

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.

FIRST EDITION

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Welcome to the first edition of the OCS Update. District and charter school leaders have asked for more connection with and understanding of the work of our office – and we're happy to oblige. Look for this email newsletter about the middle of every month. *And if you have feedback on the format or content, please let us know (gail.greely@ousd.k12.ca.us).*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- STAR discs due Monday, September 12, 2011 before 4:00 pm – contact Lupe if you have questions (guadalupe.navarro@ousd.k12.ca.us).
- OCS Training on Rehabilitation Act Section 504 Compliance and McKinney-Vento Act (homeless supports): Wednesday, September 28, 4-5:15 PM at Tilden Education Center – contact Paige to RSVP (paige.hirsch@ousd.k12.ca.us).

KEY UPCOMING DATES

- September 15th: Request for application (RFA) for the 2011-2012 Charter School Facility Grant (SB 740) due to CDE.
- September 22nd: Attendance Month 1b due to Minh Co (signed)

PEOPLE NEWS

Welcome to some new charter leaders for the 2011-2012 school year!

- Hae-Sin Thomas is the new President/CEO of Education for Change and TNesia Jones Hurley is replacing Lissa Hines as the principal of EFC's Achieve Academy.
- American Indian Method Schools has a new interim leader with Ben Chavis in the position of Chief of AIMS following the departure of John Glover. At American Indian Public Charter

School II, Nicole Merino is taking over as the site administrator (replacing Seth Burns).

- Bay Area Technology School welcomes Hayri Hatipoglu (all the way from Sydney, Australia) as its new principal. Outgoing principal Ercan Aydogu has become Executive Director.
- Stefanie Wright has been named principal for East Oakland Leadership Academy High School, working with Director, Laura Armstrong.
- Thomas Kadelbach has moved from Aspire's Lionel Wilson College Prep Academy to Aspire's Golden State College Prep (formerly Millsmont Academy Secondary), which also has a new facility on 66th Avenue. Amy Frey takes over as the new principal at Lionel Wilson.
- Oakland Charter Academy and Oakland Charter High School have leadership changes, with Alicia Streight as the new 6-8 school leader (replacing Sandra Reyes), while Evelia Villa takes over from Sam Tsitrin at the high school.

POLICY ALERTS

In case you missed them, the California Department of Education has distributed two notices on funding opportunities for charter schools:

- Education for Homeless Children and Youth Programs: Request for Applications for fiscal year 2012–13 now available at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/af/>.
- Charter School Facility Grant Program: Revised forms for eligible charter schools to apply for 2011-2012 funding are available at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r1/csfgp11rfa.asp>. A completed application must be submitted by September 15, 2011.

Also, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing has issued correspondence on two issues that may be of interest:

- Coded Correspondence 11-11: Employer Required Reporting of Misconduct
- Coded Correspondence 11-02: "Ryan Program" Teaching Credential Sunset Dates

Information on these and other teacher credential changes can be found at:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/notices/coded.html>

CHARTER DATA SNAPSHOT

SCHOOL	GRADES	2011 API
ACHIEVE ACADEMY	4-5	819
AMERICAN INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL	9-12	964
AMERICAN INDIAN PUBLIC CHARTER	6-8	990
AMERICAN INDIAN PUBLIC CHARTER II	6-8	990
ARISE HIGH SCHOOL	9-12	569
BAY AREA TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL	6-12	696
BERKLEY MAYNARD ACADEMY	K-5	841
CIVICORPS ACADEMY	Adult	ASAM
CIVICORPS ELEMENTARY	K-5	786
CIVICORPS MIDDLE (<i>merged into Civicorps Elementary starting 2011-2012</i>)	5-8	728
COVA	K-8	868
EAST OAKLAND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	K-8	805
EAST OAKLAND LEADERSHIP HIGH	9-12	593
EFC @ COX ELEMENTARY (<i>ACOE-authorized</i>)	K-5	783
ERES ACADEMY	K-8	765

KIPP BRIDGE	5-8	911
LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHARTER	K-8	798
LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY H.S.	9-12	794
LPS – OAKLAND	9-12	605
MILLSMONT ACADEMY	K-5	749
GOLDEN STATE/MILLSMONT ACADEMY SECONDARY	6-12	736
MONARCH ACADEMY	K-5	787
NORTH OAKLAND COMMUNITY CHARTER	K-8	901
OAKLAND AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL (<i>closed end of June 2011</i>)	9-12	*
OAKLAND CHARTER ACADEMY	6-8	933
OAKLAND CHARTER HIGH	9-12	938
OAKLAND MILITARY INSTITUTE	6-12	762
OAKLAND SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS	6-12	788
OAKLAND UNITY HIGH	9-12	735
REEMS (ERNESTINE C.) ACADEMY	K-8	709
WILSON (LIONEL) COLLEGE PREP	6-12	806
WORLD ACADEMY	K-3	822

*In 2011, this school had fewer than 11 valid 2011 STAR test scores. No reliable API can be calculated with so few scores.

To view API data since 2001, please visit our website at www.ousdcharters.net and click on “CHARTER API SUMMARY 2011” on the homepage.

RESOURCES

A few useful links:

CCSA Oakland Charter School Collaborative: <http://www.calcharters.org/advocacy/oakland-collaborative.html>

East Bay Charter Connect: <http://www.eastbaycharterconnect.org/>

Charter School Development Center: <http://www.chartercenter.org/>

And an interesting article on charter school staffing:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/07/los-angeles-charter-schools-have-high-teacher-turnover.html>

OUR GOALS 2011-2012

- ✓ 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 pilot an 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.