



CHARTER SUMMARY FOR BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

	District Affiliated Charters (51 Schools)	Independent Charters (224 Schools)			
Description:	<p>District Affiliated charter schools are LAUSD schools and are operated by the District. Affiliated charter schools may be existing District schools that converted to affiliated charter status with the approval of the LAUSD Board of Education.¹ Affiliated charter schools may be developed as a new school, as well (start-up).</p> <p>They are governed by the Board of Education and operate in accordance with District policies, Board rules, labor agreements, and Human Resources and Personnel Commission guidelines.</p> <p>They are given flexibility in some aspects, i.e., local school governance, and some aspects of employee selection.</p> <p>They receive direct supervision by the LAUSD Regional Administrators and charter oversight in accordance with applicable law by the LAUSD.</p>	<p>Independent charter schools are authorized by LAUSD, but not operated by the District. They function independently of LAUSD in almost all respects. Independent charter schools are schools that were created as new schools (start-up schools) or by an existing District school converting to an independent charter school.</p> <p>By law, a charter school is considered a Local Education Agency (LEA).</p> <p>An Independent charter school is responsible and liable for its entire operation.</p> <p>The District provides charter oversight in accordance with applicable law.</p>			
Key Considerations:					
Governance	LAUSD Board of Education	Separate legal entity governed by an independent body			
Funding and Budget	Provided by LAUSD, which receives public funding	Not provided by LAUSD. Receives its own public funding from funding sources (some funds relating to special education and "in-lieu of property taxes" flow through District)			
Academic Programs	LAUSD Instructional Programs	Not LAUSD instructional program (must align to state standards)			
Operations (Accounts Payable, Payroll, Benefits, etc.)	LAUSD Implemented	Not LAUSD			
School Administration and Staff	LAUSD Employees	Not LAUSD employees			
Employer-Employee Relations	LAUSD Collective Bargaining Agreements	Not LAUSD (Independently negotiated, as needed, pursuant to applicable law)			
Human Resources (Hiring, Discipline etc.)	LAUSD Human Resources	Not LAUSD			
Facilities:		Co-Locations via Prop 39	Conversions	Other - Long-Term Use Agreements ²	Independent Sites
Site Description	LAUSD Campus	LAUSD Campuses/Property ³			Not on LAUSD Property
Custodial Services	LAUSD	LAUSD	Charter		
Routine Repairs and Maintenance	LAUSD	LAUSD	Charter ⁴		

Note: This information is intended to serve as a general summary, and is not exhaustive.

¹ All District affiliated charter schools are conversions with the exception of one start-up, Alexander Science Center school, which was built by the District on a long-term leased property at Exposition Park.

² Independent charter schools may occupy LAUSD properties via Public School Choice, Sole Occupant Agreements, and Leases

³ Some conversion charters have acquired additional private sites to expand their school programs.

⁴ Independent charter schools on LAUSD property via conversion or long-term agreements are responsible for the maintenance of the facilities. They can make repairs or improvements to LAUSD property subject to LAUSD review and approval. Alternatively, they can request and pay LAUSD to make the repairs or improvements.