## Section 13

## **Charter Schools and Special Education**

- A. PPS serves children with disabilities attending charter schools located in the district in the same manner and in accordance with applicable laws and rules governing the district's provision of services to children with disabilities in its other schools.
- B. PPS provides special education services and supplementary and related services on site at charter schools located in the district to the same extent that it provides such services on the site to its other public schools.
- C. If a child with a disability enrolls in a charter school located in the district, the charter school is considered the school the child would attend if not disabled. Enrollment in any charter school is by parent choice.
- D. PPS staff will hold an IEP meeting as soon as possible following notification by a charter school located in the district that a student with a disability has enrolled if there is any reason to believe that the student's IEP needs review or revision or if there is any question whether the student's needs can be met at the charter school.
- E. Once PPS receives the IEP of a student attending a district charter school located in the district , the district will provide a free appropriate public education to the student by providing services comparable to those in the student's IEP until the district either (1) implements the current IEP or (2) develops, adopts and implements a new IEP for the student. This means that PPS staff will follow the same "move in" procedures as for transfer students. *See* Move-In Students Section of Procedures Manual.
- F. In compliance with least restrictive environment (LRE) requirements and PPS placement procedures, the PPS IEP team may determine that a student needs a placement outside the charter school to meet the student's special education needs. As with all eligible students, placement must be based on the student's IEP.
  - 1. For resident students, the PPS IEP team must determine the appropriate placement for the student.
  - 2. For non-resident students attending a charter school located within PPS, if the district has concerns that the student may need a different placement to meet the student's special education needs, PPS will invite a District Representative from the resident district to the IEP meeting and the resident

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district would be responsible for the process for determining the student's placement.

## Helpful Links and Resources

**ODE Charter School Page** 

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State Charters within PPS Southwest Charter Ivy Charter