



State Charter School Board Report

March 2022 USBE Budget Committee



Who is the State Charter School Board?

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



Who is the State Charter School Board?

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



Fast Facts about Utah Charter Schools

77,786

students enrolled in a charter school
(11.5% of total public-school enrollment)

26%

of charter students are on **free or reduced-price lunch**

33%

of charter students are **students of color**

8%

of charter students are **English learners**



Fast Facts about Utah Charter Schools

14%

of charter students are in **special education**

137

charter schools in operation
(from all authorizers)

Charters authorized by the SCSB were provided flexibility in their charter agreement to respond to the pandemic



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



SCSB Performance Data

**125 OPERATING
CHARTER SCHOOLS (103 LEAs)
SERVING ALL 41 DISTRICTS**

**VISITED OR MET WITH
102/103 CHARTER LEAs**

**AVERAGE OF 6 TRAININGS PER MONTH SY2021
AVERAGE OF 8 TRAININGS PER MONTH SY2022
PROVIDED TO GOVERNING BOARDS AND STAFF INCLUDES FINANCIAL
TRAININGS AND INCREASED OUTREACH TO GOVERNING BOARDS**

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

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



SCSB Oversight Performance Data SY2021

Resolved 88% of researched issues without escalation

Only 1% required disciplinary action

86 Charter LEAs met all governance and goal certifications

Up from 85 in SY2020

3 Disciplinary Actions

Warning or Probation; no operating schools closed

Additionally issued 27 Notices of Concern where the concerns either were resolved or are being worked through



SCSB Goals

**Met with all but 1
authorized charter in 2021**
99% of SCSB charters

**Trained 209 individual
charter governing board
members in 2021**
43% of governing board members

**Open and Public Meetings
Act Compliance**
As of Feb. 23, 2022, 59 LEAs are in
complete compliance (57%)

Required Policies Compliance
Found 53 required policies
Working to ensure all SCSB charters
have all required policies



THANK YOU

Utah State Charter School Board

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