



State Charter School Board Report

2022 Legislative Session



Purpose

Charter schools must be authorized by an approved authorizer who:

May authorize and promote the establishment of charter schools

Shall annually review and evaluate the performance of charter schools and hold a charter school accountable for the school's performance



SCSB is Utah's largest authorizer

91%
**of operating
charters in Utah**

Mission:

Advancing choice, innovation, and student success through rigorous authorizing and supportive oversight

Vision:

Every student has access to an excellent education that meets their unique learning needs

By the numbers



77,786

charter students

(11.5% of total public-school enrollment)

125/137

Operating charter schools

Serving students in all 41 districts

33%

students of color

8%

English language learners

14%

special education

26%

free or reduced-price lunch



What does authorization look like?

PROVIDED FLEXIBILITY
TO BEST SERVE STUDENTS DURING PANDEMIC

VISITED/MET WITH
102/103 CHARTER LEAs

OFFERING SIX to NINE
TRAININGS PER MONTH
FOR GOVERNING BOARDS, ADMINS, TEACHERS, STAFF
TOPICS INCLUDE FINANCE, OPMA, PEDAGOGY AND MORE

25/31 SATELLITE APPLICATIONS
SINCE 2008 WITH 81% APPROVAL RATE

70/179 NEW SCHOOL
APPLICATIONS
SINCE 2006 WITH 39% APPROVAL RATE



SCSB Goals

**Met with 102/103
authorized LEAs in 2021**
99% of SCSB charters

**Trained 209 individual charter
governing board members**
43% of governing board members

**Open and Public Meetings
Act Compliance**
42/125 schools are 100% compliant

53 Required Policies
Information campaign to ensure all
SCSB charters are aware of and
implementing all required policies



SCSB Oversight Performance Data SY2021

**RESOLVED 88% OF
RESEARCHED ISSUES**

ONLY 1% REQUIRED DISCIPLINARY ACTION

3 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

WARNING OR PROBATION
0 SCHOOLS CLOSED

**249 RESEARCH AND REVIEWS
RESOLVED AND CLOSED**

86/103 CHARTER LEAS

MET ALL GOVERNANCE AND GOAL CERTIFICATIONS

27 NOTICES OF CONCERN

RESOLVED OR IN PROCESS



SCSB Ongoing Budget

\$1,834,700

Annually for operations

- \$155,873 for new school monitoring and technical assistance (normally \$200,000; 53F-2-705)
- Remainder in general fund
- Includes \$391,753 of new funds (original appropriation was \$425,000)



SCSB Budget

\$400,000

**Annually for contracted
third-party mentoring
and trainings**

- \$200,000 for a mentoring program (53F-2-705)
- \$200,000 for regional seminars



SCSB Budget

\$1,630,800

**of start-up grants for
new charter schools**

- Normally \$2,100,000 (53F-2-705)
- Large carry-forward balance from not opening as many charter schools (originally was figured for \$300,000 for 7 schools a year)
- Have increased award amounts to account for inflation and greater start costs



Funding Recommendation

Continue

ongoing funds

No

new funds needed

Largest

carry forward is in the
startup grant

Priority

reduce start-up grant



THANK YOU

Utah State Charter School Board

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