

Policy On Charter Schools

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2019, West Virginia Code §18-5G-1 et seq. was passed that allowed for the establishment of charter public schools (“charter schools”) in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia Code §18-5G-6 requires county boards of education to establish and maintain policies and practices consistent with the principles and professional standards for charter school authorizers; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia Code §18-5G-4 requires the West Virginia Board of Education and West Virginia Department of Education to make certain materials available to the participants in the establishment of a charter school, including but not limited to county boards of education; and

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Board of Education adopted Policy 3300, effective March 13, 2020, relating to the establishment and operation of West Virginia charter schools; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the stated intent and objectives of West Virginia Code §18-5G-1 et seq., the purpose of Policy 3300 is to establish a clear and transparent process allowing for the creation and operation of charter schools; and

WHEREAS, Policy 3300 includes provisions, consistent with professional principles and standards for charter school authorizers, relating to organizational capacity and infrastructure; application evaluation; ongoing charter school oversight and evaluation; and approval, renewal, and revocation decision making; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill the statutory mandate, Policy 3300 affords each county board of education the option of creating its own charter school policy or adopting Policy 3300, in whole or in part, as its charter school policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Nicholas County Board of Education wholly adopts West Virginia Board of Education Policy 3300 as its charter school policy.

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