
Charter School Local Education Agency (LEA) Policies 6304 and 6304.1

The Background:

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108, the State Board serves as the LEA for charter schools that it authorizes on appeal if the local board of education and the charter school operator do not mutually agree that the local board of education will be the authorizer.

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.*** Additionally, these policies will work in conjunction with State Board Policies 6.100 through 6.110 that govern the State Board's duties as a charter school authorizer.

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 upcoming school year.

New Policy:

- 6304.01 Title IX and Sexual Harassment: Provides framework for schools to develop a site-based Title IX and Sexual Harassment policy in compliance with new federal regulations.

Policies with Significant Revisions:

- 6304 Bullying, Cyber-bullying, Discrimination, Harassment, and Hazing: Removes language now included in new Title IX and Sexual Harassment LEA Policy 6304.01 policy.

Policy Justification:

This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

The Recommendation:

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