

Ohio PTA Position Statement Charter Schools

Charter/Community Schools must:

- ❑ Be open to all students
- ❑ Abide by all federal and state laws which protect the health and safety of children, prohibit discrimination, and comply with the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts and Americans With Disabilities Act
- ❑ Comply with federal and state laws governing public schools which require fiscal responsibility and accountability
- ❑ Comply with federal and state laws governing public schools regarding student assessment and reporting the resulting data
- ❑ Be accountable to the school boards in their local school districts; those with no location (Internet/electronic schools) should be accountable to the state school board
- ❑ Ensure that professional faculty and staff are highly qualified as defined by No Child Left Behind Act, 2002, for the positions they hold and receive ongoing education throughout their employment
- ❑ Involve parents or guardians in meaningful ways including: decision making, communication, volunteering and collaborating
- ❑ Have a mechanism for independent evaluation to determine if they are providing students with an education at least comparable to the public schools in their area. Routinely evaluate their mission and monitor the progress of fulfilling their specific mission of innovation as stated in their contract

Charter/Community Schools must not:

- ❑ Be sponsored or operated by for-profit organizations, nor be affiliated with a non-public sectarian or religious school
- ❑ Divert money from public schools
- ❑ Charge tuition or fees not charged by public schools