

2020-2021 BESE Authorized Charter School Assurances

There are a number of requirements found in statutes and regulations applicable to charter schools. In an effort to ensure charter school autonomy and allow schools to focus on student performance, the Department has developed this assurance document that schools must submit in lieu of evidence of compliance with each requirement. Each charter school should have evidence of compliance with each requirement for review upon request.

This list is non-exhaustive and may not reflect recent changes to statutes or BESE policy. It is the responsibility of each charter school to ensure they are in compliance with all applicable laws and policies. If you have any questions about the applicability of laws or regulations, please contact LDE.

Louisiana statutes referenced below can be found on the Louisiana State Legislature's website [here](#). BESE Bulletins can be found on the Division of Administration's website [here](#). Additional state regulations can be found on the Division of Administration's website [here](#).

Directions: The chair of the Charter Board must sign or initial each of the indicators below and sign and date the assurance at the bottom of the list.

Non-profit Organization Name: _____

Charter School Name(s): _____

Type 2 and 5 charter schools are required to comply with all statutes and regulations specific to charter schools, as well as some regulations that are also applicable to other public schools and local education agencies (LEAs). By initialing below, I assure that the charter school is in compliance with these requirements.

Initial	Description	Regulations & Resources (as applicable)
	All applicable requirements of Louisiana charter law	R.S. 17:3971 through 3999
	All applicable requirements of the 2020 Strong Start School Reopening Guidelines & Resources	2020 Strong Start School Reopening Guidelines & Resources (1) Updated IEPs to reflect any changes in student placement; (2) Ensure prior written notice is given for all placement changes; (3) Determine if Strong Start compensatory services are needed; and (4) Develop virtual plan for students with disabilities have all necessary tools such as adaptive technology
	All applicable requirements of BESE Bulletin 126, <i>Charter Schools</i>	Bulletin 126, <i>Charter Schools</i>
	Requirements for other public schools and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that are also applicable to Type 2 and 5 charter schools	Portions of various BESE Bulletins, including, but not limited to: Bulletin 111, <i>The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System</i> Bulletin 118, <i>Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices</i> Bulletin 741, <i>Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators</i> Bulletin 1566, <i>Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures</i> Bulletin 1929, <i>Louisiana Accounting and Uniform Governmental Handbook (LAUGH)</i> Bulletin 1706, <i>Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act</i> Bulletin 1922, <i>Compliance Monitoring Procedures</i> Bulletin 1530, <i>Louisiana's IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities</i> Bulletin 1508, <i>Pupil Appraisal Handbook</i>

		<p>Bulletin 129, <i>The Recovery School District</i> (Type 5 charter schools only)</p> <p>Bulletin 130, <i>Regulations for the Evaluation and Assessment of School Personnel</i> (§§301-309, 325-329, 701 only)</p> <p>Bulletin 131, <i>Alternative Education Schools/Programs Standards</i></p> <p>Bulletin 140, <i>Louisiana Childhood Care and Education Network</i></p>
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La. R.S. 17:3996 requires charter schools to comply with state rules and regulations listed below that are applicable to other public schools. By initialing below, I assure that the charter school is in compliance with each of these requirements.

Initial	Item/Responsibility	Regulations & Resources (as applicable)
	Facility accessibility	R.S. 40:1731 through 1749 Bulletin 741, <i>Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators</i>
	Asbestos detection and abatement	Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33, Part II, <i>Environmental Quality: Air</i> , Chapter 27: Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACM) in Schools and State Buildings
	The Sanitary Code	Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 51, <i>Public Health – Sanitary Code</i> (primarily Part XVII, Public Buildings, Schools, and Other Institutions)
	Pesticide use and safety	R.S. 3:3387-3389 La. Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry Integrated Pest Management
	Fire safety	Bulletin 741, <i>Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators</i>
	Safe work environments	Occupational Safety and Health Act & regulations
	The possession and safe use of weapons and hazardous materials	Bulletin 741, <i>Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators</i>
	Adolescent health initiatives and school health centers	R.S. 40:31.3 La. Office of Public Health's Adolescent School Health Program (ASHP)
	Hearing and vision screenings	Bulletin 135, <i>Health and Safety</i>
	Immunizations and health records	Bulletin 135, <i>Health and Safety</i>
	Communicable disease prevention	Bulletin 135, <i>Health and Safety</i>
	Drug use prevention	La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)
	Eye safety and the use of protective goggles	R.S. 17:2114
	Missing children identification procedures	R.S. 40:2511 through 2528,
	School and district accountability system	Bulletin 111, <i>The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System</i> Bulletin 118, <i>Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices</i>
	Required competencies and assessments for high school graduation	Bulletin 111, <i>The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System</i> Bulletin 118, <i>Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices</i> Bulletin 1566, <i>Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures</i>

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Initial	Item/Responsibility	Statutes (as applicable)
	School entrance age	R.S. 17:222
	Corporal punishment (<i>new for 2017-2018</i>)	R.S. 17:416.1(B)
	Suspension of students	R.S. 17:223
	Expulsion of students	R.S. 17:224
	Attendance reporting	R.S. 17:232
	Admission of home study students	R.S. 17:236
	Unauthorized use of electronic communication devices,	R.S. 17:239
	Smoking	R.S. 17:240
	Open meetings	R.S. 42:11 et seq.
	Public records	R.S. 44:1 et seq.
	Teaching regarding the United States Constitution	R.S. 17:261
	Teaching regarding the Federalist Papers and the Declaration of Independence	R.S. 17:268
	Teaching regarding Civics and Free Enterprise	R.S. 17:274.1
	Teaching regarding sex	R.S. 17:281
	Religious liberty of students	R.S. 17:2115 et seq.
	Pupil assessment	R.S. 17:24.4.
	Any school and district accountability system required by law of a public school of similar grade or type	R.S. 17:10 through 10.8
	Public bids for the erection, construction, alteration, improvement, or repair of a public facility or immovable property	Part II of Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950
	Code of Governmental Ethics, with the exception of R.S. 42:1119 as it applies to any person employed by a charter school prior to August 15, 2003	R.S. 42:1101 et seq.
	Electronic communication by an employee at a school to a student enrolled at that school	R.S. 17:81(Q)
	Teaching regarding the state's Safe Haven Law	R.S. 17:81(R)
	Inspection and operation of fire safety and prevention equipment	R.S. 17:81(S)
	Teaching regarding dating violence	R.S. 17:81(T)
	Reporting by a school bus operator employed by the governing authority of a public elementary or secondary school of his arrest for one or more of the specified offenses relative to operating a vehicle	R.S. 17:491.3
	School master plans for supporting student behavior and discipline	R.S. 17:252
	Data collection system	R.S. 17:3911
	Reporting by a school employee employed by the governing authority of a public elementary or secondary school of his arrest for one or more of the specified offenses relative to sexual morality affecting minors, crimes listed in R.S. 15:587.1, or any justified complaint of child abuse or neglect on file in the central registry pursuant to Article 615 of the Children's Code	R.S. 17:16 R.S. 15:587.1 Article 615 of the Children's Code
	Seclusion and physical restraint of students with exceptionalities	R.S. 17:416.21
	Teaching regarding Internet and cell phone safety	R.S. 17:280

	Instruction on the Founding Principles of the United States of America in American history and civics courses	R.S. 17:265
	Procedures on bullying	R.S. 17:416.13
	School crisis management and response plans	R.S. 17:416.16
	Instruction relative to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators	R.S. 17:81(X)
	Instruction and hotline number posting requirements relative to child assault awareness and prevention	R.S. 17:81(Y)
	Deferred compensation plans	R.S. 17:81(Z)
	School bus loading and unloading provisions	R.S. 17:158(J)
	Student information	R.S. 17:3913 and 3914
	Notification of homework assistance services	R.S. 17:182.1
	Prohibits suspension or expulsion of students in grades pre kindergarten through five	R.S. 17:416(J)
	Deaf Child's Bill of Rights	R.S. 17:1960
	Instruction in cursive writing	R.S. 17:266
	Louisiana Expectant and Parenting Students Act	R.S. 17:221.7
	In-service training regarding suicide prevention	R.S. 17:437.1
	Instruction in litter prevention and awareness	R.S. 17:267
	Administration of medication and exceptions thereto	R.S. 17:436.1
	State and federal laws and regulations otherwise applicable to public schools with respect to civil rights and individuals with disabilities	Various
	A charter school shall accordingly recruit, employ, and train teachers, administrators, and other employees without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Race, color, religion, sex, and national origin shall not constitute bona fide occupational qualifications. Proficiency in a foreign language may constitute a bona fide occupational qualification for a teacher who spends more than half of his daily instruction time providing instruction in or teaching in a foreign language.	Various
	Financial audits	R.S. 24:513 et seq.
	Budgets preparation; each Type 2 and Type 5 charter school annually shall submit its budget directly to the state superintendent of education.	R.S. 39:1301 through 1315

By signing below, I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to each of the above provisions and requirements. Evidence for each indicator is available for review upon request.

Board Chair

Date