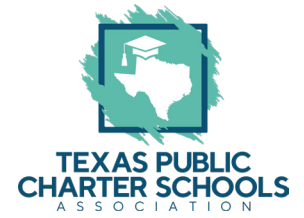


Texas Public Charter Schools Embrace Accountability



As Texans, we should hold our public schools to high standards for performance, financial management, transparency, and governance. That's what students deserve – and it's why public charter schools follow the same (or stricter) requirements as traditional districts.

TOPICS	CHARTERS	ISDs	DISTRICTS OF INNOVATION
Open-Enrollment and Tuition-Free	●	●	●
Open Meetings and Open Records	●	●	●
Nepotism Prohibitions	●	●	●
Special Education Requirements	●	●	●
Bilingual Education Requirements	●	●	●
Teacher Retirement System	●	●	●
Whistleblower Protections	●	●	●
Severance Pay Limitations	●	●	●
Follow TEKS and Take STAAR	●	●	●
Graduation Requirements & Standards	●	●	●
School Board Training	●	●	●
Student Due Process	●	●	●
School Transportation and Meals	●	●	●
Academic Accountability	●	●	●
Financial Accountability	●	●	●
Statutorily Required Closure Laws	Any 3 Strikes: Academic OR Financial	TEA Discretion	2 Academic Strikes: Loss of Status
Board Member Criminal History	No felonies or moral turpitude misdemeanors	Certain felonies and all misdemeanors allowed	Certain felonies and all misdemeanors allowed
TEA Removal of Board Members	●	Removal by local election	Removal by local election
Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying	Prohibited by law	Local tax allowed	Local tax allowed
TEA Approval: Management Contracts	●	Approved by local board only	Approved by local board only
School Discipline	Held to key requirements	●	Can request same flexibility as charters
Employment Contract Policies	Locally adopted	●	Can request same flexibility as charters
Local Taxing Authority / Efficiency Audits	Cannot tax	●	●
Parent Bill of Rights	Held to key requirements	●	●
Student Data Privacy	Held to key requirements	●	●