract.

## Organization and Operation of a Charter School

A charter school operates as a school in the school district except that a charter school:

- Is exempt from the school district's textbook, program, curriculum, and scheduling requirements;
- Is exempt from AS 14.14.130 which states "If the district employs a chief school administrator, the administrator shall select, appoint, and otherwise control all school district employees who serve under the chief school administrator subject to the approval of the school board";
- Operates under the charter school's annual program budget as set out in the contract between the Board and the charter school;
- Shall designate a contact person for all communications between the charter school and the district administration.

### Operation of a Charter School

The charter school site administrator shall:

- Keep financial records of the charter school;
- Oversee the operation of the charter school to ensure that the terms of the contract are being met;
- Meet regularly with parents and with teachers of the charter school to review, evaluate, and improve operations of the charter school;
- Meet with the charter school's Academic Policy Committee at least once each year to monitor progress in achieving the committee's policies and goals.

**Note:** The Alaska Department of Education has advised that a school board may require a charter school site administrator to posses a Type B certificate.

### **Definitions**

"Site administrator" means a person selected by the Academic Policy Committee to select, appoint, or otherwise supervise employees of the charter school. This person is required to possess an Alaska Type B Administrative Certificate. The school district assumes no responsibility for employing this person after the termination of the charter school contract unless the person is also employed as a teacher.

"<u>Per-pupil allocation</u>" means the funding generated, calculated on a per student basis, using the formula for basic need defined in AS 14.17.021.

Legal References:

# **ALASKA STATUTES**

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