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	•	•