



## **Executive Director/CEO**

### *Job Description*

<b>Reports To:</b>	Board of Directors
<b>FLSA Status:</b>	Exempt
<b>Job Classification:</b>	Administration
<b>Pay Range:</b>	Administrative Schedule
<b>Work Schedule:</b>	225 days/12 months
<b>Location:</b>	Remote Office

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### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

*The Executive Director/CEO operates under the policy direction of the Board of Directors and in accordance with state and federal laws. The Executive Director/CEO is distinguished by its role as the lead administrator within the charter school group for all aspects of the schools' operations. Major areas include ensuring adherence to the charter's mission, objectives, and values; monitoring the charter's financial status and ensuring sound fiscal practices; monitoring student and staff performance, and leading changes in academics and overall instruction as needed; performing community and family outreach to promote the charter schools and to develop rapport to provide student engagement opportunities.*

*This position reports to the Board of Directors, with responsibility for major projects and charter school initiatives; serves as a liaison, fosters professional networking, and provides regular communication with the Board of Directors and sponsoring district/Local Education Agency (LEA); and recommends actions to the Board of Directors.*

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required.

- Five or more years of teaching experience with progressively increasing levels of responsibility in leadership/mentoring
- Five years in independent study administration strongly preferred
- Bachelor's degree required; advanced degree preferred
- A valid, current, and appropriate California Administrative Services credential.
- State and federal fingerprint clearance (LiveScan) to work with students (Ed. Code 44237). No prospective employee can report to work without this clearance being received and Human Resources notifying the immediate supervisor of this clearance
- Proof of a clear TB test or signed Certificate of Completion dated within the last 60 days (Ed. Code 49406) upon employment and thereafter updated every four years
- Valid California Driver's License

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- The Executive Director/CEO will ensure the charter school's leadership aligns with the California Professional Standards for Education Leaders (CPSEL) in the areas of:
- Development and Implementation of a Shared Vision
- Instructional Leadership
- Management and Learning Environment
- Family and Community Engagement
- Ethics and Integrity
- External Context and Policy

### ***School-wide focus***

- Oversees school programs
- Makes administrative decisions necessary for the proper functioning of the schools
- Provides leadership in designing, implementing, and evaluating major programs and activities to bring about needed change and higher performance
- Provides leadership to administrative team and staff in determining instructional objectives and in identifying charter needs as the basis for developing long and short-term initiatives for the charter schools
- Continuously develops and expands the educational goals and programs, and informs the Board of Directors of status, progress, and implementation
- As a leader, stays current on educational laws and trends that pertain to the school
- Develops school policies for recommendation to the Board of Directors in alignment with state and federal laws and best practices.
- Prepares ongoing communication and agenda items to inform the Board on all matters pertaining to school operations, academic achievement, and financial aspects of the charter schools.

### ***Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Goal Setting***

- Understands and promotes the charter's mission, purposes and objectives to parents, staff, board members, and community
- Builds shared vision among all stakeholders, focusing on the school's mission and identity
- Establishes and maintains a healthy and mutually supportive relationship with the school's partners to advance the mission of the school

### ***Board Governance***

- Oversees the preparation of the board agenda items and provides supporting documentation for the board meetings
- Directs the maintenance of all records that are required by law and board policy
- Ensures board policies in alignment with state and federal law that incorporate best practices and are legally compliant
- Apprises the Board of pending and ongoing school operations, financial status, and community engagement

### ***Budget and Financial Oversight***

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- Oversees school finances to ensure financial stability; maintains up-to-date financial records
- Directs the preparation of the annual budget of the school; ensures frequent and regular budget presentations to the Board of Directors to include relevant facts and pertinent information; ensures adherence to the budget adoption cycle; oversees and directs the administration of the budget after its adoption.
- Identifies the staffing needs of the school based on the budget and ADA and directs the assignment/duties for instructional personnel
- Provides all necessary financial reports as required for proper attendance reporting
- Oversees reimbursements and expenses
- Oversees the processing and submission of required state and federal reports, including LCFF
- Direct the maintenance of all records that are required by law and Cabinet/Board of Directors policy
- Works with the schools' attorney on contracts with contractors/providers, as needed
- Oversees and ensures vendor and ordering processes are followed
- Minimizes financial loss through development and implementation of risk management policies; ensures the school maintains proper insurance coverage, implements safety training, and responds appropriately to claims and complaints.

#### ***Evaluations, Staff Performance and Faculty Oversight***

- Interviews and recommends employee hiring, promotion, discipline, and/or dismissal
- Supports directors in establishing criteria for performance and evaluation using State standards and guidelines
- Directs the employee evaluation process
- Makes all recommendations for retention, discipline, or dismissal of employees, supported by accurate and adequate records
- Ensures that appropriate evaluation techniques are used for staff
- Maintains professional relationships with the staff, by directing and implementing lines of communication with employees

#### ***Professional Development***

- Encourages, creates, and supports the professional development of all staff
- Provides support to school's leadership team in planning and executing focused staff development to align with the school's mission, vision, and core values
- Collaborates with members of the leadership team to set professional goals in relationship to the departments served

#### ***School Development***

- Keeps informed of current educational philosophy, practices and public policies by visiting other charters, by attending educational conferences and workshops, and reading current professional literature. Keeps the Board of Directors informed of trends in education
- Works with the Board of Directors and school leaders to influence State and federal policies that benefit all students, supports improvement of teaching and learning, and supports school choice.
- Develops a strategic plan for growth and long-term sustainability of the charter schools; prepare, submit, and present charter petitions to authorizing school district boards; ensure compliance with the charter petition requirements and foster ongoing communication with authorizing school district leadership.

- Analyzes and determines opportunities for charter expansion; develops relationships with school district administration and creates opportunities for new charters to be established.
- Establishes and maintains a system to handle organizational tasks such as student records, teacher records, teacher credentialing information, contemporaneous attendance logs, purchasing, budgets, and timetables
- Develops new and revised policies for recommendation to the Board of Directors and ensure that all laws, Board policies, procedures and administrative regulations are implemented
- Works with staff to develop the annual school calendar and master schedule
- Directs the preparation of reports showing objectives, plans, programs, and educational accomplishments

***Larger Community, Authorizer, WASC, and LCAP***

- Fosters a climate of innovation and collaborative creative problem solving with charter personnel, students, parents, and community
- Completes and submits required documents as requested or required by the charter and/or Cabinet/Board of Directors and/or the District
- Serves as professional advisor to the Board of Directors, keeping them fully informed on all programs, practices, issues and problems of the charter school; provides them with all information and data for decision making. When recommendations are requested or offered, the Superintendent will provide rationale for the recommendation
- Promotes and publishes the school in the community, promotes positive public relations and interacts effectively with media
- Secures legal interpretations on all issues pertaining to the school and the operation of the school
- Ensures compliance with all applicable state and federal laws
- Oversees the development of the School Annual Performance Report and the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)
- Oversees the processing and submission of required state and federal reports, including Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- Oversees school-wide state assessments; promotes participation through positive communication with students and families
- Analyzes student assessment data; develops targeted plans for growth including review of teaching strategies and curriculum; implements professional development as needed
- Oversees and assists in securing local grants
- Oversees and ensures Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) accreditation
- Serves as liaison between the school and school districts, as needed
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***Attendance Compliance***

- Takes responsible steps to secure full and regular attendance at school of the students enrolled in accordance with policies established by the Board of Directors
- Oversees attendance policies and ensures procedures are followed
- Oversees completion and submission of all necessary financial reports as required for proper attendance reporting

**Oversight Responsibilities:**

- Supervises and oversees the leadership team and staff

## **OTHER DUTIES:**

- Documents and reports all formal disciplinary actions involving students and staff; addressing and resolving complaints from students, parents, and staff in a timely manner; ensuring compliance with the school's Uniform Complaint Policy; the school's Uniform Technology Policy; and the provisions of California Penal Code Section 11166 (Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act)
- Performs other duties as assigned

## **ABILITIES:**

- Develop, implement, and evaluate effective instructional programs
- Analyze school programs, develop and implement solutions, and evaluate success
- Transmit passion for learning to students and families; promote family and community engagement
- Oversee the budget development process and ensure long term sustainability of school finances
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with and between staff, students, and families and resolve conflict
- Select, train, and evaluate performance of assigned staff
- Plan and implement staff development programs
- Demonstrate flexibility and adaptability in difficult situations and ensure student-focused leadership
- Demonstrate well developed, clear communication and interpersonal skills that maintain a respectful, professional and courteous manner
- Demonstrate strong organizational skills and time management
- Demonstrate openness to differing views and objectives
- Conduct research, participate in professional networks, and monitor legislation to inform decision making for school programs
- Deliver information both orally and in writing in a timely and effective manner
- Maintain confidentiality of sensitive and privileged information.
- Exercise initiative -
  - understands the needs of the school and takes steps toward meeting those needs with little support and guidance
  - prevents problems by planning ahead and anticipating outcomes
- Understand and be sensitive to those of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and promote a culture of inclusion
- Build a culture where students, parents, and teachers feel valued and served

## **Knowledge:**

- State and federal laws, statutes, rules and regulations that pertain to TK-12 public education including general education, special education, and second language learners
- Independent study program requirements, assessment, and accountability
- Public education systems and county and community resources and agencies
- California Content Standards for TK-12 education
- Current practices, research and trends in curriculum, instruction, and assessment
- Methodologies, strategies, and assessment instruments

- Budget preparation, management and controls
- Principles and practices of leadership, management, supervision, and training
- Effective professional development programs
- Computer Literacy: General knowledge of database software, how to use the internet to find information and complete tasks, email usage, order processing systems, spreadsheet software, and word processing software

**PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS:**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Hearing and speaking to exchange information
- Dexterity of hands and fingers to operate a computer keyboard and other office equipment
- Seeing to read a variety of materials
- Bending at the waist, kneeling or crouching
- Sitting or standing for extended periods of time
- Lifting objects up to 25 pounds with or without assistance
- Close vision and ability to adjust focus to view text in print materials or electronically

**Work Environment:**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Noise level is generally moderate
- Meetings conducted in public and private settings
- Primarily indoor and outdoor in varying temperatures
- Employee must have available transportation and be able to drive up to 100 miles in a day

**Hazards:**

- Potential physical hazards involved in intervening in altercations and antisocial behavior
- Contact with dissatisfied individuals

**Employee Acknowledgement:**

The above job description is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of duties and standards of the position. Incumbents will follow any other instructions, and perform any other related duties, as assigned by their supervisor.

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Employee Signature                      Printed Name                      Date