

Klamath Falls City Schools

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Public Charter Schools

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 may decide not to approve or renew 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 regulations. The Board may require that the public charter school applicant furnish in a timely manner any other information the Board deems relevant and necessary to conduct a complete and good faith evaluation of the charter school proposal.

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's instructional day will be subject to Board Policy KG – Community Use of District Facilities, and accompanying administrative regulation.

Public charter school students will be allowed to participate in Klamath Falls City Schools' interscholastic activities once they pay the same participation fee charged to Klamath Falls City Schools' students and the charter school pays the difference between this fee and the actual cost per student to offer the activity (as defined in Board policy IBDJA). Any exception to this rule must be approved by the Superintendent.

The district may not provide instructional materials, lesson plans or curriculum guides 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 or his/her designee 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 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).