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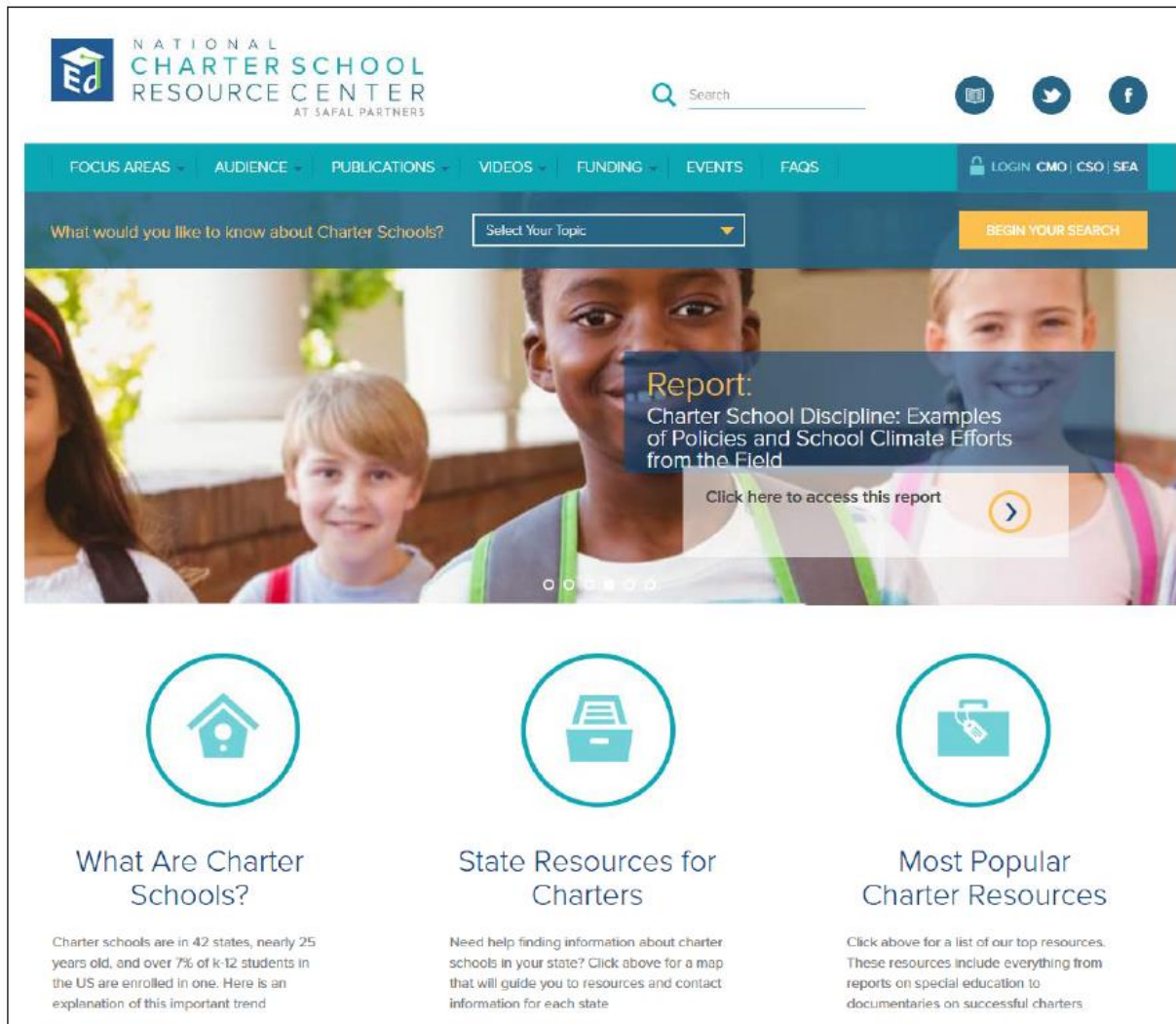


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I Just Joined a Charter School Board... Now What?

About the National Charter School Resource Center

www.charterschoolcenter.ed.gov



The screenshot shows the homepage of the National Charter School Resource Center. At the top left is the logo with the text "NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL RESOURCE CENTER AT SAFAL PARTNERS". To the right is a search bar and social media icons for YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook. Below this is a teal navigation bar with links for "FOCUS AREAS", "AUDIENCE", "PUBLICATIONS", "VIDEOS", "FUNDING", "EVENTS", and "FAQS". On the right side of this bar are links for "LOGIN", "CMO", "CSO", and "SEA". Below the navigation bar is a search prompt: "What would you like to know about Charter Schools?" followed by a "Select Your Topic" dropdown menu and a "BEGIN YOUR SEARCH" button. The main content area features a large image of diverse children with a semi-transparent overlay box containing the text: "Report: Charter School Discipline: Examples of Policies and School Climate Efforts from the Field" and a "Click here to access this report" link with a right-pointing arrow. Below this are three circular icons in teal: a house, a folder, and a briefcase. Under each icon is a heading and a short paragraph of text.

What Are Charter Schools?
Charter schools are in 42 states, nearly 25 years old, and over 7% of k-12 students in the US are enrolled in one. Here is an explanation of this important trend

State Resources for Charters
Need help finding information about charter schools in your state? Click above for a map that will guide you to resources and contact information for each state

Most Popular Charter Resources
Click above for a list of our top resources. These resources include everything from reports on special education to documentaries on successful charters

- Funded through the U.S. Department of Education
- Makes accessible high-quality resources to support the charter school sector

Webinar Logistics

- Use the chat feature for technical questions and assistance.
- Use the Q&A box to ask questions or provide input on the webinar content.
- Questions will be answered during audience Q&A.
- We will ask you to fill out a survey after the webinar concludes.

Presenters



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Agenda

- Overview and Standards 1-3
- Standards 4-6
- Q&A

Our Mission

Charter Board Partners promotes and supports strong public charter school governance so that every charter school has the board it needs to improve student achievement.

We believe that by dramatically improving the quality of charter school governance, we can help ensure that every child has the chance to attend an excellent school.

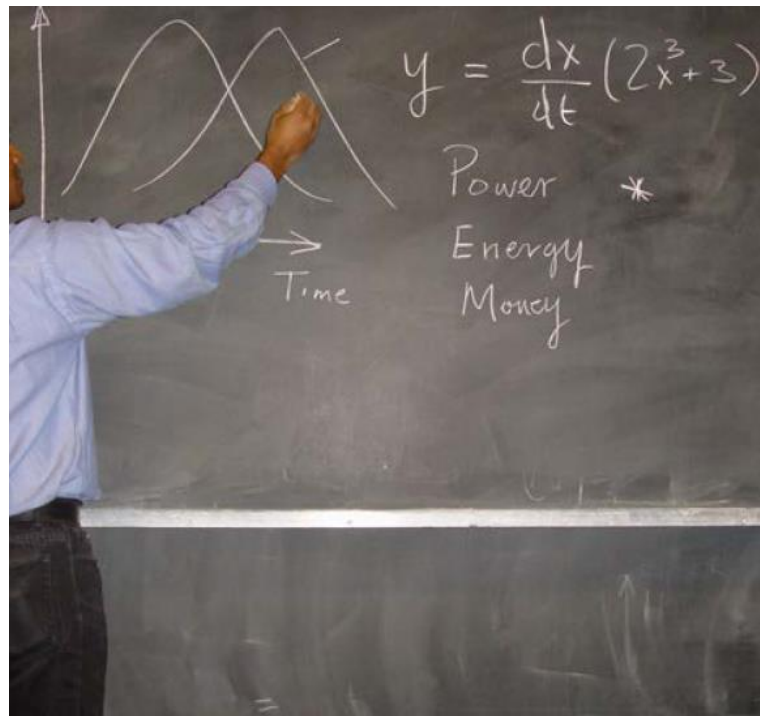
This Session

- What do highly effective charter school boards do?
- How can you be an effective board member?



The Basics

- What does the law require?
- What is the typical size of a board?
- How much time does it take?



Standards for Effective Charter School Governance



Focus
relentlessly
on student
achievement



Recruit and
retain an
exceptional
leader



Invest in
exemplary
governance



Act
strategically
and be
accountable



Raise
and use
resources
wisely



Commit
steadfastly
to
compliance

Some Boards Contract with a CMO

- These standards may play out differently
- Relationships and division of responsibilities vary across different CMOs
- Board holds the charter and is still ultimately responsible for results
- Clear communication and understanding of roles on both sides is key

CMO = Charter Management Organization



Focus Relentlessly on Student Achievement

Standard 1

Standard 1: Focus Relentlessly on Student Achievement

- Govern to fulfill the mission of the school and the promises of the charter
- Know whether students are on track to achieve at high levels
State law, regulations, or other policies in the State where the applicant is located require that:





Ensure Exceptional Leadership

Standard 2

Standard 2: Ensure Exceptional Leadership

- Hire and support a strong school leader
- Evaluate and hold the school leader accountable





Commit to Exemplary Governance

Standard 3

Build a High Functioning, Diverse, and Engaged Board

- Recruit a diverse slate
- Elect an effective board chair
- Remove disengaged members
- Train the board



Implement Best Governance Practices

- Create job descriptions
- Hold regularly scheduled, well-run meetings
- Build robust committee structures
- Assess board effectiveness






Case Study Discussion



Standard 4: Act Strategically

- Determine the strategic direction for the school
- Respect the balance between oversight and management

	Must account for	The performance of
Board		School Leader
School Leader		Teachers
Teacher		Students

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Raise and Use Resources Wisely

Standard 5

Manage Resources Responsibly

- All board members understand the school's resources
- Review \$ data
- Approve budget aligned to student needs



Expand Awareness and Raise Funds

- Set fundraising goals
- Require each board member to donate \$
- Cultivate donors, raise school profile
- Know political context and advocate for sector

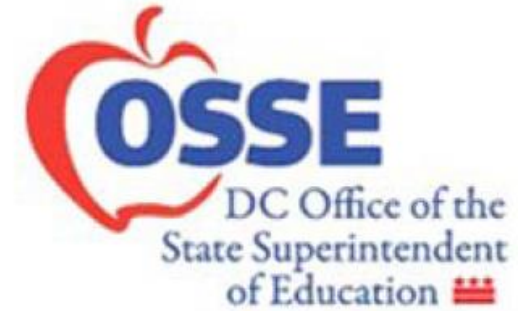


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Maintain Legal and Regulatory Compliance

Standard 6

Minimize Risks, Meet Expectations



Open
Meeting
Law?

Case Study Discussion



Board Service Matters



Questions & Answers

Please submit any questions in the Q&A box.

NCSRC Resources (1 of 4)

➤ Board Governance

- [Charter Board Governing Basics](#)
- [Governance FAQs](#)
- [Committee Charges Suite](#)
- [Essential Ingredients of Good Bylaws](#)
- [Officer Job Description Suite](#)
- [Standards for Effective Charter School Governance](#)
- [Top 10 Tips for Being a Great Board Chair](#)
- [Turning Passion Into Action: Unlocking Your Board's Fundraising Potential](#)
- [Governance Best Practices for Highly Effective Charter School Boards](#)
- [Standards for Highly Effective Charter School Boards](#)

➤ Webinars

- [General Webinar: Rural Charter Schools – Building Bridges](#)
- [General Webinar: Using Data to Create Positive School Climates and Discipline Practices in Charter Schools - National Research and Examples from the Field](#)
- [General Webinar: Charter Schools and Food Services: Options, Planning, and Decision-Making](#)
- [General Webinar: Supporting Students with Disabilities](#)
- [General Webinar: Serving English Language Learners and Families](#)
- [SEA Webinar: The Role of States and Charter School Authorizers in Overseeing Student Discipline in Charter Schools](#)
- [SEA Webinar: Overview of CSP's Recently Released Dear Colleague Letter and of the NCSRC](#)
- [SEA Webinar: Use of Funds](#)
- [SEA Webinar: Annual Independent Audits](#)
- [SEA Webinar: Early Childhood Learning in Charter Schools](#)

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➤ Webinars (continued)

- [SEA Webinar: Data Management Tools for Risk Based Monitoring](#)
- [SEA Webinar: Weighted Lotteries](#)
- [SEA Webinar: Charter School Closure](#)
- [SEA Webinar: Measuring Authorizer Quality](#)
- [SEA Webinar: Financial Management and Fiscal Controls](#)
- [Credit Enhancement Webinar: Evaluating Charter School Performance](#)
- [Credit Enhancement Webinar: Evaluating Charter School Performance During the Transition to Common Core](#)
- [Credit Enhancement Webinar: Recent Developments in CSP Guidance](#)
- [Credit Enhancement Webinar: Authorizer Collaboration](#)
- [Credit Enhancement Webinar: Collaboration to Enhance Facility Financing](#)

➤ White Papers and Reports

- [Charter School Discipline: Examples of Policies and School Climate Efforts from the Field](#)
- [Charter School Discipline Toolkit: A Toolkit for Charter School Leaders](#)
- [Authorizer Evaluation Summary: An Analysis of Evaluations of Authorizer Quality](#)
- [District-Charter Collaboration: A User's Guide](#)
- [Student Achievement in Charter Schools: What the Research Shows](#)
- [An Analysis of the Charter School Facility Landscape](#)
- [Finding Space: Charters in District Facilities](#)
- [Charter Schools and Military Communities: A Toolkit](#)
- [Legal Guidelines for Educating English Learners in Charter Schools](#)
- [Engaging English Learner Families in Charter Schools](#)

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➤ Case Studies

- [Student Discipline and School Climate in Charter Schools](#)
- [AppleTree \(Early Learning\)](#)
- [DC Public Charter School Board \(Authorizer\)](#)
- [Camino Nuevo's Kayne Siart Campus](#)
- [Indianapolis Mayor's Office \(Authorizer\)](#)
- [Cornerstone Prep \(Turnaround\)](#)
- [Yes Prep/Houston \(District-Charter Collaboration\)](#)
- [Two Rivers Public Charter School \(SWD\)](#)
- [Folk Arts Cultural Treasures Charter School \(EL\)](#)
- [Alma del Mar \(EL\)](#)
- [El Sol \(EL\)](#)
- [Brooke Roslindale Charter \(SWD\)](#)

➤ CSO Master Classes (continued)

- [School Leadership Development](#)
- [New School Development](#)
- [Emerging Legal Issues](#)
- [Federal Funding Opportunities](#)
- [Legal Issues Impacting the Public Charter Sector
Webinar: Student Discipline – Policy & Practices in Public Charter Schools](#)
- [Closing Low-Performing Public Charter Schools - State Level Strategies](#)
- [Parent & School Engagement for CSOs](#)
- [Board Development and Governance](#)

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➤ Newsletters

- [Discipline Resources](#)
- [Rural Charter Schools Report](#)
- [Aldine ISD and YES Prep District-Charter Collaboration Case Study](#)
- [District-Charter Collaboration: A User's Guide](#)
- [Student Achievement in Charter Schools: What the Research Shows](#)
- [Serving English Language Learners and Families](#)
- [Charter Schools Serving Military Families](#)
- [English Learners in Charter Schools: Key Opportunities for Engagement and Integration](#)
- [Finding Space: Analyzing Charter School Facilities](#)

Links to Additional Resources

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