

# Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in August</b>	Descriptor Term:  <b>Charter School Agreements</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>1.902</b>	Issued Date: <b>11/14/22</b>
		Rescinds:	Issued:

Charter agreements shall articulate the rights and responsibilities of each party regarding school autonomy, funding, administration and oversight, outcomes, measures for evaluating success or failure, performance consequences, and other material terms. These agreements shall be separate from the application and contain terms and performance standards under which the school shall operate.<sup>1</sup>

All charter agreements shall:<sup>1</sup>

1. Clearly state the rights and responsibilities of the school and the authorizer;
2. State and respect the autonomies to which schools are entitled (e.g. programming, staffing, budgeting, and scheduling);
3. Define performance standards, criteria, and conditions for renewal, intervention, revocation, and non-renewal;
4. State when the authorizer fee will be collected;
5. Establish the consequences for meeting or not meeting standards;
6. State the statutory, regulatory, and procedural terms and conditions for the school's operation;
7. State reasonable pre-opening requirements or conditions for new schools to ensure that they meet all health, safety, and other legal requirements prior to opening;
8. State the responsibility and commitment of the school to adhere to essential public education obligations, including admitting and serving all eligible students so long as space is available, and not expelling or counseling out students except pursuant to a legal discipline policy approved by the Board; and
9. State the responsibilities of the school and the authorizer in the event of school closures

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#### Legal References

1. State Board of Education Policy 6.111