



A democratic immersion program

Sudbury Charter School: Proposal

PART 1: CHARTER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

WHAT IS A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL?

In Oregon, a charter school is a comprehensive public school operated by a group of parents, teachers, and/or community members as a semi-autonomous school of choice. The charter school operates under a contract or “charter” contract between the members of the charter school community and the local board of education. The school must be nonsectarian. It is not allowed for an existing private school to convert into a charter school. A comprehensive program means that students receive their entire educational program from the charter school – it is not an elective, enrichment or alternative program – but instead offers the full educational program to meet the student’s needs.

As a school of choice, each student, parent and teacher chooses the school. School-centered governance, autonomy from the local school district, and a clear design for how and what students will learn are the essential characteristics of a charter school. The “charter” contract defines the school goals, standards, education design, governance and operation. The degree of autonomy exercised by the charter school on such issues as personnel, curriculum and facilities is negotiated between the charter applicants and the local school district and is reflected in the charter.



The Legislative Intent of Charter Schools:

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338.005
Definitions

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Legislative intent**

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Rules

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Legislative intent
• goals

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Annotations

Law Review

36 WLR 265 (2

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Legislative Goals of Charter Schools:

system. The goals of public charter schools shall be to:

- (1) Increase student learning and achievement;
- (2) Increase choices of learning opportunities for students;
- (3) Better meet individual student academic needs and interests;
- (4) Build stronger working relationships among educators, parents and other community members;
- (5) Encourage the use of different and innovative learning methods;
- (6) Provide opportunities in small learning environments for flexibility and innovation, which may be applied, if proven effective, to other public schools;
- (7) Create new professional opportunities for teachers;
- (8) Establish additional forms of accountability for schools; **and**
- (9) Create innovative measurement tools. [1999 c.200 §1]

What does it mean for the district?

Additional Income (in blue):

Sudbury Charter School Budget 2018

| Category | Year 1: | Year 2: | Year 3: | Year 4: | Year 5: |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 |
| | 50 K-12 students | 66 K-12 students | 80 K-12 students | 96 K-12 students | 110 K-12 students |
| OPERATING REVENUE | | | | | |
| Number of K-12 students | 50 | 66 | 80 | 96 | 110 |
| Per pupil revenue (Charter ADM Eugene CAL Nov. 2017) | \$8,309 | \$8,309 | \$8,309 | \$8,309 | \$8,309 |
| Total received from State School Fund | \$415,450 | \$548,394 | \$664,720 | \$797,664 | \$913,990 |
| Total distributed to Sponsor and School District* | \$61,279 | \$80,888 | \$98,046 | \$117,655 | \$134,814 |
| **Federal Charter School Grant: This is <u>NOT</u> reflected in Operating Budget | \$250,000 | \$200,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| REVENUE TOTAL | \$354,171 | \$467,506 | \$566,674 | \$680,009 | \$779,176 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |