



As the authorized representative of _____, I hereby certify that the stated charter school complies with all applicable requirements of the South Carolina Charter Schools Act of 1996, as amended, and all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and requirements as submitted in this statement of assurances.

A. Complies with all federal and state laws and constitutional provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, gender, national origin, religion, ancestry, or need for special education services. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-40(2)(b).

B. Does not charge tuition or other charges pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-19-90(8), except as may be allowed by the authorizer, and is comparable to the charges of the local school district in which the charter school is located. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-40(2)(d).

C. Adheres to the same health, safety, civil rights, and disability rights requirements as are applied to other public schools operating in the same school district or, in the case of the South Carolina Public Charter School District (SCPCSD) or a public or independent institution of higher learning, the local school district in which the charter school is located. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(1).

D. Meets, and may exceed, the same minimum student attendance requirements as are applied to public schools. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(2).

E. Adheres to the same financial audits, audit procedures, and audit requirements as are applied to public schools. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(3).

F. Reports to its authorizer and the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) documentation of the appropriate use of federal funds the charter school may receive.

G. Uses the same pupil accounting system as required of public schools and districts.

H. Employs noncertified teachers in a ratio permitted by law. All teachers shall meet applicable state and federal qualification requirements.

I. Employs one administrative staff member who is certified or experienced in the field of school administration. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(6).

J. Is secular in its curriculum, programs, governance, and all other operations. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-40(1).

K. Complies with the Freedom of Information Act. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(10).

L. Complies with all applicable provisions of federal elementary and secondary education law and related state requirements.



M. Adheres to all provisions for reporting student truancy, discipline incidents, and persistently dangerous situations as required by law.

N. Assumes liability for the activities of the charter school and will indemnify and hold harmless the authorizer and its servants, agents, and employees from any and all liability, damage, expense, causes of action, suits, claims, or judgments arising from injury to persons or property or otherwise which arises out of the act, failure to act, or negligence of the charter school, or its agents and employees, in connection with or arising out of the activity of the charter school. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-60(F)(15).

O. Reports to its authorizer and the SCDE any changes to the information provided under its application in a timely manner. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-140(H).

P. Reports at least annually to its authorizer and the SCDE all information required by the authorizer and by the SCDE, including, at a minimum, the number of students enrolled in the charter school, the success of students in achieving the specific educational goals for which the charter school was established, and the identity and certification status of the teaching staff. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-140(H).

Q. Adheres to all provisions of federal law relating to students with disabilities, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as applicable. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(1).

R. Adheres to all provisions of federal law relating to multilingual learners and English learners, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(1).

S. Complies with S.C. Code Ann. § 59-63-235, which provides for the expulsion of any student who brings a firearm to school.

T. Complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.

U. Complies with any school district desegregation plan or order in effect. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-60(F)(9).

V. Adheres to all requirements of the Office of School Facilities as detailed in the Charter School Facilities Approval Form.

W. Understands that, as a charter school, it is granted operational autonomy in exchange for accountability to its authorizer, the South Carolina Department of Education, its students, families, and the public.

X. Adheres to all governance, ethics, conflict-of-interest, disclosure, and transparency requirements applicable to charter school governing boards and board members. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-40-50 and 59-40-75.



Y. Maintains and publicly posts all reports, audits, contracts, policies, and other information required by law and provides all information required by its authorizer and the South Carolina Department of Education. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-40-50, 59-40-55, and 59-40-140.

Z. Adheres to all admissions, enrollment, lottery, waiting list, recruitment, and student selection requirements established by the South Carolina Charter Schools Act and applicable regulations and maintains records demonstrating compliance with such requirements. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-40-50 and 59-40-60.

AA. If operating a virtual charter school or offering virtual instruction, adheres to all requirements governing virtual instruction, including student attendance verification, participation monitoring, instructional engagement, and related reporting requirements. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-40-60 and 59-40-65.

AB. Provides all governance, financial, management, operational, and contractual disclosures required by law, including disclosures concerning education service providers, charter management organizations, and other entities providing services to the charter school. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-40-50, 59-40-140, and 59-40-60.

AC. Cooperates with monitoring, performance reviews, compliance reviews, audits, corrective actions, investigations, and information requests conducted by its authorizer or the South Carolina Department of Education. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-40-55, 59-40-70, 59-40-110, and 59-40-150.

The undersigned certifies that all information provided in the charter application is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and that the charter school will operate in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, authorizer requirements, and assurances contained herein.

Signature of Charter School Planning Committee Chair

Date