



COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Public Charter Schools

I. Compliance

- A. A public charter school may be established in Baltimore County in accordance with state law and regulations. A public charter school operates under the supervision of the Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) in compliance with all Board policies, and alignment with the Baltimore County Public Schools' (BCPS) *Blueprint for Progress* and Master Plan.

II. Reporting

- A. The Board shall apply BCPS criteria for the management and student performance results to the public charter school. The public charter school shall conduct all assessments required for the public schools in Baltimore County. The public charter school shall be evaluated annually based on student achievement, fiscal management, and other criteria pursuant to its approved application and the terms and conditions of its charter as specified in the charter agreement.
- B. The public charter school shall present to the Board an annual results report, including student achievement and fiscal accountability, as described in the approved charter agreement. The Board shall require financial, programmatic, and/or compliance audits consistent with federal, state, and local law, procedures, and policies.
- C. If a public charter school receives an unsatisfactory annual evaluation based upon its annual results report, the Board may approve the development of a remedial plan, placing the charter school on probationary status, or may move immediately to revoke the school's charter.
 - 1. The Board may revoke a public charter school's charter for the following reasons: the school has not fulfilled a condition imposed by the Board in connection with the granting of the charter as specified in the charter agreement; the school has failed to comply with the provisions of federal, state, or local law; the fiscal condition of the school is substantially deficient; the academic condition of the

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2. school is substantially deficient; the facility can no longer support the needs of the educational program; and the continuation of the operation of the public charter school is not in the best interests of the public, or of the students of BCPS.
3. Upon revocation, students shall be reassigned pursuant to Board policy and procedures, and resources provided by the school system shall remain under the control of the Board.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article, §§9-101 to –110, §4-205(c)

Related Policy: Board of Education Policy 5150, *Residents and Nonresidents*

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