

1 Meridian Technical Charter High School

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3 BOARD OF EDUCATION

4 Series 200

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6 Policy Title: Legal Status & Governance

Code No. 201.10

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8 LEGAL STATUS:

9 Authority is given to the Charter School Board of Directors by the State of Idaho as provided in the
10 "Public Charter Schools Act of 1998." (I.C. 33-5101) Charter School Directors are agents of the State of
11 Idaho, who legally must look to the State for authorization to act.

12 A charter school is a public, nonreligious, publicly funded school which is accountable for the provisions
13 set forth in its charter petition and its contract as negotiated by the District. The charter school shall
14 operate independently within the boundaries of the District, and it shall be matters, preparations of a
15 budget, and for contracted serves. A charter school is exempt from the rule s of State Board of
16 Education and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, except for the issue of teacher
17 certification.

18 Each charter school shall:

- 19 1. Be organized and managed under the Idaho nonprofit corporation act;
20 2. Have a board of directors to act as public agents to control the charter school and have the
21 same responsibilities and liability as any governing board of public education;
22 3. Be considered a public school for all purposes.

23 A charter school must accomplish all of the following;

- 24 1. Improve student learning;
25 2. Include the use of different and innovative teaching methods;
26 3. create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be responsible
27 for the learning program at the school site;
28 4. provide parents and students with expanded choices in the types of educational opportunities
29 that are available within the public school system;
30 5. be accountable for meeting measurable student educational standards.

31 GOVERNANCE:

32 The governance of the Meridian Charter School will be by a Charter School Board of Directors.
33 This board shall be made up of not less than five (5) and not more than nine (9) members from the
34 Treasure Valley who have a special interest in the success of the charter school.

35 The function of the Charter School Board of Directors can be described as policy making,
36 advising and evaluating. The Board shall have the further duty of directing the financial means by which
37 the educational program is conducted. They shall also ensure that the community be informed of the
38 needs, purposes, values and status of the charter school. Individual members of the Board of Directors
39 have no powers separate from the Board as a whole. The Board of Directors is only in existence when
40 sitting in legal session.

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42 Date of Revision

Legal Reference: Code of Idaho

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