

Provisions for Education Service or Management Contract

In the event the Charter School intends to contract with a third-party provider (“Service Provider”) for comprehensive school management or operations services (“Service Contract”), all of the following requirements must be met by the Charter School:

1. **Submission of Service Contract.** The Service Contract is subject to review and approval by the authorizer and shall be submitted to the authorizer no later than 30 days prior to its effective date.
2. **Required Terms of Service Contract.** The Service Contract shall include, without limitation, the following Required Terms:
 - a. The Service Contract shall identify the Charter School board of directors as the party ultimately responsible for the success or failure of the school, and clearly define the Service Provider as a vendor of services.
 - b. The Service Contract shall ensure that the Charter School board of directors maintains independent fiduciary oversight and authority over the school budget at all times.
 - c. The Service Contract shall establish the primacy of the charter contract with the authorizer (“Charter School Agreement”) over the Service Contract.
 - d. The term of the Service Contract shall be no longer than the term of the Charter School Agreement.
 - e. The Service Contract shall be subject to, and shall incorporate by reference, the terms and conditions of the Charter School Agreement.
 - f. The Service Contract shall articulate the performance measures, consequences, and mechanisms by which the Charter School board of directors will hold the Service Provider accountable aligned with the Charter School Agreement, including the process and criteria to be used for evaluation of the Service Provider by the Charter School.
 - g. The Service Contract shall clearly delineate the respective roles and responsibilities of the Service Provider and the Charter School in the management and operation of each school facility for which the Service Provider shall provide management or operations services, including responsibilities of each party in the event of school closure.
 - h. The Service Contract shall contain provisions requiring Service Provider compliance with all requirements, terms and conditions established by any Federal or State funding source.
 - i. The Service Contract shall clearly state all compensation and payments to be paid by the Charter School to the Service Provider or any affiliated entity for all services including management, administrative, licensing, technology, curriculum, performance bonuses, and any other amounts paid to the Service Provider or any affiliated entity, including to any third-party vendors, and shall clearly explain the method for calculating such fees or payments.
 - j. The Service Contract shall acknowledge the existence of any existing or proposed facility agreement between the Charter School board of directors and the Service Provider or any affiliated entity and shall provide a copy of aid facility agreement to the Authorizer with the submission of the Service Contract.
 - k. The Service Contract shall ensure that all payments to the Charter School from the State or other grant making organizations shall be made to an account controlled by the Charter School board of directors, not the Service Provider.
 - l. The Service Contract shall require all instructional materials, furnishings, and equipment purchased or developed with public funds to be the property of the Charter School, not the Service Provider.

- m. The Service Contract shall require the Charter School board of directors to directly select, retain and compensate the school attorney and audit firm, and the school's attorney must be independent and must not represent the Service Provider or principals thereof.
- n. The Service Contract shall provide that all employees or contractors of the Service Provider who have direct, regular contact with students of the Charter School shall be subject to criminal background investigations and checks in compliance with applicable laws.
- o. The Service Contract shall provide that any and all financial books of the Charter School held or managed by the Service Provider shall be available for inspection by the Charter School board of directors and/or the authorizer.
- p. The Service Contract shall provide that all financial reports provided or prepared by the Service Provider shall be presented in GAAP/FASB (Financial Accounting Standards Board) approved nonprofit format consistent with authorizer requirements.

3. Financial Reporting

- a. **Budget.** The budget prepared by the Charter School board of directors pursuant to applicable provisions of the Charter School Agreement shall include, without limitation, the following itemized information:
 - i. All contract payments, lease payments, management fees, administrative fees, licensing fees, curriculum fees, technology fees, performance bonuses and other amounts budgeted for the Service Provider or any affiliated entity, with the method for calculating such fees or payments clearly explained.
- b. **Financial Statements.** In the event that monthly or quarterly financial statements are required to be furnished by the Charter School pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Charter School Agreement, such financial statements shall reflect the school's financial operations, including an itemized accounting of all amounts paid to the Service Provider and any affiliated entity or otherwise paid for services in the Service Contract, which amounts shall be itemized in a manner that clearly corresponds to those categories provided in the Charter School's annual budget or the Service Contract.
- c. **Annual Audit.** The Financial Audits required under applicable provisions of the Charter School Agreement shall include review of all fees and payments made by the Charter School to the Service Provider or any affiliated entity.
- d. **Reporting of Loans and Investments.** All loans or grants to, or investments in, the Charter School by the Service Provider or any affiliated entity must be evidenced by appropriate documentation and disclosure, either in the Service Contract or through separate agreements. In the case of investments, such documentation shall explain how the investment shall be treated on the books of the Charter School and shall clearly state the Service Provider or affiliated entity's expected return on equity.

Nothing in the document shall be construed to waive or otherwise limit the obligation of the Charter School to provide information otherwise required to be reported by the Charter School under the Charter Schools Law or the Charter School Agreement.