



**OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Community Schools, Thriving Students*

# OUSD Charter-Run Schools 101

## The OUSD Landscape



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# Objective

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Participants will be able to describe the **OUSD charter landscape, OCS functions, and pertinent charter law** after listening to the following information session.

# Legislative Intent- Charter Schools

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- 1) Improve pupil learning.
- 2) Increase learning opportunities for **all** pupils, with special **emphasis** on expanded learning experiences for pupils identified as academically low achieving.
- 3) Encourage the use of **different and innovative teaching** methods.
- 4) Create **new professional opportunities for teachers**, including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the school site.

# Legislative Intent- Charter Schools

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- 5) Provide parents and students with **expanded educational opportunities** within the public school system **without the constraints** of traditional rules and structure.
  
- 6) Provide schools a way to shift from a rule-based to a **performance-based system** of accountability.
  
- 7) Provide **competition** within the public school system to **stimulate improvements** in all public schools.

# Charter Schools Are Public Schools

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Charter schools are **public** schools as defined by state and federal law. Charter schools are:

- 1) Tuition-free and open to all students.
- 2) Non-sectarian, and do not discriminate on any basis.
- 3) Publicly funded by local, state, and federal tax dollars based on enrollment, like other public schools.
- 4) Held accountable to state and federal academic standards.

# Charter Law in OTHER States

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The Washington State Supreme Court ruled that charter schools violated the state's constitutional requirement to provide “a general and uniform system of public schools” because charter schools are not governed by elected boards. This ruling ONLY applies to the state of Washington, so in California...

**CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

# Authorize vs. Operate

OUSD BOE is the **AUTHORIZER** of 37 charter schools

**Authorize** - to give approval for a petitioner to operate a charter school.

**Operate** - to create/implement the educational program, governance, and operations of a charter school.

An **authorizer** ensures that all federal, state, and local laws related to operation, initial authorization (new petition), and renewal (every 5 years) are adhered to.

Charter school **operators** have autonomy in deciding how their school program will operate, as long as it is in accordance with applicable law.



# Charter Law- New Petitions

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The governing board of the school district **shall not deny a petition** for the establishment of a charter school unless it makes written factual findings, specific to the particular petition, setting forth specific facts to support one or more of the following findings:

- 1) The charter school presents an **unsound educational program** for the pupils to be enrolled in the charter school.
- 2) The petitioners are demonstrably **unlikely to successfully implement** the program set forth in the petition.
- 3) The petition does not contain the number of **signatures required**.
- 4) The petition does not contain an **affirmation** of each of the conditions described in Education Code §47605(d).
- 5) The petition does not contain **reasonably comprehensive descriptions** of the **16 required charter elements**.

# Summary of Charter Renewal Requirements: AB 1137

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A charter school must **meet** one of the following for renewal consideration:

**(1) Academic Performance Index (API) growth target** in the prior year or in two of the last three years, or in the aggregate for the prior three years.

**(2) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10**, inclusive, on the **API** in the prior year or in two of the last three years.

**(3) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10**, inclusive, on the **API for a demographically comparable school** in the prior year or in two of the last three years.

**(4)(A)** ...the academic performance of the charter school is **at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools that the charter school pupils would otherwise have been required to attend**, as well as the academic performance of the schools in the school district... **taking into account the composition of the pupil population** that is served at the charter school.

# Charter Appeals to ACOE BOE /State BOE/Courts

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OUSD BOE can deny a charter petition request, or revoke a charter midterm, but the petitioner has the **right to appeal this decision to the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) Board of Education.**

For Example: if the OUSD BOE **does not approve** a charter petition that **met all legal requirements**, the **ACOE BOE** can reverse that decision and **approve the charter for opening.**

- New petition= ACOE approved charter and OUSD has no jurisdiction over it/does not receive the 1% oversight fee
- Renewal/Revocation= the school will continue to operate and be authorized by OUSD

# Schools in Oakland

Charter-Run Schools*	District-Run Schools**
37	86

30% of schools in Oakland are OUSD-authorized charter-run schools.

\*Excluding ACOE and AUSD authorized charter-run schools in Oakland

\*\*Excluding alternative schools (i.e. community day, continuation, etc.) as assessments and data are not comparable.

# 2015-16 Charter Schools in Oakland

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**OUSD-Authorized: 37**

**ACOE-Authorized: 6**

**AUSD-Authorized: 1**



# 2015-16 OUSD Enrollment

Charter-run schools serve secondary students at higher rates than district-run schools.

Grade Span	Charter-Run	District-Run
K-5	39%	56%
6-8	32%	19%
9-12	29%	25%

# Race/Ethnicity in OUSD Schools

Race/Ethnicity	Charter-Run	District-Run
African American	19.2%	29.5%
Asian	10.7%	10.6%
Latino	54.7%	42.9%
White	6.4%	10.5%
Other	8.9%	6.5%

Source: 14-15 CDE, including ACOE and AUSD-authorized charter schools (CCSA)

# Free & Reduced Price Meal Rates

Total number of schools <b>with more than 75% FRPM</b>	
Charter-Run	District-Run
25 (78.1%)	56 (65.1%)

Charter-run schools serve **socioeconomically disadvantaged** students at a higher rate than district-run schools (80% vs. 73%).

Source: CDE 14-15 Student Poverty FRPM Data & OUSD SIS





# Free & Reduced Price Meal Rates

Charter-Run Schools	District-Run Schools
<p><u>Highest % FRPM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• East Oakland Leadership Academy (<b>99.30%</b>)</li></ul>	<p><u>Highest % FRPM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coliseum College Prep Academy (<b>94.59%</b>)</li></ul>
<p><u>Lowest % FRPM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oakland School for the Arts (<b>9.7%</b>)</li><li>• East Bay Innovation Academy (<b>13.9%</b>)</li><li>• North Oakland Community Charter (<b>23%</b>)</li></ul>	<p><u>Lowest % FRPM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hillcrest Elementary (<b>5.46%</b>)</li><li>• Crocker Highlands Elementary (<b>8.22%</b>)</li><li>• Chabot Elementary (<b>13.58%</b>)</li></ul>

Of the three schools with the lowest FRPM in Oakland, two are district-run schools.

# English Learners

Charter-Run	District-Run
24.1%	29.6%

District-run schools serve **English Learners** at a higher rate than charter-run schools.

Source: OUSD-Authorized Charter Schools Fall Info Update 15-16 & OUSD SIS

# English Learners

Charter-Run Schools	District-Run Schools
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Highest % EL</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspire Monarch Academy <b>(71.94%)</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Highest % EL</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oakland International High School <b>(83.65%)</b></li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Lowest % EL</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservatory of Vocal/Instrumental Arts <b>(0%)</b></li> <li>Castlemont Junior Academy <b>(0%)</b></li> <li>Oakland School for the Arts <b>(0.01%)</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Lowest % EL</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hillcrest School <b>(1.37%)</b></li> <li>Chabot Elementary <b>(1.41%)</b></li> <li>Peralta Elementary <b>(2.19%)</b></li> </ul>

Source: OUSD-Authorized Charter Schools Fall Info Update 15-16 & OUSD SIS

# Special Education

Students with IEPs	
Charter-Run	District-Run
7.8%	11.6%

District-run schools serve students with IEPs at a higher rate than charter-run schools.

Source: 14-15 CDE, including ACOE and AUSD-authorized charter schools (CCSA)

# SBAC Average % Proficient

	Charter-Run	District-Run
<b>Math</b>	<b>33.8%</b>	<b>20.4%</b>
<b>ELA</b>	<b>42.0%</b>	<b>24.5%</b>

Charter-run schools outperformed district-run schools by 13-22% on SBAC.

Source: 2015 CAASPP Test Results (CDE)

# SBAC Average ELA/Math Performance

Charter-Run Schools	District-Run Schools
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Highest % Proficient</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oakland Charter High (<b>83%</b>)</li> <li>• Downtown Charter Academy (<b>76%</b>)</li> <li>• American Indian Public High (<b>74%</b>)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Highest % Proficient</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peralta Elementary (<b>81%</b>)</li> <li>• Chabot Elementary (<b>79%</b>)</li> <li>• Hillcrest Elementary (<b>79%</b>)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Lowest % Proficient</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epic Charter (<b>9%</b>)</li> <li>• Aspire College Academy (<b>12%</b>)</li> <li>• Aspire Triumph Technology Academy (<b>12%</b>)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Lowest % Proficient</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rise Community (<b>3%</b>)</li> <li>• Reach Academy (<b>3%</b>)</li> <li>• Oakland International (<b>3%</b>)</li> </ul>

Source: 2015 CAASPP Test Results (CDE)



# Grade Configuration Offerings

% of OUSD schools serving K-8 and 6-12	
Charter-Run	District-Run
73%	9%

Charter-run schools allow students to avoid potentially difficult transitions between elementary, middle, and high school.

Source: 14-15 CDE, including ACOE and AUSD-authorized charter schools (CCSA)



# Number of Schools per Region

**West:** 19 schools

**Northwest:** 16 schools

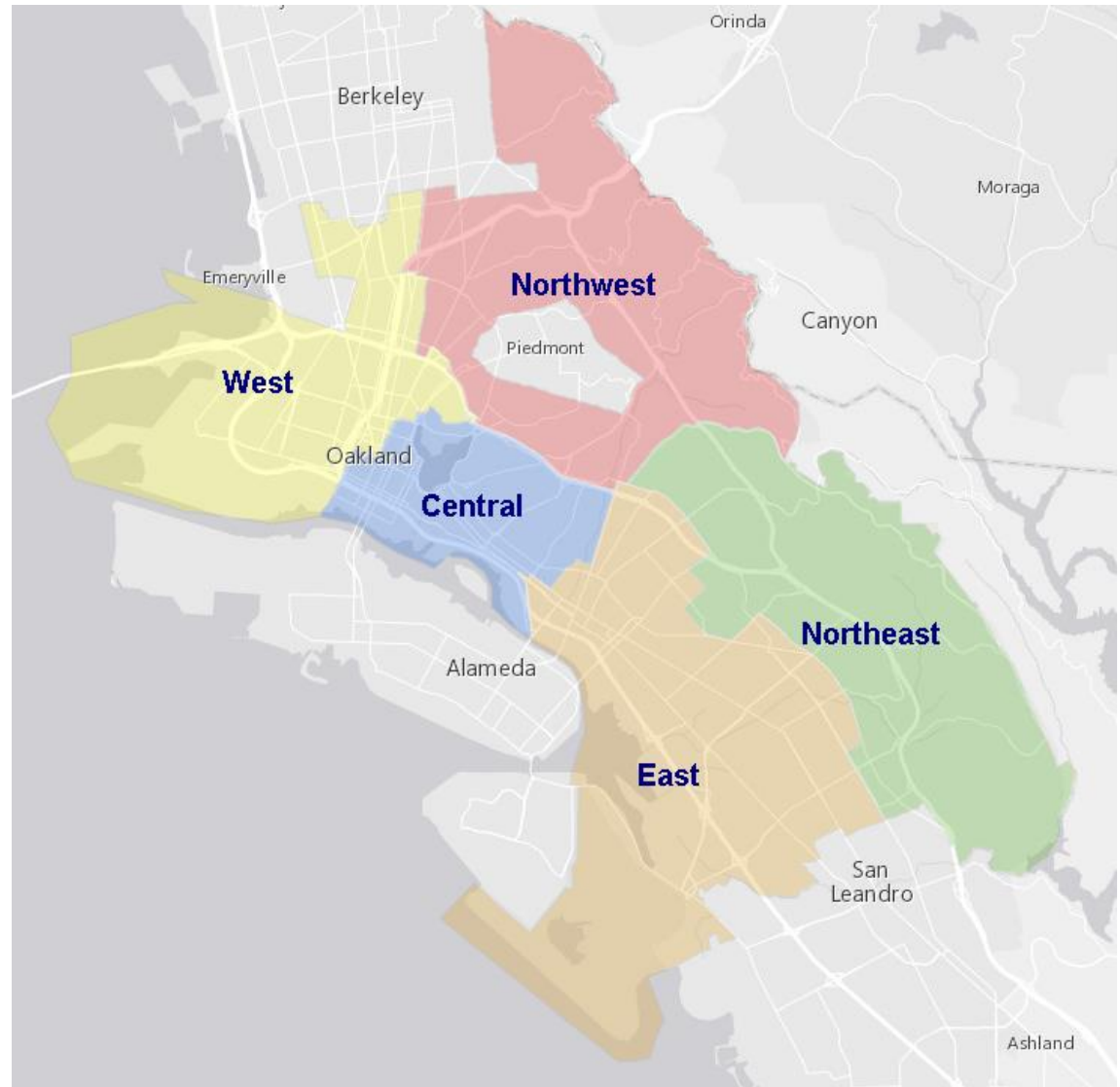
**Central:** 18 schools

**Northeast:** 22 schools

**East:** 55 schools

**Total\*:** 140 Oakland schools

\*including ACOE and AUSD authorized  
charter-run schools



The East and West  
regions have the  
largest proportion of  
charter-run schools.



# % Charter Enrollment by Region

Region	% Attending Charters
Central	18.6%
East	29.3%
Northeast	21.7%
Northwest	10.4%
West	22.2%

- **EAST** has the **highest** rate of charter school attendance for students living in the region.
- **NORTHWEST** has the **lowest** rate of charter attendance for students living in the region.

Source: OUSD SRA 2015-16

2015-16 enrollment counts include all OUSD district-run schools, OUSD-authorized charter schools, and all Alameda County-authorized charter schools.

Source: Aeries Student Information System - OUSD District-Run students; Rosters of charter students from individual charter schools.



# Highest Demand District-Run Schools

	Grade	<b>EAST</b> Region with <u>highest</u> % charter enrollment	<b>NORTHWEST</b> Region with <u>lowest</u> % charter enrollment
<b>Highest</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice District-Run School in Region	K	ACORN Woodland 230.4%	Hillcrest School 347.9%
	6	Life Academy 229.8%	Hillcrest School 564.3%

The Northwest Region schools with the highest demand have 1.5-2.5 times the demand of the highest 1<sup>st</sup> choice East Region schools.

*Percentage demand is determined by dividing the total number of first-choice applications by the grade-level enrollment at the school. A percentage of 200% means that a school received twice as many first-choice applications for a specific grade level than were enrolled in that grade level the following year.*

# Lowest Demand District-Run Schools

	Grade	<b>EAST</b> Region with <u>highest</u> % charter enrollment	<b>NORTHWEST</b> Region with <u>lowest</u> % charter enrollment
<b>Lowest</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice District-Run School in Region	K	RISE Community School 25.9%	Kaiser Elementary 97.9%
	6	Frick Middle School 51%	Claremont Middle School 140%

The Northwest Region schools with the lowest demand still have more 1<sup>st</sup> choice applicant demand than space available.

# Questions/Comments

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