



OCS Update

From the Office of Charter Schools, Oakland Unified School District



The mission of the Office of Charter Schools (OCS) is to first, fulfill the obligations of a quality authorizer ensuring high quality schools are the established norm for Oakland's charter schools by protecting their autonomy in exchange for strong accountability and second, act as a vehicle by which charter school lessons have a positive impact on the entire public school system.

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If you have feedback on the format or content, please let us know (gail.greely@ousd.k12.ca.us).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staffing/Board Spreadsheet

If your school has not yet submitted its Staffing and Board Spreadsheet for 2012-2013, please do so immediately!

Requests for Verification of School Attendance at Charter Schools for “Deferred Action”

Many of you are probably receiving requests from current and former students for documentation of school attendance for purposes of seeking “deferred action” on their immigration status. Just as an FYI, here’s what we have been telling those who come to us.

- The OUSD Office of Charter Schools does not have access to transcripts or other student records for any of the charter schools currently operating in Oakland. Families seeking documentation of school attendance at charter schools should contact the school directly. A list of Oakland charter schools and contact information can be found at www.ousdcharters.net.
- The Office of Charter Schools does have transcripts for students who attended the following closed charter high schools: University Preparatory Charter Academy (U Prep); Oasis High School; and Oakland Aviation High School. Requests for transcripts can be made by phone to [510-336-7572](tel:510-336-7572), by email to francene.thornton@ousd.k12.ca.us or by visiting our office at 4551 Steele Street, Room 10, Oakland, CA 94619, Monday through Thursday between 9 am and 4 pm.
- Families seeking transcripts or enrollment verification for attendance at charter elementary or middle schools in Oakland (such as Dolores Huerta Learning Academy) should check with the school they last attended to see if their student file contains needed documentation.

Student Cum Folders from Closing OUSD Schools

A note for all charter schools that may be welcoming students coming from OUSD schools closed for 2012-2013: to obtain cum folders for students coming to you from Santa Fe, Lakeview, Maxwell Park, Lazear or Marshall, please contact Denise Saddler at denise.saddler@ousd.k12.ca.us.

Charter Schools in OUSD Facilities – Updates

Those schools currently occupying District facilities should have received two documents via email: an updated description of the process for submitting a work order, and an updated list of maintenance priorities. Please use these as a supplement to the guide you received previously, as part of your facilities agreement. Also, please note that with respect to **fire extinguishers**: the portable extinguishers are to be maintained by the charter school and the in-wall or unmovable extinguishers are maintained by Building and Grounds

KEY UPCOMING DATES

- **October 17:** Fall Information Update Information Due – **DELAYED: NEW DATES BELOW**
- **October 18:** Attendance Month 2 due to Minh Co (**signed**)
- **October 22:** Enrollment spreadsheet, updated as of October 3rd (“CBEDS Day”)
- **November 1:** Remaining Fall Information Update components: charter information Google spreadsheet, policies and LiveGo spreadsheet
- **November 1:** Prop 39: Facilities Request due to OCS by 5 pm (format on OCS website: www.ousdcharters.net)
- **November 15:** Attendance Month 3 due to Minh Co (**signed**)
- **November 30:** Board approved Financial Report: First Interim for 2012-2013 school year due to Minh Co (**2 signed copies** plus emailed to Minh.Co@ousd.k12.ca.us)
- **November 30:** Audit Report: Final audit for 2010-2011 FY due to OUSD/OCS (**2 hard copies and PDF**)
- **November 30:** Facility Fee (Prop 39) – second installment due to OUSD/OCS
- **November 30:** Prop 39: OUSD Objections to Projections Letter due to charter schools requesting facilities under Prop 39

PEOPLE NEWS

- Civicorps Corpsmember Academy’s Tessa Nicholas gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Robert Alpert has stepped in as support during Tessa’s leave.
- Francene Thornton, secretary to the Office of Charter Schools, will be leaving November 1st to return to an OUSD school site where she can interact daily with children and families. Francene has been a great help to our office, but her heart was with the kids!
- Gail Greely, coordinator for the Office of Charter Schools, will be leaving October 29th to become director of the charter office for the Alameda County Office of Education. A separate announcement has been sent to all charter leaders.

POLICY ALERTS

Some Items From the California Department of Education:

- Revised forms are now available for the 2012-2013 Public Charter Schools Grant Program. See the CDE’s website at : <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r1/pcsgp12rfa.asp> for the latest revision to the grant forms.
- A Request for Applications for the AB 790 Linked Learning pilot program has been released. The pilot will provide technical assistance and professional development opportunities, and support formation of regional partnerships to implement Linked Learning programs. Information and the RFA can be found at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r17/ab790rfa.asp>.
- Principal apportionment payment calculator is now available from CDE. This Excel tool helps LEAs prepare comprehensive cash flow projections for the remaining months of the fiscal year. It can be found at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/pa1213.asp>.
- With the signing of AB 1246, the State Board of Education will be moving forward on adoption of Common Core instructional materials for mathematics by 2014.

RESOURCES

The Bully Project

As you may be aware, OUSD has undertaken to address the problem of bullying in our schools by, among other things, organizing middle and high school viewings of the film, **Bully**. If you are interested of organizing a viewing of the movie for your school or group of schools, you can reach out to Ryan Knowles through the The Bully Project (see below of contact information). The Bully Project can provide free busing, movie tickets and theater rental through **Donors Choose**.

Ryan Knowles, The Bully Project; 18 W. 27th Street; New York, New York 10001

Phone: 212-725-1220

CHARTER DATA SNAPSHOT: API

Here's the change in API, as reported by CDE, for all of the charter schools authorized by OUSD:

School Name	2011 API Base	2012 API Growth	API Change
Achieve Academy	819	795	-24
American Indian Public Charter	990	974	-16
American Indian Public Charter School II	990	981	-9
American Indian Public High	964	928	-36
ARISE High	567	554	-13
Aspire Berkley Maynard Academy	840	851	11
Aspire ERES Academy	765	812	47
Aspire Golden State College Preparatory	734	699	-35
Aspire Lionel Wilson College Preparatory	796	827	31
Aspire Millsmont Academy	749	737	-12
Aspire Monarch Academy	787	773	-14
Bay Area Technology	695	759	64
Civicorps Corpmember Academy (<i>grade 12+ only; ASAM - no API calculated</i>)	N/A	N/A	
Civicorps Elementary*	784*	628*	-156*
Conservatory of Vocal/Instrumental Arts	867	892	25
East Oakland Leadership Academy*	806*	767*	-39*
East Oakland Leadership Academy High*	594*	730*	136*
KIPP Bridge Charter	910	901	-9
Lighthouse Community Charter	798	804	6
Lighthouse Community Charter High	787	758	-29
LPS College Park	598	688	90
North Oakland Community Charter	900	881	-19
Oakland Charter Academy	932	867	-65
Oakland Charter High	937	956	19
Oakland Military Institute, College Prep	759	743	-16
Oakland School for the Arts	786	823	37
Oakland Unity High	735	705	-30
Reems (Ernestine C.) Academy of Technology	712	699	-13
Vincent Academy (<i>fewer than 11 tests - API not calculated</i>)		N/A	
World Academy	822	805	-17

* Small school API: The API is asterisked if the school or LEA was small in either 2011 or 2012. APIs based on small numbers of students are less reliable and therefore should be carefully interpreted.

OUR GOALS 2012-2013

- ✓ OUSD-authorized charter schools will achieve measurable improvement in student achievement.
- ✓ OUSD-authorized charter schools will show improved compliance with federal, state and local requirements.
- ✓ OCS will develop a clear, comprehensive, rigorous set of standards and procedures for its charter authorizing work.
- ✓ OCS will enhance and expand its on-line database containing current information regarding the operation and performance of charter schools in Oakland.
- ✓ OCS will improve communication with OUSD Departments on charter school issues impacting the District.
- ✓ OCS will facilitate the exchange of best practices among OUSD-authorized charter schools through events, communication and coordination with charter organizations.