

AFFIRMATIONS AND DECLARATION

As the authorized lead petitioner, I, Denise Griffin, hereby certify that the information submitted in this petition for a California public charter school to be named Encore Junior And Senior High School for the Performing & Visual Arts, and to be located within the boundaries of the Hesperia Unified School District is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; I also certify that this petition does not constitute the conversion of a private school to the status of a public charter school; and further, I understand that if awarded a charter, Encore will follow any and all federal, state, and local laws and regulations that apply to Encore, including but not limited to:

- Encore shall meet all statewide standards and conduct the student assessments required, pursuant to Education Code Section 60605 and any other statewide standards authorized in statute, or student assessments applicable to students in non-charter public schools. [Ref. Education Code Section 47605(d)(1)]
- Encore Education Corporation declares that it shall be deemed the exclusive public school employer of the employees of Encore for purposes of the Educational Employment Relations Act. [Ref. Education Code Section 47605(c)(6)]
- Encore shall be non-sectarian in its programs, admissions policies, employment practices, and all other operations. [Ref. Education Code Section 47605(e)(1)]
- Encore shall not charge tuition. [Ref. Education Code Section 47605(e)(1)]
- Encore shall admit all students who wish to attend Encore, unless Encore receives a greater number of applications than there are spaces for students, in which case it will hold a public random drawing to determine admission. Except as required by Education Code Section 47605(e)(2), admission to Encore shall not be determined according to the place of residence of the student or of that student's parent or legal guardian within the State. Preference in the public random drawing shall be given as required by Education Code Section 47605(e)(2)(B)(i)-(iv). In the event of a drawing, the chartering authority shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the growth of Encore in accordance with Education Code Section 47605(e)(2)(C). [Ref. Education Code Section 47605(e)(2)(A)-(C)]
- Encore shall not discriminate on the basis of the characteristics listed in Education Code Section 220 (actual or perceived disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, including immigration status, or association with an individual who has any of the aforementioned characteristics). [Ref. Education Code Section 47605(e)(1)]

- Encore shall adhere to all provisions of federal law related to students with disabilities including, but not limited to, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.
- Encore shall meet all requirements for employment set forth in applicable provisions of law, including, but not limited to credentials, as necessary. [Ref. Title 5 California Code of Regulations Section 11967.5.1(f)(5)(C)]
- Encore shall ensure that teachers in Encore hold the Commission on Teacher Credentialing certificate, permit, or other document required for the teacher's certificated assignment. Encore may use local assignment options authorized in statute and regulations for the purpose of legally assigning certificated teachers, in the same manner as a governing board of a school district. Teachers employed by charter schools during the 2019-20 school year shall have until July 1, 2025, to obtain the certificate required for the teacher's certificated assignment. Encore shall also ensure that, by July 1, 2020, all teachers in charter schools shall obtain a certificate of clearance and satisfy the requirements for professional fitness pursuant to Section 44339, 44340, and 44341. [Ref. Education Code Sections 47605(l) and 47605.4(a)]
- Encore shall at all times maintain all necessary and appropriate insurance coverage.
- Encore shall, for each fiscal year, offer at a minimum, the number of minutes of instruction per grade level as required by Education Code Section 47612.5(a)(1)(A)-(D).
- If a pupil is expelled or leaves Encore without graduating or completing the school year for any reason, Encore shall notify the superintendent of the school district of the pupil's last known address within 30 days, and shall, upon request, provide that school district with a copy of the cumulative record of the pupil, including report cards or a transcript of grades, and health information. If the pupil is subsequently expelled or leaves the school district without graduating or completing the school year for any reason, the school district shall provide this information to Encore within 30 days if Encore demonstrates that the pupil had been enrolled in Encore. [Ref. Education Code Section 47605(e)(3)]
- Encore may encourage parental involvement, but shall notify the parents and guardians of applicant pupils and currently enrolled pupils that parental involvement is not a requirement for acceptance to, or continued enrollment at, Encore. [Ref. Education Code Section 47605(n)]
- Encore shall maintain accurate and contemporaneous written records that document all pupil attendance and make these records available for audit and inspection. [Ref. Education Code Section 47612.5(a)(2)]

- Encore shall, on a regular basis, consult with its parents and teachers regarding Encore's education programs. [Ref. Education Code Section 47605(d)]
- Encore shall comply with any applicable jurisdictional limitations to the locations of its facilities. [Ref. Education Code Sections 47605 and 47605.1]
- Encore shall comply with all laws establishing the minimum and maximum age for public school enrollment. [Ref. Education Code Sections 47612(b) and 47610]
- Encore shall comply with all applicable portions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as reauthorized and amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act.
- Encore shall comply with the Public Records Act.
- Encore shall comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.
- Encore shall comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act.
- Encore shall comply with Government Code Section 1090, et seq., as set forth in Education Code Section 47604.1.
- Encore shall comply with the Political Reform Act.
- Encore shall meet or exceed the legally required minimum number of school days. [Ref. Title 5 California Code of Regulations Section 11960]