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Feaster Charter School Petition for Renewal - 2024

https://feaster.cvesd.org/news_--board/feaster-charter-school-board-information/charter_petition_bylaws_charter_documents

Reason for Renewal

The California legislature established charter schools as a laboratory for innovation in K-12 public education. By design, charter schools are freed from some of the legal requirements placed on traditional public schools (*EDC 47601*). At the same time, charter schools are also held to a higher standard of accountability.

By giving all charter schools an expiration date, our legal system forces charter schools to undergo regular review (*EDC 47604.32*).

All charter schools have an authorizer, a local educational agency responsible for oversight of the charter. Most authorizers are the school district where the charter is physically located. Some charters are authorized by the County Office of Education where the charter is located or by the State Board of Education

CVESD is our Authorizer



Charter expirations

All charters have an expiration date, usually 5 school years after its most recent approval

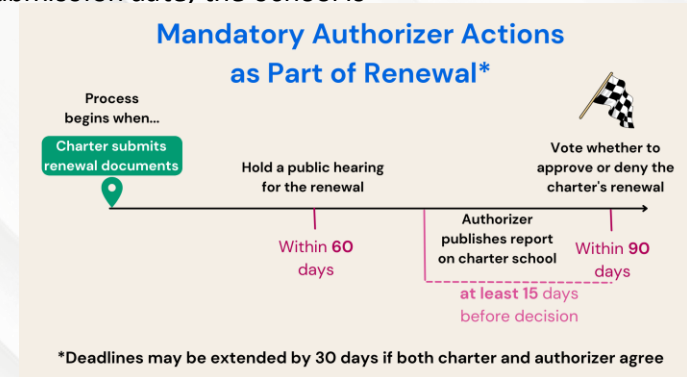


Charter Authorizers

All charters have an authorizer: School District, County Office or State Board of Education

How Does Charter Renewal Work

1. Charter submits a renewal petition (*usually within a year of expiration*): The charter's staff write and submit a petition to their authorizer laying out why the charter operator believes they should be granted an additional term.
2. Authorizer holds a public hearing (***within 60 days of receiving petition***): During a charter's public hearing, charter staff typically have at least a 10 minute window in which to present their case for renewal. The authorizer is also required to publish its own findings about the charter's outcomes, successes, and challenges over its past term.
3. Authorizer votes to approve (or deny) the charter's renewal (***within 90 days of receiving petition***): The authorizer's elected members must vote whether to give the charter a new expiration date or whether to deny the charter operator's request. In most cases, if an authorizer chooses to deny, they're obligated to explain why. If an authorizer fails to hold a vote within 90 days of a charter school's petition submission date, the school is automatically granted a new petition.



Grounds for Denial of a Charter

- In order to deny a charter school's renewal, authorizers are legally obligated to provide written factual findings about the charter school, explaining one or more of the following:
- Charter is offering an unsound educational program,
 - Charter is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement its program,
 - Unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the charter school is located, or
 - Fails to provide a reasonably comprehensive description of any Element.

NONE OF WHICH APPLY TO FEASTER CHARTER

Grounds for Denial

Unsound Plan



Success Unlikely



Unlikely to Serve
Community



Incomprehensive
Demonstration of Service



Stages of Renewal Preparation

(1-2 Years before renewal) Petition and Data Prep

- Begin convening a renewal team, including staff, your school's board members, and parent volunteers
- Build a narrative of the past years' student outcomes using data
- Work with your staff and back-office provider to ensure the charter school is in compliance with legal requirements and local authorizer policies

(0-1 Years before renewal) Renewal Strategy

- Write and submit your school's renewal petition- June 30th of 2023
- Respond to staff's requests for information
- Respond to authorizer staff findings and recommendations
- Prepare a presentation for your school's renewal hearing
- Prepare speakers (parents, community leaders, school staff) to testify during the public and decision hearings
- Read your school's authorizer report to assess whether denial is likely

1-2 Years from renewal
Petition & Data Prep

Mobilize a renewal team, organize charter's story of success using data, ensure charter is in compliance

0-1 Years from renewal
Renewal Strategy

Submit petition, prepare for public hearings, engage community, respond to authorizer requests & findings

Three Renewal Tracks



High Performance Track

Eligible for a 5–7 year term

Presumed renewal, barring fiscal or governance concerns

FEASTER CHARTER'S TRACK



Middle Performance Track

Eligible for a 5 year term

Authorizer **may deny** with findings

Charter may submit internal data demonstrating progress



Low Performance Track

Eligible for a 2 year term

Authorizer **may only approve** renewal if...

Charter submits internal data demonstrating progress

How Charters Are Assigned Tracks

- High performing charters have...
 - All Blue/Green Indicator colors on Dashboard (Criteria 1), AND/OR
 - **Above state average across academic indicators with 50% or more of the school's subgroups (Criteria 2)**
 - <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ch/cspperformcategory.asp> - CDE Category Data File
- Middle performing charters have...
 - A mixed record of performance on Dashboard Indicators
- Low performing charters are
 - All Orange/Red Indicator colors, AND/OR
 - Below the state average across academic indicators with 50% or more of the school's subgroups

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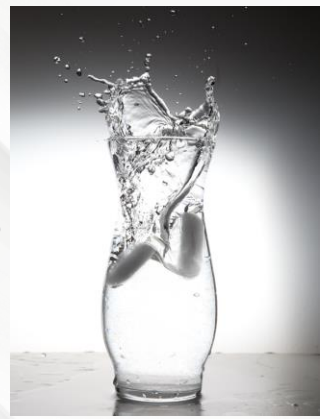
9 Dot Problem

Context: that which surrounds, and gives meaning to, something else
vs.

Content: things that are within; something that is contained.

Like water in a vase.

The rules are simple; connect all 9 dots using a maximum of 4 straight lines without lifting your pen off the paper or retracing back over an existing line.



What makes Charter public school different than other public schools?

- We know ‘one-size-fits-all’ doesn’t work when it comes to education. Our schools offer the personal, attention, creativity, and passionate teaching that kids need to learn. Charter Public schools are free from bureaucratic restrictions and red tape that gets between students, teachers, and learning. In exchange, our schools are held to high performance standards.

-From California Charter Schools Association

<https://youtu.be/YMtkE3xEz00>

Feaster Charter School Vision:

- ▶ At Feaster Charter School, students are at the center of all decision making. We prepare our students to become 21st century learners in a multicultural society by infusing Visual & Performing Arts as well as Science, Technology, Social Studies, Engineering & Mathematics into our daily curriculum and literacy instruction. This integration challenges our students to communicate and think critically, creatively and collaboratively. By introducing the Arts and Sciences we are fostering leadership and reasoning skills, as well as increasing self-esteem at a young age to make a life changing impact. The students who leave Feaster Charter School will be lifelong learners who are on their way to being college and career ready.



Element 1. A description of the educational program of the school:

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- ▶ Our Mission and Vision
- ▶ Our Beliefs
- ▶ Values
- ▶ Our Purpose
- ▶ Core Values
- ▶ Curriculum and Content
- ▶ Overview of Research-Based Instructional Best Practices and Strategies
- ▶ Our Goals for Student Achievement

Other Elements include:

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Charter Rewrite Committee Interest Form:

- ▶ Educational Partners Needed:
 - ▶ Students (Upper/MS)
 - ▶ Parents
 - ▶ Staff (certificated/classified)
 - ▶ Board Members
 - ▶ Community Members
- ▶ [LINK HERE](#) (Email will follow with this PowerPoint and the link to sign-up)
- ▶ Goal- Submit Charter Petition to CVESD Board (Authorizer) by June 30th, 2023



Thank you for being here at
Feaster Charter School:

If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if
you are planning for a decade, plant trees;
if you are planning for a lifetime, educate
people.

- ▶ - Chinese Proverb