



TO: Rules, Policy and Governance Committee

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SUBJECT: 2023 Commission LEA Policy Updates

- **LEA Policy 2200 School Operating Budget**
 - Updated to require the charter school's governing body to adopt and operate under an annual budget from July 1 to June 30
- **LEA Policy 2400 Revenue and School Fees**
 - Moved the semi-annual reporting requirement regarding the receipt of grants to an as-needed basis
- **LEA Policy 2402 Investment of Funds**
 - Removes the annual reporting requirement regarding the investment of funds
- **LEA Policy 3201 School Safety**
 - Charter schools are required to provide school safety plans to local law enforcement, Department of Education, and Department of Safety by July 1
 - Removes duplicative language regarding safety instruction
- **LEA Policy 3202 Emergency Preparedness**
 - Charter schools are required to conduct one (1) incident command and one (1) emergency bus drill annually
- **LEA Policy 3400 Transportation**
 - Removes reference to the former BEP funding related to transportation
- **LEA Policy 4206 Homebound Instruction**
 - Adds clarification regarding homebound placement for students with disabilities and removes the language related to covid-19 quarantining
- **LEA Policy 4212 Virtual Instruction**
 - Removes language related to covid-19 quarantining
- **LEA Policy 4400 Instructional Materials**
 - Introduces language regarding school library requirements
- **LEA Policy 4406 Internet Safety**
 - Introduces two (2) additional areas that charter school policies are required to address

- **LEA Policy 4502 Parent Involvement**
 - Requires charter schools to inform parents of their right to review all surveys, analyses, and evaluations

- **LEA Policy 4603 Promotion and Retention**
 - Sets forth requirements surrounding 3rd grade promotion and retention, in alignment with legislative updates
 - Introduces additional reports to be submitted by charter schools; clarifies state assessment scoring weights for grades 3-5

- **LEA Policy 5118 Background Investigations**
 - Establishes that charter school leaders are responsible for ensuring that each employee responsible for criminal history record information is trained properly and timely

- **LEA Policy 6303 Reporting of Crimes**
 - Adds the requirement that charter school leaders also notify the director of schools of any assault, battery, or vandalism endangering life, health, or safety committed by a student on school property immediately

- **LEA Policy 6309 Zero Tolerance**
 - Introduces threatening mass violence on school property or at a school related activity as a zero-tolerance offense

- **LEA Policy 6317 Remands and Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority**
 - Allows the head of the charter school to modify a zero-tolerance expulsion

- **LEA Policy 6400 Student Wellness and Health Services**
 - Introduces language permitting the administration of anti-seizure medication by properly trained staff in an emergency situation

- **LEA Policy 6403 Communicable Diseases**
 - Requires charter schools to provide parents and guardians with information about meningococcal disease and influenza at the beginning of every school year

- **LEA Policy 6409 Child Abuse**
 - Requires charter schools to submit the child abuse coordinator's contact information to DCS and TPCSC by September 30 of each school year

- **LEA Policy 6500 Restraint and Isolation**



- Requires charter schools who administer isolation or physical restraint to a student receiving SPED services to report the incident immediately
 - Requires the observation and evaluation of an isolated or restrained student receiving SPED services within a reasonable time
 - Requires the creation of a record regarding the isolation or restraint of a student receiving SPED services in TNPulse
- **LEA Policy 6600 Student Records and Confidentiality**
 - Requires charter schools to receive parents and/or guardians written, informed, and voluntarily signed consent prior to a student's participation in a survey, analysis, or evaluation