



# Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

## Occupancy Compliance Assurance and Understanding

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (“Board”), at a meeting held on November 21, 2017, approved a revised policy that requires new and existing charter holders to submit a copy of a valid Certificate of Occupancy and current Fire Marshal’s Inspection Report for each location where educational services will be provided prior to the initiation of State equalization payments.

The Board will request that the Arizona Department of Education (“ADE”) withhold State equalization assistance payments for 1) new charter schools that have signed a charter contract, 2) new schools under existing charter contracts, 3) schools under existing charter contracts moving from one location to another, and 4) new buildings/structures added to an existing school, until the school has submitted valid copies of the required Certificate of Occupancy and current Fire Marshal’s Inspection Report for the new educational facility.

Once Board staff has verified that the appropriate documents for each school location have been received, the Board office will notify the Charter Holder and the ADE School Finance Unit’s Charter School Payment Manager that the school is eligible for payment. The ADE School Finance Unit will mark the school eligible for payment and a payment will generate in the next payment cycle if all other requirements of ADE School Finance have been met. Schools eligible for payment by the 20<sup>th</sup> of any month will generate a payment for the next month’s payment cycle. Schools marked eligible after the 20<sup>th</sup> of any month will not generate a payment in next month’s payment cycle. No off-system payments will be made.

Charter Holder Information	
Name of Charter Holder Entity	
School Location(s) for which the request applies	

Signature
<p>By signing below, I understand the Board’s policy and that I am required to submit an educational use Certificate of Occupancy and a current Fire Marshal’s Inspection Report to the Board office for each school facility operated by the Charter Holder. These documents must be verified by Board staff prior to occupancy of the building and prior to receipt of equalization payments for students enrolled at this school.</p> <p>I acknowledge that if these documents are not submitted prior to occupancy, the school’s opening date may be postponed and/or the Board may take action as allowed by statute and the charter contract.</p> <p>Charter Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>