

MINNESOTA CHARTERED PUBLIC SCHOOL FACTS

Bipartisan Reforms Passed in the Last Biennium Now Being Implemented

At MACS and as a charter sector we believe all chartered public schools should be held accountable, transparent, and held to high standards. Every year we work with bipartisan lawmakers to pro-actively address issues that come up and improve the charter law. These laws are now being implemented by charter schools across the state:

- ✓ **Enhanced Board Governance, Policies, Training**
- ✓ **Enhanced Eligibility and Professional Development Requirements for School Administrators**
- ✓ **Clarified and Enhanced Authorizer Oversight, Evaluation, and Training Requirements**
- ✓ **Enhanced Conflict of Interest Protections**
- ✓ **Market Need and Demand Study Requirement in School Formation Process**
- ✓ **Procurement Policy / Competitive Bidding Requirements for School Purchases**
- ✓ **Enhanced Transparency and Contract Protections w. Commercial Entities**



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- ✓ **Charter Schools are Public Schools**
- ✓ **Charter Schools are Tuition Free**
- ✓ **Charter Schools are Open to All;**
 - Cannot require entrance exams or requirements;
 - Cannot limit the admission of pupils on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability;
 - Must accept all students up to capacity;
 - Must conduct a lottery if there are more students than slots.
- ✓ **Special Education**
 - Charter schools follow the same federal and state requirements to provide special education services as other public school districts.
- ✓ **Teachers**
 - All charter school teachers must hold a valid MN teaching license.
- ✓ **Audits**
 - Charter schools follow the same financial audits, audit procedures, and audit requirements as traditional public school districts.
- ✓ **Minnesota's charter schools are subject to:**
 - Human Rights Law;
 - Pupil Fair Dismissal Act;
 - Public School Fee Law;
 - Data Practices Law;
 - General Employment Law;
 - Federal, state, and local health and safety laws;
 - State testing requirements;
 - ...and other laws and requirements.



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