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CHARTER SCHOOL COMPLIANCE MONITORING 2020-2021

Dear Charter School Governing Board President and Charter School Leaders:

As part of its oversight responsibility set forth in California Education Code § 47604.3, the LAUSD, through the Charter Schools Division (CSD), monitors each charter public school's compliance with applicable legal, charter, and policy requirements. The CSD's compliance oversight process encompasses three important actions by each charter school:

- (1) **School Administrator's Certification**: As the CSD continues its focus on ensuring that the well-being of students remains first and foremost, **by October 23, 2020**, (designed to be aligned with the six week deadline for Child Abuse Mandated Reporter training) as part of the school's Q1 electronic submission of documents, we request that the school site administrator submit the attached certification confirming the school's implementation of safety measures at the beginning of the school year. This beginning of the year certification by the school administrator informs the governing board and supports the school in ensuring that critical organizational and management systems are in place as the school year begins, as these requirements greatly impact students, staff and the public. **Please return the entire document with only the school administrator's columns completed, along with the administrator's signature no later than October 23, 2020.**
- (2) **Certification of Board Compliance Review**: As in previous years, and as part of the Governing Board's fulfillment of its fiduciary governance responsibility to ensure that the charter school complies with all applicable laws and other requirements, it is critical that the school's Governing Board periodically review, discuss, monitor, and modify, if necessary, the school's policies and systems for compliance with such requirements. **Please complete and sign the *final* certification at the end of the attached document, *Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review 2020-2021*, and return the entire document, (including the administrator's certification from the first submission). Please include the relevant Board agenda(s) and minutes as evidence of the Governing Board's review of these items and submit to the Charter Schools Division via Dropbox no later than January 8, 2021.**

The CSD is very much aware and acknowledges that governing boards provide fiduciary oversight and hire a leader (or leaders) to execute day-to-day operations and appropriately delegated functions. Moreover, the charter school's governing board is the first line of charter school oversight. As part of the District's oversight process, this certification is intended to serve as a formal acknowledgement from charter school governing boards of their review and appropriate due diligence in these key areas as part of their own organizational oversight function. This annual certification also provides charter governing boards an opportunity to confirm with their school leadership that systems are/remain in place to fulfill these critical requirements that impact students, staff, and the public.

- (3) Documentation of Compliance: As we have historically done, the CSD will review documentation of compliance with several key legal requirements as part of this year’s annual performance-based oversight visit to each charter school. To facilitate effective and efficient compliance review on the day of the visit, please adhere to the guidance provided in the *Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Preparation Guide 2020-2021* for the preparation of the school’s compliance documentation. Please ensure that this documentation is current, complete, and accurate. The “Supporting Documentation” column of the table in the attached *Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review 2020-2021* may provide useful support and assistance in this endeavor.

We appreciate your continued collaboration and cooperation as we work together so that all youth achieve in healthy and safe environments. Should you have questions, please contact your assigned CSD administrator.

Best wishes,

José Cole-Gutiérrez
Director, Charter Schools Division

COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND CERTIFICATION OF BOARD COMPLIANCE REVIEW 2020-2021

School Name: _____

Board President Name: _____

Charter Management Organization: _____

LAUSD Loc. Code: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: This Compliance Monitoring and Certification Checklist needs to be submitted twice but both certifications must be completed on the same form.

First submission should be completed by checking each appropriate box (Compliant **OR** In Process) for items 1-23; school administrator needs sign and date the certification page and submitted all pages no later than October 23, 2020 via Dropbox.

Second submission needs to be completed by checking each appropriate items 1-23 under the board certification column, Board Chair needs to sign the certification page and submit with supporting documentation such as the Board Agenda where item was discuss, Board Minutes and Board Agenda approving the minutes no later than January 8, 2021 via Dropbox.

Note: Checklist boxes cannot be left uncheck for any of the items unless you indicated Not Applicable (N/A). Compliance Certification with wet signatures must remain at the school site and be available for review upon request by the oversight team at any time.

Compliance Requirements*	Supporting Documentation	SCHOOL ADMIN.		BOARD CERTIFICATION BY JANUARY 2021
		COMPLIANT	REQUIREMENT IN PROCESS	
1. The charter school maintains timely and current verification of criminal background and TB clearances for all employees (including substitutes, part-time staff, and temporary employees) and contracting entities (service providers, vendors, and independent contractors). See, e.g., CA Ed. Code § 47605(b)(5)(F); CA Ed. Code §§ 45122.1 and 45125.1; CA Ed. Code § 49406.	Documentation that the school has at least one DOJ-confirmed Custodian of Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Completed and signed "Certification of Clearances, Credentialing and Mandated Reporter Training 2020-2021" form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Completed and signed “Criminal Background Clearance Certification” for each faculty and staff member to certify criminal background clearance prior to employment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Certification of timely DOJ and TB clearances by all contracting entities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Documentation of compliance with applicable volunteer clearance requirements, including tuberculosis (TB) risk assessment/clearance requirements under AB 1667.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Teachers (including but not limited to English language arts, social studies, science, and mathematics) hold an EL Certification and a valid Commission on Teacher Credentialing Certificate, permit, or other documents equivalent to that which a teacher in other public schools would be required to hold per federal and state law, ESSA. See Ed. Code § 47605(l).	For each certificated staff member: Credential(s) are appropriate for the position(s) to which the person has been assigned, and are in alignment with AB 1505 and applicable law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Master schedule that shows all assignment(s) of each certificated staff member.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2a. The administration and board have a system in place for reporting applicable employee misconduct to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.	Internal human resources procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The Charter Schools Division has been provided with, and parents have access to, the school’s most current contact information for each Governing Board member and the 2020-2021 Board meetings calendar . See current <i>Federal, State, and District Required Language for Independent Charter School Petitions (New and Renewal) and Material Revisions (FSDRL)</i> .	Accurate and updated school contact information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Accurate and updated list/roster of Governing Board members and contact information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Calendar of Governing Board meeting dates and location(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Charter school complies with the pre- and post-lottery and enrollment forms guidelines. See <i>Admissions Requirements and Materials</i> (August 2011).	Lottery form and enrollment packet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Charter school shall ensure that staff receives annual training on the charter school's health, safety, and emergency procedures , and shall maintain a calendar for, and conduct, emergency response drills for students and staff including, but not limited to: a. Health, Safety and Emergency Preparedness Plan (School Safety Plan) (see, e.g., CA Ed Code 32280-32289) b. Child Abuse Mandated Reporter training (see AB 1432 (2014); Ed. Code § 44691; Penal Code § 11165.7) c. Blood borne Pathogens training (see 8 CCR § 5193) d. Pupil Suicide Prevention Policy, AB 2246 (2016)	Comprehensive Health, Safety, and Emergency Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Documentation of emergency drills and preparedness training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Documentation of timely and compliant Child Abuse Mandated Reporter training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Documentation of annual Blood borne Pathogens training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Documentation of Pupil Suicide Prevention Policy training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Co-location Charters only- The school administrator and governing board acknowledges and understands that the independent charter school follows applicable District policy, including the District School Safety Plan, as a co-location school.	Participation in District and site level co-location meetings Review of Policy Bulletin-5532.1 Meeting with local district site principal for additional information and questions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. The charter school has either implemented the LAUSD English Learner Master Plan or updated and implemented its own master plan in accordance with English Language Master Plan requirements. See current FSDRL and 2020-2021 Opening Letter.	EL Certification Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	EL Master Plan has been updated (if the school has not adopted the LAUSD EL Master Plan)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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8. The charter school's school climate and student discipline systems and procedures align with LAUSD's Discipline Foundation Policy and School Climate Bill of Rights . See current FSDRL.	Description of the school-wide student behavior and discipline system that aligns with Discipline Foundation Policy and School Climate Bill of Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Evidence of the tiered behavior intervention, alternatives to suspension, and school positive behavior support that the school provides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Charter School shall maintain all data involving placement, tracking, and monitoring of student suspensions, expulsions, and reinstatements , and make such outcome data readily available to the LAUSD upon request. The charter school submits student suspension and expulsion data to the Office of Data and Accountability on a monthly basis. See current FSDRL.	Monthly suspension and expulsion reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Charter School ensures that any and all school communications, including the Parent Student Handbook , are consistent with the provisions of school's approved charter as well as applicable law (e.g., translation required in the target language if Charter School has 15% of more of Stakeholders who speak that language.)	Parent Student Handbook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. The charter school's occupancy and use of facilities shall be in compliance with applicable building codes, standards and regulations adopted by the city and/or county agencies responsible for building and safety standards, and the Americans with Disability Act. See Ed. Code § 47610; See current FSDRL.	Current and appropriate Certificate of Occupancy or equivalent; documentation of compliance with fire-life-safety requirements; other required documentation (for any school site not located on District property)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. The charter school complies with all federal and state laws related to public entities , including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ralph M. Brown Act, Gov. Code §§ 54950-54963 Political Reform Act, Gov. Code §§ 81000-91015 	Board meeting agendas and minutes for the past 12 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Verification of compliant public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Records Act, Gov. Code §§ 6250-6276.48 <p>See current FSDRL.</p>	posting of Board agendas, including on the school website			
	Evidence of Brown Act training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Forms 700	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	School policy for responding to Public Records Act requests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. The charter school ensures that its Articles of Incorporation are current and appropriate for the operation of the charter school.	Corporate papers, including any and all Articles of Incorporation (initial documents and any subsequent amendments), for entities affiliated with the charter school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. By-laws are current and consistent with approved charter, Governing Board-approved, and signed by the Governing Board secretary.	Current and signed Board-approved bylaws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. The charter school meets the provisions of eligibility and/or is a participant of state and federal programs and/or grants , which may include but not limited to, the following: Title I, II, III, and other programs, child nutrition programs, Prop 20 – State Lottery, Education Protection Act, Special Education §56000, SB 740, and all other federal and state programs in which the charter school participates.	[See “Fiscal Review” in the <i>Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Preparation Guide</i> for list of documentation to be provided to the CSD Fiscal Team]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. The charter school implements Uniform Complaint Procedure policies and procedures with appropriate corresponding forms and documents, readily available to stakeholders at the school site and on the school’s website, that are compliant with federal and state requirements., See, e.g., guidance provided at http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cp/uc/	<p>The governing board has reviewed the school’s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UCP policies UCP procedures UCP forms 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<p>17. The charter school, as a recipient of federal reimbursement for the National School Lunch/Breakfast program and/or as a school on District property, has adopted a Local School Wellness Policy. See Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–296); Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004.</p> <p>Note: Even if the charter school is not participating in the National School Lunch or Breakfast program, and is not located on District property, development and adoption of an equivalent Wellness Policy likely would benefit the school and its students.</p>	Local School Wellness Policy, including evidence of stakeholder input in the development of the policy and annual progress report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>18. The governing board oversees the development of and approves/adopts the stakeholder engagement process, the COVID-19 Operations Written Report that aligns with Governor Newsom-issued Executive Order N-56-20 on responding to COVID-19, and the school’s Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan and its Budget Overview for Parents pursuant to Senate Bill 98 (SB 98). The Learning Continuity Plan replaces the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2020–21 school year and supersedes the requirements in Executive Order N-56-20.</p>	Documentation of stakeholder engagement, including Board Meeting Agendas, Board Minutes, and the COVID-19 Operations Written Report, Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan, and Budget Overview for Parents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>19. The charter school ensures compliance with the LAUSD’s Keeping Parents Informed: Charter Public School Transparency Resolution of January 12, 2016, which includes documents available both manually and electronically, and if the charter school occupies a building on the AB300 list (seismic safety survey), it has posted a notice of such status in its main office.</p>	Documentation of discussion by the Governing Board including Board Meeting Agendas and Board Minutes and review that documentation is available both manually and electronically	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>20. The charter school ensures that it is in compliance with all applicable state law regarding homeless and foster youth, including but not limited to the provisions of AB 379 (2015) and Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 48850) of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, as amended from time to time.</p>	Documentation of compliance with the requirements, which may include but is not limited to, the name of the charter school’s designee and the partial credit policy, if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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21. Schools Serving Grade 9 only: The charter school complies with all applicable requirements of the California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015)	Documentation of the adoption of the charter school's established policy in compliance with the California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015, including the Board Meeting Agendas and Board Minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. The charter school complies with all applicable requirements of AB 2246: Pupil Suicide Prevention Policies. (Schools serving Grades 7-12). If the charter school is co-located on District property (Prop 39), the school administrator must access training via the District's website through MyPLN.	Documentation of the adoption of the charter school's policy established in compliance with the AB 2246, including the Board Meeting Agendas and Board Minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. For High Schools Only: The charter school has obtained WASC accreditation and UCOP Doorways Course Approval.	Charter school approvals are listed on the WASC website and UCOP Doorways website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. The charter school complies with all applicable requirements of AB 543 regarding sexual harassment notifications (Schools serving Grades 9-12).	Verification of pupils being notified in accordance with AB 543 requirements, including displaying a poster in bathrooms and locker rooms at the schoolsite.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. The charter school complies with all applicable requirements of AB 605 pertaining to school-purchased technology devices for individuals with exceptional needs.	Documentation of compliance with the requirements, which may include but is not limited to, how students were provided access to devices in order to receive a free appropriate public education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S COMPLIANCE REVIEW

(By Friday, October 23, 2020)

The undersigned hereby certifies that, on _____ the School Administrator of _____

Date(s)

Name of Charter School

reviewed the school's compliance related policies, systems, and procedures.

Printed Name of School Administrator	Signature of School Administrator	Date Signed

CERTIFICATION OF BOARD COMPLIANCE REVIEW

(By Friday, January 8, 2021)

The undersigned hereby certifies that, on _____, the Governing Board of _____

Date(s)

Name of Charter School

reviewed the school's compliance related policies, systems, and procedures. **

This certification includes the following relevant documentation:

- Board Agenda where item was discussed
- Board Minutes
- Board Agenda Approving the Minutes

Printed Name of Governing Board Chair	Signature of Governing Board Chair	Date Signed