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# SEA Webinar: Consultancy Conference Call on Allowable Expenses



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# Agenda (1)

- **Introductions**
- Challenge: Allowable Expenses in Washington
- Discussion

# About the National Charter School Resource Center

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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 menu items: 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 button that says "Click here to access this report" with a right-pointing arrow. Below this are three circular icons in teal: a house with a question mark, a folder, and a briefcase. Each icon is followed by 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

# Participants

## > Moderators

- ▶ Alex Medler, Senior Director,  
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## > Participants

- ▶ Charter Schools Program (CSP)
- ▶ State Education Agency (SEA)
- ▶ Grantees



# Agenda (2)

- ✓ Introduction and Logistics
- **Challenge: Allowable Expenses in Washington**
- Discussion

# Washington Context

- Washington State's charter sector is fraught with challenges; including a pending lawsuit, funding inequities, and strong resistance from many communities.
- Seattle has one of the largest achievement gaps in the country.
- However, Washington's charter authorizers are leading in terms of their rigorous authorization and oversight process.
- Washington's CSP program staff want to make the best use of their time and funds to support the work of these schools in a nascent sector.

## Discussion Questions (1)

- How much do you consult with the Department of Education regarding allowable expenses?
- In terms of “implementation,” do you consider the first full school year of a new grade to be an implementation year? For instance, if a school just added 2 new grades, could expenses for those new grades be charged to CSP for the entire year or just for part of the year?

## Discussion Questions (2)

- Many states seem to have strict policies around the use of CSP for salaries. Are there states with more liberal policies? If so, what is it and how do you make a case for salaries in terms of “initial operational costs”?
- How do you demonstrate that other implementation costs cannot be met by State or local sources?
- How do other states deal with back-office support costs?

## Discussion Questions (3)

- How do other states deal with adding new grades in terms of software programs such as enrollment or attendance programs? Can portions of this be charged to CSP as new grades are added?
- How do other states deal with replacement equipment? Is this allowable in your state?

# Agenda (3)

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- [General Webinar: Rural Charter Schools – Building Bridges](#)
- [General Webinar: Using Data to Create Positive School Climates and Discipline Practices in Charter Schools](#)
- [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](#)
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- [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](#)

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## White Papers and Reports

- > [A User's Guide to Fiscal Oversight for Charter School Governing Boards and Authorizers](#)
- > [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](#)

## Case Studies

- > [Deep Community Engagement at the Native American Community Academy \(NACA\)](#)
- > [Cornville Regional Charter School: Personalized Learning](#)
- > [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 \(SWD\)](#)

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- [New School Development](#)
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- [Closing Low-Performing Public Charter Schools - State Level Strategies](#)
- [Parent & School Engagement for CSOs](#)
- [Board Development and Governance](#)

## 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](#)
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- [English Learners in Charter Schools: Key Opportunities for Engagement and Integration](#)
- [Finding Space: Analyzing Charter School Facilities](#)