



Charter Petition Review Matrix

*For petitions presented pursuant to
EC § 47605, EC § 47605.5 (county program), EC § 47607
(47605, 47605.5 Renewal or Appeal)*

For review by the
Fresno County Board of Education

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Educational Services Division

Charter Schools

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CHARTER SCHOOL PETITION REVIEW TEAM / EVALUATION RUBRIC

1. **Identify your team**, if applicable. Determine who will be responsible for reviewing which sections of the charter petition document. Record team members' names on the Petition Review Team page to help track responsibilities.
2. **Rate the charter school petition** in the various petition Elements and Supplemental sections of the Evaluation Matrix.
 - a. Mark either "met" or "not met" in the "Evaluation Standard Met" Column for each specific criteria. Criteria in **RED** indicates a description that is required under law to be included in the charter petition. Criteria in **BLACK** are descriptions that are strongly suggested to be included to ensure that the charter petition is reasonably comprehensive.
 - b. Use the state guidance and rating definitions below to guide your assessment.
 - c. At the end of each section, elaborate in the comment section in the areas you rated as "not met"
3. **Analyze the results**. At the end of this process you will be able to determine whether the petition is reasonably comprehensive or if there are any identified Findings of Fact. This tool should be used as part of your final analysis and report to the district governing board.

**Evaluation
Standard
Met:**

The charter petition demonstrates solid preparation and grasp of key issues that indicates a reasonably comprehensive description. Overall the charter petition contains many characteristics of concise, specific and accurate information. The standard may be met if the charter petition requires additional, non-substantive elaboration in places.

**Evaluation
Standard
Not Met:**

The charter petition addresses some of the criteria, but lacks meaningful detail. The description requires important or key additional information in order to be reasonably comprehensive. It demonstrates lack of preparation, is unclear, uses generic information, or otherwise raises substantial concerns about the petitioner's understanding of the issue in concept. Additional substantive information would be required to determine the charter petitioner's ability to implement or meet the requirement in practice.



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THE PETITION REVIEW TEAM		
Areas of Review (§47605(c))	Department Responsible	Name of Reviewer
A. Education Program	Educational Services	
B. Measurable Student Outcomes	Educational Services Accountability, Compliance & Grants	
C. Student Progress Measurement	Educational Services Accountability, Compliance & Grants	
D. Governance Structure	Legal Services/Educational Services	
E. Employee Qualifications	Human Resources	
F. Health and Safety	Human Resources/Educational Services	
G. Racial & Ethnic Balance	Legal Services/Educational Services	
H. Admissions Policies and Procedures	Legal Services/Educational Services	
I. Annual Financial Audits	Business Services/Educational Services	
J. Suspension and Expulsion	Legal Services/Educational Services	
K. Staff Retirement System	Legal Services/Educational Services Human Resources	
L. Attendance Alternatives	Legal Services/Educational Services	
M. Post-Employment Rights of Employees	Human Resources/Educational Services	
N. Dispute Resolution Process	Legal Services/Educational Services	
O. Closure Procedures	Legal Services/Human Resources	

SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA		
Areas of Review EC 47605(c), 47605(e), 47605(h), 47641(a), 47646	Department Responsible	Name of Reviewer
Financial/Administrative Plan	Business Services	
Charter Management Organization	Legal Services/Business Services	
Facilities	Facilities/Educational Services	
Impact Statement	Educational Services	
Community Impact	Educational Services	
Special Education	Special Education	
Required Declarations/Affirmations	Legal Services/Educational Services	
Independent Study, if applicable	Business Services/Educational Services	
Alternative Charter Schools if applicable	Legal Services/Educational Services	



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The 15 Charter Elements

Criteria in RED indicates a description that is required under law to be included in the charter petition.

Criteria in BLACK are descriptions strongly suggested to be included to ensure that the charter petition is reasonably comprehensive.

A. DESCRIPTION OF VISION, MISSION AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(5)(A) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. Targeted Student Populations and Community Need			
a. students the charter school will attempt to educate and a demonstration of need for proposed educational program			
b. grade levels and number of students the charter school plans to serve			
c. a clear, concise school mission and vision statement that align with the target population			
d. the needs and challenges of the student groups to be served			
2. Attendance			
a. school year/academic calendar, number of school days and instructional minutes			
b. attendance expectations and requirements, including enrollment projections			
c. master/daily schedule and proposed bell schedule			
3. What It Means to Be an Educated Person in the 21st Century			
a. goals that are consistent with enabling all pupils to become or remain self-motivated, competent, lifelong learners			
b. list of academic skills and qualities important for an educated person			
c. list of general non-academic skills and qualities important for an educated person			
4. How Learning Best Occurs/Instructional Design, including subgroup program (CCR §11967.5.1. (f)(C))			
a. a framework for instructional design that is aligned with the needs of the students that the charter has identified as its target student population			
b. description of learning setting (e.g. site-based matriculation, independent study, tech-based)			
c. instructional approaches and strategies school will utilize that will enable the school's students, including subgroup populations such as English language learners (ELL), to master the content standards for the core curriculum areas adopted by the SBE			
d. process for developing or adopting curriculum and teaching methods			
e. how the charter school will identify and meet the needs of students with disabilities, ELLs, students achieving substantially above or below grade level expectations, and other special student populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the description demonstrates understanding of the likely ELL population - includes sound approach to identify and meet the needs of subgroup populations 			
f. special education plan including, but not limited to, the means by which the charter school will comply with the provisions of EC section 47641			
g. a plan for professional development that aligns with the charter school's proposed program			



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A. DESCRIPTION OF VISION, MISSION AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM <i>continued</i>			
<u>Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(5)(A)</u> THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
5. Materials, Including Technology			
a. how staff's and students' technology resources are aligned to the instructional program and meet state assessment requirements			
b. what materials are available to students: student-to-computer ratio appears reasonable			
c. a description or plan for providing adaptive technology for SPED students			
d. Common Core technology standards, digital assessments, and professional learning			
6. Annual Goals			
a. annual goals for all pupils and for each subgroup of pupils identified pursuant to section 52052 that apply to the grade levels served			
b. <u>goals tied to state priorities listed in EC section 52060(d) and LCAP, as appropriate - Additional priorities related to unique aspects of the proposed charter school program include goals and specific annual actions</u>			
c. specific annual actions designed to achieve the stated goals			
7. Description Requirements for Charter Schools Serving High School Students			
a. how parents will be informed about the transferability of courses to other public high schools			
b. how parents will be informed about the eligibility of courses to meet college entrance requirements			
c. how each student will receive information on how to complete and submit a FAFSA or California Dream Act Application at least once before the student enters grade 12			
d. how the exit outcomes will align to mission, curriculum and assessments			
e. affirmation that all students will have the opportunity to take courses that meet the 'A-G' requirements			
f. planned graduation requirements and WASC accreditation are defined			
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B. MEASURABLE STUDENT OUTCOMES			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(5)(B) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. <u>Measurable pupil outcomes for all groups, i.e. specific assessment methods or tools listed for each exit outcome</u>			
2. <u>A description of how pupil outcomes align with the state priorities consistent with LCAP, as described in EC 52060(d), that apply for the grade levels served or the nature of the program</u>			
3. Specific annual actions designed to achieve the stated goals			
4. Additional school priorities related to unique aspects of the proposed charter school program, with goals and specific annual actions			
5. Description of how pupil outcomes will address state content and performance standards in core academic areas			
6. Description of how exit outcomes align to the mission and instructional design of the program			
7. Description or affirmation that "benchmark" skills and specific classroom-level skills will be developed			
8. <u>School-wide student performance goals students will achieve over a given period of time</u> , including projected attendance levels, dropout percentage, and graduation rate goals			
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C. STUDENT PROGRESS MEASUREMENT

Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(5)(C.) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. Assessment tools that include all required state and federal assessment (SBAC, ELPAC, etc.) for purposes of accountability			
2. A variety of alternative assessment tools, including tools that employ objective means of assessment consistent with the measurable pupil outcomes			
3. Chosen assessments are appropriate for standards and skills the charter school seeks to measure			
4. A plan for collecting, analyzing/utilizing and reporting student/school performance to charter school staff and to students' parents and guardians, and for utilizing the data continuously to monitor and improve the charter school's educational program			

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D. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(5)(D) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. Evidence of the charter school's incorporation as a nonprofit benefit corporation			
a. provides the names and relevant qualifications of all persons whom the petitioner nominates to serve on the governing body of the charter school.			
b. includes a set of bylaws and basic policies			
2. Evidence that the organizational technical designs of the governance structure reflect:			
– a seriousness of purpose to ensure that the charter will become and remain a viable enterprise			
– understanding and assurance of compliance with open meeting requirements			
3. Key features of governing structure including, but not limited to:			
a. delineation of roles and responsibilities of the governing board and staff			
b. a clear description of the flexibility and level of autonomy the charter school has from the charter management organization over budget, expenditures, personnel, and daily operations			
c. size/composition of board, board committees and/or advisory councils			
d. method for selecting initial board members and election/appointment for board member replacement			
4. A process for involvement or input of parents/guardians in the governance of the charter school including:			
a. a clear delineation of roles and responsibilities of parent councils, advisory committee or other supporting groups			
b. a description how it shall notify the parents and guardians of applicant pupils and currently enrolled pupils that parental involvement is not a requirement for acceptance to or continuation at, the charter school			
5. Specific policies and internal controls that will prevent fraud, embezzlement, and conflict of interest and ensures the implementation and monitoring of those policies			
6. A description and frequency of board trainings/workshops			
7. Other important legal or operational relationships between the charter school and granting agency			
Comments by review team:			



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F. HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES			
Evaluation Criteria: §47605(c)(5)(F) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. A comprehensive charter school safety plan and assurance that all charter school staff will be trained on this plan and that the plan will be updated annually			
2. Assurances that the charter school will require a criminal background clearance report, and proof of tuberculosis examination prior to employment			
3. Assurances that the charter school will adopt procedures to prevent acts of bullying and cyberbullying, and make the CDE online training module available to all employees who interact with students			
4. Affirmation that charter schools with grades 7-12 will adopt a suicide prevention policy			
5. Health and safety practices for students and staff			
a. references include health and safety related policies/procedures or the date by which they will be adopted and submitted to the authorizer			
6. Assurances on the compliance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)			
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H. ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS, if applicable			
Evaluation Criteria: §47605(c)(5)(H) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. The following assurances: The charter school shall be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations, shall not charge tuition, and shall not discriminate against a pupil on the basis of disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, including immigration status, equal rights, and opportunities in the educational institutions of the state			
2. A clear description of admission policies that meet the state and federal permissive preferences			
3. A clear description of how students in the community will be informed and given an equal opportunity to attend the charter school. All promotional material must clearly state the charter school will serve ALL students.			
4. Proposed admissions and enrollment requirements, process and timeline, and includes:			
a. information to be collected through the interest form, application form, and/or enrollment form			
b. assures enrollment preferences will not require mandatory parent volunteer hours as a criteria for admission			
5. Description of the public random drawing processes that coincide with state and federal laws			
6. Assurances that preferences, if given, are not likely to negatively impact the racial, ethnic and unduplicated balance the charter school strives to reflect			
Comments by review team:			



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I. ANNUAL INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDITS			
Evaluation Criteria: §47605(c)(5)(I) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. The manner in which the audit will be conducted			
2. Procedures to select and retain an independent auditor including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - qualifications that will be used for the selection of an independent auditor - assurance that the auditor will have experience in education finance 			
3. Assurance that the annual audit will employ generally accepted accounting principles			
4. Scope and timing of audit, as well as distribution of completed audit to authorizer, county office, State Controller, California Department of Education, and/or other agencies required under law			
5. A process and timeline that the charter school will follow to address any audit findings and/or resolve audit exceptions			
6. Assurance that the charter school will satisfy any audit deficiencies to the satisfaction of the authorizer			
7. Who is responsible for contracting with and overseeing the independent audit			
Comments by review team:			



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J. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION PROCEDURES			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(5)(J) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. A process for suspensions of fewer than 10 days, including			
a. oral or written notice of the charges against the pupil			
b. if the pupil denies the charges, an explanation of the evidence that supports the charges			
c. how an opportunity will be provided for the pupil to present his/her rebuttal to the charges			
2. A process for suspensions of 10 days or more and all other expulsions for disciplinary reasons, including			
a. timely, written notice of the charges against the pupil and an explanation of the pupil's basic rights			
b. a process of hearing adjudicated by a neutral officer within a reasonable number of days, and at which the pupil has the right to bring legal counsel or an advocate			
3. A clear statement that no pupil shall be involuntarily removed by the charter school for any reason unless the parent or guardian of the pupil has been provided written notice and that ensures the written notice shall be in the native language of the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian			
4. Understanding of relevant laws protecting constitutional rights of students			
a. provides for due process for all students and demonstrates understanding of the rights of students with disabilities in regard to suspension, expulsion and involuntary dismissal			
b. explanation of how authorizer may be involved in disciplinary matters			
Comments by review team:			



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K. CALIFORNIA STATE TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(5)(K) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. A statement of what retirement options will be offered to employees			
a. STRS (if STRS, then all teachers must participate)			
b. PERS			
c. Social Security			
2. Whether retirement will be offered with language clearly reflecting one of the following choices for each retirement system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - coverage will be offered to eligible employees - the charter school retains the option to elect the coverage at a future date - the charter school will not offer coverage 			
3. Who is responsible for ensuring that the appropriate arrangements for coverage have been made			
Comments by review team:			

L. PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ALTERNATIVES			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(5)(L) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. Attendance alternatives for students residing within the county who choose not to attend the charter school			
Comments by review team:			



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M. POST-EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(5)(M) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. School district employee's return employment rights, including			
a. whether, and how staff may resume employment within the district or authorizer			
b. the ability to transfer sick/vacation leave to and from charter and another LEA			
c. whether staff will continue to earn service credit (tenure) in district while employed at charter			
2. Whether collective bargaining contracts of charter authorizer will be a controlling document			
Comments by review team:			

N. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(5)(N) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. A process for the charter and the authorizer to settle disputes relating to the provisions of the charter			
2. The process by which charter will resolve internal complaints and disputes			
a. includes Uniform Complaint procedures and description of how this process is communicated to parents, staff, and the community			
3. Acknowledgement that except those disputes between the chartering authority and the charter school, all disputes involving the charter school shall be resolved by the charter school according to the charter school's own internal policies			
4. Statement that if any such dispute concerns facts or circumstances that may be cause for revocation of the charter, the authorizer shall not be obligated by the terms of the dispute resolution process as a precondition to revocation			
Comments by review team:			



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O. CLOSURE PROCEDURES			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(5)(O) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. The procedures to be used if the charter school closes, including:			
a. who is the responsible entity/person that will conduct closure-related activities			
b. process for submission of final financial reports, expenditure reports for entitlement grants, and the filing of any required final expenditure and performance reports			
2. The maintenance plan for pupil records and the manner in which parents/guardians may obtain copies of pupil records if the charter school closes, including how information will be preserved and transferred.			
3. A process of how charter will ensure a final audit of the charter school			
a. an assurance it will be conducted within six months of closure			
b. the disposition of the charter school's assets			
c. plans for disposing net assets			
4. The transfer and maintenance of personnel records in accordance with applicable law			
Comments by review team:			



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FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(h) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. A First Year Operational Budget			
a. annual revenues and expenditures clearly identified by source			
b. revenue assumptions in alignment with applicable state and federal funding formulas			
c. expenditure assumptions that reflect the school design plan			
d. expenditure assumptions that reflect market costs			
e. revenues from grants or other proposed fundraising that are not critical to fiscal solvency			
f. minimum reserve level and projected positive ending fund balance (the larger of 3% of expenditures, or \$25,000)			
g. if expenditures exceed revenues in first year of operations, identifies sources of capital sufficient to cover deficits until the budget is projected to balance			
h. expenditures for property and liability insurance that name the district/authorizer as additional insured (and/or a hold harmless agreement)			
i. expenditures for reasonably expected legal services			
j. expenditures for special education excess costs consistent with current experiences in the school district/county office			
k. expenditures for facilities – if specific facilities not secured, reasonable projected cost			
l. expenditures for required student meals that meet federal nutritional requirements			
m. the alignment of LCAP expenditures with the charter's budget			
2. Financial Projections Include a Clear Description of Planning Assumptions			
a. revenues and expenditures correlate with the number/types of students by grade level in budget			
b. expenditure assumptions correlate with the amount of staff in budget			
c. expenditure assumptions correlate with the facility needs in budget			
d. expenditure assumptions in alignment with overall school design plan			
e. revenues based on state and federal funding guidelines			
f. revenues based on reasonable potential growth in local, state and federal categories			
g. revenues based on reasonable student growth projections			
h. revenue from sources such as grants, loans, donations and other non-guaranteed funds not necessary for the charter to maintain fiscal solvency			
i. timeline for any referenced grant applications to be submitted and funded			
j. positive reserves are maintained in all three years			
k. fund balances are positive, or sources of supplemental working capital are identified			



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FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN continued			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(h) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
3. Start-Up Costs			
1. reasonable allocation for all major start-up costs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - staffing - facilities - equipment and supplies - professional services (i.e. food services, etc.) - technology materials - assessment systems/materials - legal costs 			
2. in alignment with overall school design plan			
3. potential funding sources			
4. timeline allows for grant applications and fundraising efforts to be completed in time, if included in start-up costs			
4. Cash Flow Projections for First 3 Years			
a. monthly projection of revenue receipts in line with local/state/federal funding disbursements			
b. expenditures projected by month and corresponds with typical/reasonable schedules			
c. balance sheet accounts projected by month			
d. show positive cash balance each month and/or identify sources of working capital			
5. Structure for Administrative Services and Operations			
a. outline or process for how personnel transactions will be conducted, (i.e. hiring, payroll, leaves and retirement)			
b. accounting and payroll processes that reflect an understanding of school business practices and expertise to carry out the necessary functions			
c. plan and timeline to develop and assemble school business practices and expertise			
d. explanation of how school intends to manage risk, including any policies and procedures			
e. if operated by a non-profit organization, affirms will provide additional 501(c)(3) fiscal reports			
Comments by review team:			



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FACILITIES			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(h) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. Location of Facility			
a. the types and the location of the charter school facility that the petitioner proposes to operate, including - size and resources - safety - educational suitability			
b. the address of the facility or a schedule for securing the facility, including the person responsible for securing the location			
c. assessment and analysis of anticipated facilities needs and viability of potential sites			
2. Current and Projected Availability			
a. current and projected availability of each charter school site, and schedule for securing the facility			
b. assurances of all legal compliance with health and safety, ADA, and applicable building codes			
c. adequate budget for anticipated costs, including renovation, rent, maintenance and utilities			
d. statement whether a request will be made for use of authorizer-owned facilities			
e. lease or occupation agreement for privately obtained facilities, and/or provides a copy of the lease agreement			
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IMPACT STATEMENT

Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(h) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. Number of students anticipated to enroll			
2. Identification of whether charter will request to purchase support services from authorizer			
3. Affirmation there will be a Memorandum of Understanding between the authorizer and charter school			
4. Processes and policies between charter and authorizer			
a. includes process, activities and associated fees for oversight of charter			
b. includes processes, timelines, and evaluation criteria for annual review and site visits			
c. includes regular, ongoing fiscal and programmatic performance monitoring and reporting			
d. includes process, timelines and evaluation criteria for charter renewal			
e. outlines other important legal or operational relationships between authorizer and charter school			
5. Criteria and procedure for the selection of a contractor, if applicable, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - process for determining necessary expertise - selection of the contractor or contractors, if applicable 			
6. Potential civil liability effects, if any, upon the school and the authorizer			

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(7) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. How the charter school will not substantially undermine existing school district services, academic offerings, or programmatic offerings			
2. Whether the charter school petition duplicates a program currently offered by the district, and the existing program has sufficient capacity for the pupils proposed to be served within reasonable proximity to where the charter school intends to locate			

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SPECIAL EDUCATION			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47641 (a) and E.C. §47646 THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. The school's special education structure (3 options) a. charter school will be an independent LEA for special education purposes, or b. charter school will be a school within the district, or c. the charter school will be a SELPA			
2. How special education services will be provided consistent with SELPA Plan and/or policies and procedures. a. includes a fiscal allocation plan in alignment with the SELPA the charter plans to join			
3. Affirmation that the charter school will assume full responsibility for appropriate accommodations to address the needs of any student			
4. Acknowledgment that the charter is responsible for providing special education, instruction and related services to the students enrolled in the school regardless of students' district of residence			
5. The process for notifying district of residence and authorizing LEA when a special education student enrolls, becomes eligible, ineligible and/or leaves the charter			
6. The transition to and from a district when a student with an IEP enrolls in or transfers out of the charter			
7. Evidence that the school has consulted with a SELPA, such as a letter from SELPA confirming receipt of application			
8. Includes the following assurances			
a. the charter will comply with all provisions of IDEA			
b. no student will be denied admission based on disability or lack of available services			
c. a Student Study Team process will be implemented			
d. any student potentially in need of Section 504 services will receive such services			
If the charter will not be an independent LEA			
1. Clarifies in charter petition or a Memorandum of Understanding the responsibilities of each party for service delivery, including Referral, Assessment, Instruction, Due Process, Agreements describing allocation of actual excess costs			
2. An assertion that the charter will be fiscally responsible for its fair share of any encroachment on general funds			
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SPECIAL EDUCATION			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47641(a) and E.C. §47646	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM			
If the charter school is an independent LEA within a SELPA			
1. Notifies SELPA Director of intent to participate prior to February 1 of the preceding school year			
2. <u>Includes current operating budget in accordance with E.C. §42130 and E.C. §42131</u>			
3. Understands that the charter school is fiscally responsible for fair share of any encroachment on general funds			
4. Asserts responsibility for any legal fees relating to the application and assurances process			
5. Demonstrates it is located within SELPA's geographical boundaries			
6. Asserts all instruction will be in a safe environment			
7. Affirms the terms of the Agreement will be met regarding the organization, implementation, administration and operation of the SELPA			
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REQUIRED DECLARATION			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(c)(6) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. Declaration of whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the employees of the charter school for purposes of Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code.			

REQUIRED AFFIRMATIONS			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §47605(e) THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
1. Affirmation that the school will be nonsectarian in its <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - programs - admission policies - employment practices, - and all other operations 			
2. Affirmation that the school shall not charge tuition			
3. Affirmation that the school shall not discriminate against any pupil on the basis of disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the California Penal Code			
4. Affirmation that the admission to a charter school shall not be determined according to the place of residence of the pupil, or of the pupil's parent or legal guardian, within this state, except that an existing public school converting partially or entirely to a charter school under this part shall adopt and maintain a policy giving admission preference to pupils who reside within the former attendance area of that public school			
5. Affirmation that the charter school shall admit all pupils who wish to attend the charter school			
6. Affirmation that the school will comply with federal, state and local laws as required for charter schools			

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FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOLS (if applicable)			
Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §58500 - 58512	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM			
1. Acknowledgement that the charter school will maintain an unduplicated count of at least 70% of the school's total enrollment composed of the required high-risk student groups			
2. Assurance that the school will maintain documentation that 70% of students will be reflected on Part 1 of their DASS Participation Form			
3. Clearly articulated mission and purpose to recruit and educate high-risk students			
4. Performance plan that include specific measures and goals for success, including one or two attainable norm references and/or verifiable alternative measures that support the school's mission and vision			
5. Required assurances			
a. the school will maintain documentation that 70% of students will be reflected on Part 1 of their DASS Participation Form, as defined in item 1, above			
b. when applying for other alternative school status, ONLY the school's current enrollment will be used (in accordance with the DASS Eligibility Criteria and examples) to determine a school's percentage of high-risk student for DASS eligibility.			
Comments by review team:			



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<u>Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §51745</u>	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM			
1. an assurance that the K-12 public school guidelines for independent study will be evident in the annual audit per Education Code 47612.5(b)			
2. an assurance that the charter will meet the requirement related to the ratio of ADA to FTE certificated employees as prescribed under Education Code 51745.6(a)			
3. an acknowledgement that independent study will be supervised by an appropriately credentialed teacher per EC 51747.5(a)			
4. an acknowledgement that the charter may claim apportionment credit for independent study only to the extent of the time value of pupil or student work products, as personally judged in each instance by a certified teacher per EC 51747.5(b)			
5. the maximum length of time, by grade level and type of program, that may elapse between the time an independent study assignment is made and the date by which the pupil must complete the assigned work			
6. the number of missed assignments that will be allowed before an evaluation is conducted to determine whether it is in the best interest of the pupil to remain in independent study, or whether he/she should return to a regular school program			
7. an assurance that each written agreement shall be signed, prior to the commencement of independent study, by the pupil, the pupil's parent, legal guardian, or caregiver, if the pupil is less than 18 years of age, the certificated employee who has been designated as having responsibility for the general supervision of independent study, and all persons who have direct responsibility for providing assistance to the pupil			
8. a description of how the required Written Agreement for each pupil will be processed and maintained, including at a minimum the following:			
a. The manner, time, frequency, and place for submitting a pupil's assignments and for reporting his/her progress			
b. The objectives and methods of study for the pupil's work, and the methods utilized to evaluate that work			
c. The specific resources, including materials and personnel that will be made available to the pupil			
d. A statement of the policies adopted pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) regarding the maximum length of time allowed between the assignment and the completion of a pupil's assigned work, and the number of missed assignments allowed prior to an evaluation of whether or not the pupil should be allowed to continue in independent study			
e. The duration of the independent study agreement, including the beginning and ending dates for the pupil's participation in independent study under the agreement. No independent study agreement shall be valid for any period longer than one semester, or one-half year for a school on a year-round calendar			
f. A statement of the number of course credits, or, for elementary grades, other measures of academic accomplishment appropriate to the agreement, to be earned by the pupil upon completion			



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Evaluation Criteria: E.C. §51745 THE PETITION DESCRIBES, AT MINIMUM	Evaluation Standard Met		Located on Page(s)
	YES	NO	
g. The inclusion of a statement in each independent study agreement that independent study is an optional educational alternative in which no pupil may be required to participate			
Comments by review team:			