



CHARTER SCHOOL PETITIONER CERTIFICATION

(Must be completed and signed by petitioner.)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The petitioner should complete and sign this form to ensure they have addressed all required components of a countywide charter petition.
2. Submit a complete Charter School Countywide Package along with the charter petition to *Orange County Department of Education, Charter Schools Unit, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, 92626.*

Charter School Name:	Date Petition Submitted:
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REQUIRED PETITION SIGNATURES Education Code § 47605.6(a)

50% of parents/guardians of the number of age-appropriate students expected to enroll for 1st year of operation, in the form required by law.	Yes	No	Page
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OR

50% of the number of appropriately credentialed teachers expected to be employed during 1st year of operation, in the form required by law.	Yes	No	Page
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JUSTIFICATION FOR COUNTYWIDE AUTHORIZATION Education Code § 47605.6

Indicates the educational services to be provided by the charter school will offer services to a pupil population that will benefit from those services and that cannot be served as well by a charter school that operates in only one school district in the county. (countywide petition)	Yes	No	Page
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REQUIRED AFFIRMATIONS Education Code § 47605.6(e)

Statement that school will be non-sectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations, will not charge tuition, and will not discriminate against any pupil on the basis of 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.	Yes	No	Page
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GEOGRAPHIC AND SITE LIMITATIONS Education Code § 47605.6(a)

Does the Petition provide for the notification steps to school districts regarding proposed operations at sights within the geographic boundaries of the county as required by law?	Yes	No	Page
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Does the Petition identify the precise location(s) where the school(s) will operate?	Yes	No	Page
EFFECTIVE DATE			
Does the Petition demonstrate that the charter school will commence operation by September 30 of its first year of operation?	Yes	No	Page
REQUIRED ELEMENTS		Education Code § 47605.6(b)(5)(A–P)	
Indicate whether the petition has included information for all 15 required elements and insert the page numbers in the far-right column.	Yes	No	Page
Element A Educational Program			
Element B Measurable Student Outcomes			
Element C Student Progress Measurement			
Element D Charter School Location(s)			
Element E Governance			
Element F Employee Qualifications			
Element G Health and Safety Procedures			
Element H Balanced Enrollment			
Element I Annual Financial Audits			
Element J Suspension and Expulsion Procedures			
Element K Employee Retirement Systems			
Element L Dispute Resolution			
Element M Admissions Policies and Procedures			
Element N Public School Attendance Alternatives			
Element O Rights of County Office of Education Employees			
Element P Charter School Closure Procedures			
SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA		Education Code § 47605.6(h)	
The petition provides the required budget and financial documents, including the proposed first year operational budget (with budget assumptions), startup cost, and cash flow and financial projections for the first three years of operation.	Yes	No	Page
The petition provides an administrative plan.	Yes	No	Page

If the school is to be operated by, or as, a nonprofit public benefit corporation, the petitioner shall provide the names and relevant qualifications of all persons whom the petitioner nominates to serve on the governing body of the charter school.	Yes	No	Page
The petition describes its special education structure, relationship to the SELPA, and the responsibilities of each party for service delivery, including referral, assessment, instruction, due process, and agreements describing allocation of costs.	Yes	No	Page
The petition provides a plan for independent study (if applicable).	Yes	No	Page

Education Code § 47605.6(a) & (b): *A petition is deemed received by the Orange County Board of Education for purposes of commencing the timelines on the day the petitioner submits a Charter School Countywide Package to the Orange County Department of Education.*

I hereby certify under the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing Charter School Countywide Package, including the charter petition, are complete, true and correct. I understand and acknowledge that failure to provide accurate or complete information may subject the charter to revocation if later discovered and material to compliance with the Charter Schools Act.

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Lead petitioner	Signature	Date
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OCDE personnel receiving petition	Signature	Date
