

# Charter School Accountability: Changes for the 2012-13 School Year

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# Major Changes for 2012-13

- Differentiated Accountability
- School Improvement Plans
- Corrective Actions
- Financial Emergency Conditions
- Admin fee for ESE Centers

# Differentiated Accountability

- DA Categories changed to Reward (A-B), Prevent (C), Focus (D), Priority (F)
- Charter schools removed from DA requirement to follow matrix of supports and services
- Parallel System
  - School Improvement Plans
  - Corrective Actions
  - Closure

# School Improvement Plans

- Required for “D” and “F” schools
- Principal and Governing Board rep must appear before Sponsor to present SIP
- SIP must include:
  - Mission statement
  - Academic data for 3 most recent years (if available)
  - Student achievement objectives included in contract or most recent approved SIP
  - Analysis of student performance data, include by subgroup
  - Detailed plan for addressing each deficiency in student performance
  - Identification of each component of school’s approved educational program that has not been implemented as described in charter
  - Detailed plan for addressing each deficiency in educational program
  - Identification of other barriers, with plan to address
  - Specific Outcomes to be achieved

# SIP Cont

- Schools that go from “F” to “D” do not have to develop a new SIP, but must continue implementing strategies in approved SIP
- Schools must annually report to Sponsor on progress of SIP

# Corrective Actions

- Required: “DDD”, “DDF”, “F” \_\_ “F”
- Develop SIP and
- Select one of the following corrective actions:
  - Contract for educational services to be provided directly to students, instructional personnel, and school administrators
  - Contract with outside entity that has demonstrated record of effectiveness to operate school
  - Reorganize school under new Principal that has authority to hire new staff
  - Voluntarily Close

# Corrective Actions, Cont.

- Governing Board selects Corrective Action
- Must include detailed timeline- must be implemented school year following grade that triggered Corrective Action
- May request waiver of corrective action (Sponsor)
- If school improves by one letter grade, corrective action is not required to continue, but SIP must be continued
- If school does not improve letter grade within 2 years, new corrective action must be selected

# Notifications

- FDOE will publish list of charters subject to SIP and Corrective Action requirements

[http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/information/Charter\\_Schools/School\\_Improvement.asp](http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/information/Charter_Schools/School_Improvement.asp)

- Sponsor will notify school of requirement and date to appear before School Board– will include date by which SIP is due to Sponsor staff for review



# Monitoring

- Sponsor monitors implementation of SIP/Corrective Action
- Sponsor will require annual updates before School Board (public meeting)
- Sponsor may waive corrective actions (discretionary)

# Double “F”

- Charter Schools that receive two consecutive grades of “F” must be terminated- unless:
  - The charter school is established to turnaround the performance of a district public school pursuant to s. 1008.33(4)(b)3. Such charter schools shall be governed by s. 1008.33;
  - The charter school serves a student population the majority of which resides in a school zone served by a district public school that earned a grade of "F" in the year before the charter school opened and the charter school earns at least a grade of "D" in its third year of operation. The exception provided under this sub-subparagraph does not apply to a charter school in its fourth year of operation and thereafter;
  - The state board grants the charter school a waiver of termination.

# Waivers

- The SBE may waive termination if the charter school demonstrates that the learning gains of its students on statewide assessments are comparable to or better than the learning gains of similarly situated students enrolled in nearby district public schools. The waiver is valid for 1 year and may only be granted once. Charter schools that have been in operation for more than 5 years are not eligible for a waiver under this sub-subparagraph.

# Waivers, Cont.

- Waiver request due no later than 30 days after completion of school grade appeals
- Request must include name of school, MSID, physical address.
- Waiver request must be approved by Governing Board by majority vote at a duly noticed public meeting.
- See State Board Rule for details

# Waivers, Cont.

- One time
- Schools in operation more than 5 years not eligible
- SBE will analyze student learning gains data based on comparisons between students enrolled in the charter school and similarly situated students enrolled in nearby (3 geographically closest) district public schools- may include such factors as prior performance on state assessments, disability status, English language learner status
- Timely filed request automatically stays pending termination

# Financial Emergency Conditions

- Senate Bill 368
- Fund Balance Deficit no longer financial emergency condition in Section 218.503(1)
- Auditor must reveal deficit to governing board
- Does not automatically trigger financial corrective action plan

# Admin Fees

- >75% ESE
- Admin fee based on UFTE
- Revenue Estimating Worksheet has calculation (line 17)

# Links

- House Bill 7127: [http://laws.flrules.org/files/Ch\\_2012-194.pdf](http://laws.flrules.org/files/Ch_2012-194.pdf)
- Senate Bill 368: [http://laws.flrules.org/files/Ch\\_2012-038.pdf](http://laws.flrules.org/files/Ch_2012-038.pdf)
- House Bill 5101: [http://laws.flrules.org/files/Ch\\_2012-133.pdf](http://laws.flrules.org/files/Ch_2012-133.pdf)
- State Board Rule 6A-1.099827  
<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/readFile.asp?sid=2&tid=11606843&type=1&File=6A-1.099827.htm>