

## **Policy 210.1 CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

As an authorizer, Northfield Public Schools does not run charter schools; it functions to carry out monitoring and oversight, to assure compliance with the law, and support the establishment and success of innovative and successful public charter schools. Therefore, Northfield Public Schools shall not enter into the following types of contracts with schools it authorizes:

- financial management,
- administration,
- accounting or auditing services, or
- lease of space.

Before Northfield Public Schools would offer any other services to schools, such as training, the School Board will first obtain clarification to confirm that provision of such services is allowed to charter school authorizers.

Northfield Public School's responsibilities as an authorizer require that it provide comprehensive oversight of its chartered schools. Northfield Public Schools is a legally authorized agency to help ensure public accountability for the schools that Northfield Public Schools authorizes. Northfield Public Schools will operate in a monitoring relationship providing feedback on compliance, sharing observations, asking questions, facilitating sharing of effective practices and evaluating school performance based on the Northfield Public Schools-School contract and law to help ensure the success of the schools that Northfield Public Schools authorizes.

In addition, Northfield Public School's contract language will provide that, except as otherwise provided in the contract itself or by Applicable Law, the Authorizer has no authority, control, power, administrative or financial responsibility over the School.

The sole purpose of Northfield Public Schools, as an authorizer, is to authorize public charter schools in accordance with all Minnesota Statutes that govern the duties and responsibilities of charter school authorizers. Contracts with authorized schools will provide that the schools have the full extent of autonomy allowed to Minnesota charter schools under the law, and that except as otherwise provided by the authorizer contract or Applicable Law, the authorizer has no authority, control, power, administrative or financial responsibility over the School.

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