

THE CENTER FOR EDUCATION REFORM'S CHARTER SCHOOL LEADERS SURVEY

Survey for Charter Schools (example)

Q1. – Are you aware of any organizations in your state that serve as resources for, or provide assistance to, Charter schools?

- Yes
- No

Q2. – How familiar would you say that you are with these organizations?

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Not at all familiar

Q3. – Which charter school organizations have you heard of?

(list)

Q4. – Have you ever used the services of any of these, or other, charter school support organizations?

- Yes
- No

Q5. – Which charter school support organization, or organizations, did you use?

(list)

Q6. – During the past year, how often have you used the services of a charter school support organization?

- Once
- Several Times
- Frequently
- Never

Q7. – What specific services did this organization, or organizations, provide?

- Legal Advice
- Training / Workshop
- Management Procedures
- Spec. Ed. Assistance
- Curriculum
- (etc.)

Q8. – Were you satisfied with the quality of service provided?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / refused

Q9. – What one aspect of the service you received made you the most satisfied?

- Knowledgeable
- Timely / prompt
- Familiar with laws
- Help w / grant application
- (etc.)

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Q10. – Would you say that the assistance your school is receiving from charter school support organizations is sufficient, or would you say that your school is in need of additional assistance from charter school support organizations?

- Sufficient
- Additional assistance
- Don't know / refused

Q11. – What one aspect of the service you received made you the most dissatisfied?

- Lack of information
- Dishonest/corrupt
- Poor communication
- Don't know

Q12. – How was your initial contact made with these charter school support groups? Did they initiate the contact, or did you or other members of your school contact them?

- They contacted us
- We contacted them
- Don't know / refused

Q13. – What is the main reason you have not used the services of a charter school support organization?

- No need/enough elsewhere
- Sponsor provides help
- Fee/expensive
- Not familiar with groups
- We're unique
- (etc.)

Q14. – When looking for assistance, what source do you most often use to find organizations that offer charter school support services?

- Internet
- Colleagues
- Other support group
- College/University
- (etc.)
- Other

Q15. – Is there any other person or group that helps you with issues or strategies for charter schools?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / refused

Q16. – Who specifically helps you?

- State/Gov't group
- School developer

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- School district
- Miscellaneous
- Charter school board
- (etc.)

Q17. – What kind of specific help do they provide?

- Legal Advice
- Training/Workshop
- Management Procedures
- Spec. Ed. Assistance
- Curriculum
- (etc.)

Q18. – If you were to ask for assistance right now, what type of resource, support, or service would you request first?

- Funds/ financial resources
- Grants/ grant writing
- Miscellaneous
- Legislation/info
- Special education
- (etc.)

How important would each of these types of assistance be to you?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not very important
- Not important at all
- Not affected

Q19. – Special Education assistance

Q20. – Accounting needs

Q21. – Management procedures

Q22. – Teacher recruitment

Q23. – Board issues

Q24. – Legal advice

Q25. – Start-up assistance

Q26. – Networking with legislators

Q27. – Public relations

Q28. – What is the single greatest challenge facing your school right now?

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- Funds/ financial resources
- Growth/ facilities
- Low enrollment/ recruitment
- Academic achievement
- Charter school image
- Miscellaneous
- (etc.)

Q29. – What grade levels does your school include?

- Pre-K/ Kindergarten
- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School

Q30. – What is the current enrollment at your school?

- Under 50 students
- 51-100
- 101-250
- 251-500
- Over 500 students

Q31. – How long has your school been in existence?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-2 years
- 3-5 years
- 6-10 years
- Over 10 years
- Don't know/ refused

Q32. – What is your title?

- Principal
- Director
- Administrator
- Asst. Principal
- Teacher
- (etc.)