

# Accountability

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM	TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL	CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Comply with health, safety, parents' rights, civil rights, & nondiscrimination laws <a href="#">RCW 28A.710.040(2)(a)</a>	✓	✓
Provide instruction in the essential academic learning requirements <a href="#">RCW 28A.710.040(2)(b)</a>	✓	✓
Participate in the statewide student assessment system <a href="#">RCW 28A.710.040(2)(b)</a>	✓	✓
Employ certificated instructional staff <a href="#">RCW 28A.710.040(2)(d)</a>	✓	✓
Be subject to annual audits by the state auditor for legal and fiscal compliance <a href="#">RCW 28A.710.040(2)(f)</a>	✓	✓
Comply with Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act <a href="#">RCW 28A.710.040(2)(i)</a>	✓	✓
Comply with all federal requirements that apply to public schools (e.g., IDEA, FERPA, McKinney-Vento, ESEA, etc.) <a href="#">RCW 28A.710.020(4)</a>	✓	✓
Be subject to the supervision of the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education <a href="#">RCW 28A.710.040(5)</a>	✓	✓
Be approved through 32-point application process, including descriptions of educational program and financial plan, and evidence of need and parent and community support <a href="#">RCW 28A.710.130(2)</a>		✓
Be subject to academic, financial, and organizational performance frameworks, including measures of student academic proficiency; student academic growth; achievement gaps between major student subgroups; school financial performance and sustainability; and board performance and stewardship <a href="#">RCW 28A.710.170</a>		✓
Be reauthorized every five years <a href="#">RCW 28A.710.190</a>		✓
Can be closed for poor performance <a href="#">RCW 28A.710.200(1)(b)</a>		✓
Submit to the most important and direct form of local control – keeping parents and students satisfied (i.e., if schools not meeting community expectations, they will lose enrollment and have to close)		✓