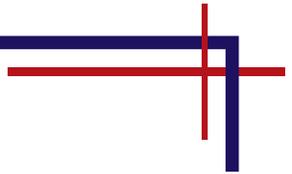


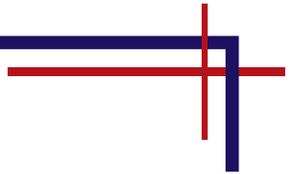
School Accountability in State Law: Governance

School Districts	Charter Schools
Governed by an elected school board. §§162.261, 162.471, 162.581	Governing board is not elected.
School board members must be U.S. citizens. Mo. Const. Art. VII, §8; §162.291	No citizenship requirement.
The school board must adopt a balanced budget prior to the beginning of every fiscal year. §67.030	No similar requirement for charter school boards.
School board members must be current on property taxes. §115.306	No requirement to be current on taxes or even pay taxes in Missouri.
School board members cannot have a felony record. §115.306	Background check required, but no restrictions on criminal background. §160.400.14
School board members cannot be registered sex offenders. §162.014	No restrictions on criminal background.
Board members must receive 18.5 hours of training the first year of service and 1 hour of refresher training every additional year of service. §162.203	No training required.
Required to follow all state statutes, including Chapters 160 – 171, 177 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.	Are “exempt from all laws and rules relating to schools, governing boards and school districts,” unless specifically mentioned. §160.405.4(3)
Board members subject to state conflict of interest laws prohibiting actions such as using confidential information for financial gain, prohibitions on acting if it would provide a special monetary benefit to Board member or family, receiving payment to influence a decision, etc. §§105.452, 105.454, 105.458	Governing board members cannot have a substantial interest in an entity contracted by the charter school and are required to comply with financial disclosure requirements, but not required to comply with other requirements in state conflict of interest laws. §160.400.15
Employees subject to state conflict of interest laws. §§105.452, 105.454	No conflict of interest limitations on employees of charter schools or the management companies that run them.
Must post all policies and handbooks on district website for public access. §162.208	No requirements.
School year cannot start until late August. §171.031	No limits on school year.



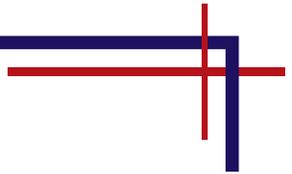
School Accountability in State Law: Education

School Districts	Charter Schools
Must educate every student residing in the school district, grades K-12. If a grade is not provided (K-8 districts), must pay tuition for student to attend another school district. §167.131	Must provide a program of instruction for at least one grade. No obligation to provide education for grades not offered or students who cannot attend the school. §160.405.4(5)
Must enroll all students living in the district.	Limited enrollment. May give preferences based on geography, whether a student has a sibling at the school, and whether parent is employed at the school. §160.410.2
Must enroll students placed in the district by the Dept. of Mental Health or Dept. of Social Services. §167.126	No requirement.
Protections for students in foster care and must have a foster care liaison. §§160.1990, 167.018, 167.019	No requirement.
Accredited by the state board of education. §161.092	Not accredited by the state.
Must meet state performance standards. §160.257	Allowed to have different time frames for students to meet performance standards. §160.405.4(6)(c)
Student test scores count regardless of how long student has attended.	Only students who have attended the charter school for a "full academic year" are counted in the performance of the charter school. §160.410.3
Board must adopt curriculum aligned to the state learning standards. §160.514.6	No requirement.
Reading intervention plans for K-3 students. §167.268	No requirement.
Reading assessments, intervention and retention of students. §167.645	No requirement.
Physical education and physical activity requirements. §167.720	No requirements.
Must observe Veterans Day. §170.049	No requirements.
Must provide transportation for students living more than 3.5 miles from school. §167.231	No requirement.
If district is unaccredited, must allow students to transfer to another school or school district at district's expense. §167.895	If school is performing in unaccredited range, no obligations to the students.
School districts are required to adopt a policy on student promotion. §167.640	No requirement.
Required to provide gifted instruction if 3% or more of students qualify for gifted instruction. §162.720	No requirement.
Required to teach Holocaust education to 6-12 students. §161.700	No requirement.
Distribution of reading material to preschool children in the district. §178.694	No requirement.



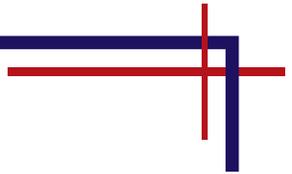
School Accountability in State Law: Safety

School Districts	Charter Schools
School districts required to have policies prohibiting bullying, conduct training, and provide assistance to victims of bullying. §160.775	No requirement.
Must provide parents notification of a data breach. §162.1475	No requirement.
Must adopt an allergy prevention and response policy. §167.208	No requirement.
Parents provided concussion information and students suspected of concussion removed from activity. §167.765	No requirement.
Volunteers who may be alone with students or have access to student records required to have full background checks. §168.133	No requirement.
Must have youth suicide prevention policy. §170.048	No requirement.



School Accountability in State Law: Finance

School Districts	Charter Schools
Receipt of state aid contingent on maintaining "adequate and accurate records of attendance, personnel and finances." §163.021	No similar requirement. §160.415
If audit discloses students were inappropriately identified as eligible for free and reduced lunch, special education, or ELL, must be repaid and penalty. §163.031.6	No similar requirement.
Must receive voter approval for increases in the levy of property taxes. §164.031	Charter schools receive proportional share automatically, without voter input on whether funds should go to charter school. §160.415.4
Elected school board must vote to approve employment, contracts, and pay bills. §§162.301, 162.511	No requirement.
Requirement that surplus property is sold to the highest bidder (not given away) so that tax dollars are recouped to the district. §§177.073, 177.091	No restrictions on disposal of surplus property.



School Accountability in State Law: Instructional Staff

School Districts	Charter Schools
Managed by licensed administrators employed by the elected school board. §168.081	Can be managed by a for-profit management company. §160.415.7
All teachers required to be certificated. §168.011 , 168.081	Up to 20% of instructional staff may be uncertified. If the charter is language immersion, even more may be uncertified. §160.420.2
Must have board-adopted teaching standards. §160.045	Only required to have teaching standards if sponsor is the public school district. §160.045
Minimum teacher salary required. §163.172	No requirement.
75% of state aid placed in Teacher Fund. §163.031	No requirement.
Must devote 1% of state aid to professional development. §160.530	No requirement.
District must provide a two-year mentoring program for new certificated staff. §161.375 , 168.021.3(2)(a)	No requirement.
Must provide a comprehensive, performance-based evaluation of instructional staff. §168.128 , 5 CSR 20-400.375	No requirement.
Must provide a qualifying room that is not a bathroom for employees and students to express breast milk or breastfeed a child. §160.995	No requirement.