

Grants Pass School District 7

Code: **LBE**
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Public Charter Schools

The district recognizes the Oregon Legislature's intent to encourage new types of schools, called public charter schools, as an avenue through which opportunities to create new, innovative and more flexible ways of educating students, in an atmosphere of learning experiences based on current research and development, may be developed. Public charter schools shall demonstrate a commitment to the mission and diversity of public education. The goals of public charter schools shall be to:

1. Increase student learning and achievement;
2. Increase choices of learning opportunities for students;
3. Better meet individual student academic needs and interests;
4. Build stronger working relationships among educators, parents and other community members;
5. Encourage the use of different and innovative learning methods;
6. Provide opportunities in small learning environments for flexibility and innovation;
7. Create new professional opportunities for teachers;
8. Establish additional forms of accountability for schools; and
9. Create innovative measurement tools.

Public charter schools may be established as a new public school, from an existing public school or a portion of the school or from an existing alternative education program. A public charter school may not convert an existing tuition-based private school into a charter school, affiliate itself with a nonsectarian school or religious institution or encompass all the schools in the district unless the district is composed of only one school.

The Board will not approve any public charter school proposal when it is deemed that its value is outweighed by any direct identifiable, significant and adverse impact on the quality of the public education of students residing in the district. To meet the eligibility criteria for Board approval, a public charter school proposal must meet the requirements of Oregon Revised Statutes, Oregon Administrative Rules, Board policy and regulation.

The district will determine if it has any unused or underutilized buildings. Buildings may be made available for public charter school use, subject to Board approval. Approved use may be limited to instructional

purposes only. Appropriate-use fees will be determined by the Board. Public charter school use outside the District No 7's instructional day will be subject to Board policy KG - Community Use of District Facilities and accompanying administrative regulation.

Public charter school students shall not be permitted to participate in district curricular programs nor will the district provide instructional materials or lesson plans for use in a public charter school.

The public charter school employer will be determined with each proposal. If the Board is the employer, the terms of the current collective bargaining agreement will be examined to determine which parts of the agreement apply. If the Board is not the sponsor of the public charter school, it shall not be the employer and will not collectively bargain with public charter school employees.

The superintendent will develop administrative regulations for public charter schools to include the proposal process, review and appeal procedure and charter agreement provisions.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 181.539
ORS 326.603
ORS 326.607
ORS 327.077
ORS 327.109
ORS 329.045
ORS 332.107
ORS 337.150
ORS Chapter 338
ORS 339.141
ORS 339.147
ORS 339.155
ORS 342.125
ORS 342.127
ORS 342.143
ORS 342.165
ORS 342.175
ORS 342.180
ORS 342.232
ORS 342.815
ORS 659.155

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No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, Title I, Sections 1111-1120B.