

Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in August	Descriptor Term: Charter School Intervention	Descriptor Code: 1.904	Issued Date: 12/11/23
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GENERAL¹

The Board shall develop a clear plan for monitoring charter schools that shall be set forth in the charter agreement. If the Board identifies a deficiency in the academics, finances, or operations of the charter school, the Director of Schools/designee shall communicate the problem to the charter school. Any intervention shall be proportionate to the identified problem and adhere to the provisions of the charter agreement, and intervention strategies shall preserve the school autonomy and responsibility while clearly stating consequences for noncompliance.¹

The Director of Schools/designee shall give the charter school timely notice of any charter agreement violations or performance deficiencies requiring intervention. Notices shall state the:

1. Deficiency;
2. Applicable regulatory, performance, or contractual provision(s) not achieved;
3. Expected remedy; and
4. Timeframe by which the Board expects the deficiency to be remedied or a corrective action plan to be submitted.

The Director of Schools shall provide charter schools with reasonable time and opportunity to remedy the deficiency or to submit a corrective action plan.

PROGRESSIVE INTERVENTIONS²

The Board shall assign a level of intervention for the charter school as defined by the charter agreement if deficiencies are identified. Depending on the severity of the deficiency, the Board reserves the right to revoke the charter agreement in accordance with state law.

Tier I – Notice of Deficiency

The Board shall provide the charter school with notice of the specific deficiency with supporting documentation as well as information on possible consequences.

Possible Deficiency: including, but not limited to, failure to comply with the terms of the charter agreement, violation of state law, etc.

Possible Consequence: including, but not limited to, a letter to the charter's governing board, sending terms of a corrective action plan, etc.

Tier II – Notice of Probationary Status

Tier II shall be implemented if the interventions in Tier I are unsuccessful. These interventions shall consist of options including, but not limited to, letter to the charter's governing board as notice of probationary status, outlining the terms of the probation and the timeline for correction, etc.

Tier III – Review of Status

Tier III shall be implemented if the interventions in Tier II are unsuccessful. These interventions shall consist of options including, but not limited to, recommendation to revoke the charter contract or other sanctions, etc.

REMEDIES¹

Charter schools shall be responsible for notifying the Board:

1. When a deficiency has been remedied;
2. If the charter school requires an extension of time to remedy a deficiency; or
3. If the charter school requests a modification to its corrective action plan.

Legal References

1. State Board of Education Policy 6.111
2. TCA 49-13-122; Public Acts of 2023, Chapter No. 206