
**State Board of Education Charter School Local Education Agency (LEA) Policy 3212 and 6200
Revisions**

The Background:

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108, the State Board serves as the chartering authority for charter schools that it authorizes on appeal if the local education agency (LEA) and the charter school operator do not mutually agree that the LEA will be the authorizer. Public Chapter 622 of the 110th General Assembly reiterates that the State Board is the LEA for any charter school it authorizes.

In order to comply with the oversight and monitoring duties required in statute, the State Board must adopt policies to govern its functions as the LEA for authorized charter schools. *These policies will only impact the charter schools authorized by the State Board and will not be applicable to any other school or local district.*

Pursuant to the State Board's Board Meetings Policy 1.400, this item is on first and final reading due to timing considerations. State Board-authorized charter schools must wait for our LEA policies to be approved before they can finalize revisions to their school policies for the current or upcoming school year.

This item presents the following policy changes necessitated by new state laws passed by the General Assembly during the 2018 legislative session as well as revisions to State Board policy:

- 3212 School Water Testing: To comply with Public Chapter 977 (effective January 1, 2019), this new policy requires authorized charter schools located in a facility built before January 1, 1998 to conduct testing of lead levels in drinking water every two years.
- 6200 Attendance: To comply with changes to State Board Policy 4.100 approved on final reading in July, this policy is being revised to allow students who visit a postsecondary institution to be counted present on the date of the visit.

The Recommendation:

State Board staff recommends approval of this item on first and final reading.