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Instructional Goals and Objectives	Public Charter Schools-Agreements	
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OVERVIEW

Charter school agreements shall articulate the rights and responsibilities of each party as referenced in policy I-451.

All charter school agreements shall:¹

- a. Clearly state the rights and responsibilities of the school and the authorizer;
- b. Define the material terms of the agreement as being those relevant to renewal;
- c. Allow amendments subject to the approval of both parties;
- d. State and respect the autonomies to which schools are entitled (e.g. programming, staffing, budgeting, and scheduling);
- e. Define performance standards, criteria, and conditions for renewal, intervention, revocation, and non-renewal;
- f. State the amount of the authorizer fee and when it will be collected;
- g. Establish the consequences for meeting or not meeting standards as outlined by the Board;
- h. State the statutory, regulatory, and procedural terms and conditions for the school's operation;
- i. 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; and
- j. 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.

Legal Reference:

1. T.C.A. § 49-13-110; State Board of Education Policy 6.111.