

**CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Charter schools shall be an educational option available to families and children in the District, and shall operate consistent with the following guidelines:

1. Charter school sites and the building administration will work cooperatively to develop the best conditions for all children in the building. Prior to July 1, the District Administrator shall approve an annual working agreement between the two parties for the ensuing year. The District Administrator is authorized to arbitrate differences should there be a failure to reach consensus.
2. Charter school growth will be undertaken in a positive climate of interdependency. The benefit of all current or future charter school choices will be viewed in the context of the long and short-term impact on the entire District as well as the individual sites.
3. There will be an enrollment timeline and process that enables efficient budget planning.
4. Each charter school site shall determine its own budget priorities within District guidelines regarding staffing, services and programs. The School Board has the responsibility to hold each charter school site accountable for its decisions.
5. The District and site budgets will be structured in a way to maintain the opportunity for equitable site services.
6. The student population in charter school programs will reflect demographic percentages comparable to District-wide elementary or middle school levels.
7. All parent/guardian information will comply with established communication standards for the District and be available and accessible to every family within the District.
8. All charter schools will be responsible and accountable to the District's mission, beliefs and educational goals.
9. All charter schools will meet state standards or, subject to Board approval, establish their own standards consistent with District policy.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.01 Wisconsin Statutes  
118.13  
118.30, 118.33  
118.40  
121.02(1)(a)

CROSS REF.: 342.7-Rule, Charter School Guidelines  
110, District Mission and Beliefs  
112.2-Rule, Guidelines for Site Council/Charter School Annual Report  
310, District Educational Goals  
345.2, School-Home Communications about Student Learning  
411, Equal Educational Opportunities  
620, Budget Planning  
New Century School Charter Renewal Contract (2000-2005)  
First Renewal Agreement between Verona Area School District and Verona Area  
Core Knowledge® Charter School (2001-2006)

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