

Jackson County School District 9

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Public Charter Schools

The district recognizes that public charter schools offer an opportunity to create new, innovative and more flexible ways of educating students in an atmosphere of learning experiences based on current research and development. Public charter schools shall demonstrate a commitment to the mission and diversity of public education while adhering to one or more of the following goals:

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 community members;
5. Encourage the use of different and innovative 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 requirements of Oregon Revised Statutes, Oregon Administrative Rules, Board policy and regulation.

A public charter school must also be established as a nonprofit organization under Oregon law, have applied for exempt status within the Internal Revenue Code and posted the required performance bonds and/or obtained insurance coverage to include buildings and liabilities as determined by the Board.

The starting and ending dates for the public charter school shall coincide with the dates for the district's calendar.

The starting date of a new public charter school shall coincide with the starting date of the district's schools.

Public charter school students may, upon request, be allowed to participate in district programs such as physical education programs, instrumental and vocal music programs or other selected options if space and materials are available. Students must adhere to state law, Board policies, regulations and rules concerning conduct and discipline.

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 may not engage in collective bargaining with the public charter school employees.

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 327.077	OAR 581-020-0301 to -0395	SB 800 (2011)
ORS 327.109		
ORS 332.107	HB 2030 (2011)	
ORS Chapter 338	HB 2299 (2011)	
ORS 339.141	HB 2301 (2011)	
ORS 339.147	HB 3417 (2011)	

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6311-6322 (2006).