



Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board Policies Chapter 3 – Educational Policies

3.28 Charter School Sponsorship

Part 1. Definition of Charter School.

A charter school is a public school established under Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10 as either a cooperative or a non-profit corporation. Charter schools and their sponsors are subject to the requirements in Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10.

Part 2. Sponsorship Responsibilities.

To support, improve, and enhance elementary and secondary education in Minnesota, a MnSCU college or university may serve as a charter school sponsor consistent with its mission, MnSCU policy and procedure, and Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10. Sponsoring institutions shall comply with all statutory sponsorship requirements and shall adhere to sponsorship standards established by the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning (MDCFL).

Part 3. Annual Report.

The Chancellor shall report to the Board annually on the status of charter school sponsorships by MnSCU colleges and universities, including terminations and nonrenewals in the prior year.

Part 4. Termination or Nonrenewal of Sponsorship.

A college or university may terminate or not renew a charter school contract in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10. For purposes of a college or university terminating or non-renewing its sponsorship, good cause includes, but is not limited to, a determination by the college or university that it is unable to continue acting as sponsor because of administrative, programmatic, or financial considerations of the college or university, or because of continued failure or inability of the charter school to comply with expected performance, budget, and administrative standards.

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