

Proposed language for: The Introduction

Option 1: The Governing Board is committed to ensuring quality and equity for all Oakland students, both in the District schools that OUSD operates and in the charter schools that OUSD authorizes. The Board recognizes its ongoing responsibility to provide high quality authorization that is responsive to the needs of all Oakland students and families.

Option 2: OThe Governing Board is committed to ensuring that all Oakland Schools, both the District schools that OUSD operates and the charter schools that OUSD authorizes, uphold the OUSD Core Values: Students First, Equity, Excellence, Integrity, Cultural Responsiveness, and Joy. The Board recognizes its ongoing responsibility to provide high quality authorization that is guided by the needs of all Oakland students and families and by all applicable District, state, and federal policies.

An overview of the guiding principles underlying the Board's review of new petitions, renewal petitions, and material revisions is provided below. Detailed policies and procedures related to new petitions, renewals, and material revisions are provided in Staff Handbooks, updated annually and posted on the Office of Charter Schools website.

Proposed language for: New Petition Review

In recognition that the Board is focused on the health and sustainability of existing Oakland schools, the Board is not actively seeking new charter petitions. Potential petitioners interested in collaborating with the District to open a new District program are encouraged to consult with OUSD's Chief Academic Officer. For any new petitions submitted, the Board encourages a strong emphasis on serving a high-needs student population and serving the interests of the entire community in which the school is proposing to locate.

Proposed language for: Renewal Determinations

In exchange for the significant degree of autonomy afforded to charter schools under state law, the Board believes that charter schools being considered for renewal must be held to high levels of accountability in order to ensure quality and equity for all Oakland students.

Applicable renewal conditions and evaluation criteria will vary, depending on a school's State-identified renewal tier. Generally, in reviewing charter petitions for renewal, emphasis will be given to academic performance data, additional measures of student success, equitable enrollment, fiscal health and sustainability, and governance and compliance practices.