**691-2-.03 State Charter School Monitoring**

(1) **Monitoring in General**. All state charter schools will be monitored by the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC) to determine the charter school's attainment of its performance goals and operational compliance, which will include academic and financial performance. The SCSC staff shall prepare an annual report for the SCSC chairperson that includes details regarding each state charter school's academic performance and operational compliance.

(2) **Performance Goals**.

(a) The SCSC staff shall monitor student performance data for each state charter school to determine the school's progress towards meeting the performance goals outlined in the charter.

(b) Each state charter school must participate in Georgia's Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) as required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and SCSC staff shall review each state charter school's annual determinations under the SSAS.

(c) SCSC staff shall notify a charter school in writing if state charter school is materially noncompliant in meeting the performance goals of its charter. Failure of a state charter school to remedy or make progress towards meeting its performance grounds may be grounds for termination of the charter as provided in rule 691-2-.04.

(d) The SCSC staff shall include data regarding each state charter school's academic performance, attainment of performance goals, and SSAS determinations in its annual performance report.

(3) **Operational Compliance**.

(a) The SCSC staff shall monitor each state charter school for its compliance in meeting the operational requirements of its charter and law. This shall include, but not be limited to: the school's organizational goals as outlined in its charter; financial performance; revenues and expenditures; financial reporting and audit requirements; state and federal charter school laws, rules, and regulations; and any other rule or law applicable to the state charter school.

(b) SCSC staff shall notify a charter school in writing if state charter school is materially noncompliant in meeting the operational requirements of its charter. Failure of a state charter school to remedy operational noncompliance may be grounds for termination of the charter as provided in rule 691-2-.04.

(c) The SCSC staff shall detail each state charter school's operational compliance or noncompliance in its annual performance report.

(4) **Required Training**.

(a) In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2084(f), the members of the governing board for each state charter school shall participate in annual governance training provided by the SCSC.

(b) The SCSC may require the members of a state charter school governing board, members of a state charter school's administration, or the faculty of a state charter school to attend topic-specific trainings provided by the SCSC to address deficiencies in performance or operational compliance of the charter school identified by the SCSC.

(5) **Financial Reporting**. Each state charter shall complete all financial reporting obligations in a timely manner as required by law, rule, or contract. Independent annual financial audits required by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2065 shall be completed by an independent certified public accountant licensed in Georgia in a manner consistent with Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). In addition to all financial reporting for state charter schools required by law, rule, or contract, a state charter school that fails to meet its contractual financial performance goals may be required to submit monthly financial reports to the SCSC Executive Director in a form an manner provided by the SCSC Executive Director.

(4) **Record Inspection**. Subject to state and federal law, each state charter school shall allow the SCSC and its staff access to all records, reports, documents, and files relating to any activity, program, or student of the charter school for the purposes of monitoring and evaluating the charter school's performance or compliance.

(5) **Onsite Inspection**. Each state charter school shall allow the SCSC and its staff to conduct onsite inspections of all facilities, property, and equipment owned or utilized by the charter school. The SCSC or its staff may conduct such onsite inspections without prior notification to the charter school.

(6) **Other Program Monitoring**. State charter schools may be subject to monitoring of its programs and activities and required reporting by agencies or entities other than the SCSC including, but not limited to: the Georgia State Board of Education or the Georgia Department of Education, the United States Department of Education, the Department of Early Care and Learning, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Labor, and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement. State charter schools shall cooperate with all program monitoring activities as required by the respective program. State agencies may report any noncompliance of a state charter school to the SCSC or its staff. Upon receiving notification from a state agency that a state charter school is in noncompliance with one or more program activities, the SCSC staff may conduct additional monitoring activities, such as data review, record inspection, or an onsite inspection.

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