



School Land Trust Policy

- (1) Voyage Academy shall have a School Trust Lands Council as required by Subsection 53A-16-101.5(9).
- (2) Voyage Academy will submit a principal assurance form, as described in Section R277-491-5 and Subsection 53A-16-101.5(5)(c), prior to the public school receiving a distribution of School LAND Trust Program funds.
- (3) If Voyage Academy elects to receive School LAND Trust funds it shall:
 - (a) have a charter trust land council which will consist of at least two more parents of students currently attending the school than other members of the board of members of the Governing Board and will include a parent of a student attending the school who will serve as chair or co-chair of the council.
 - (b) The Land Trust Council will comply with all rules and regulations as set forth in the Open and Public Meetings Act; and
 - (c) receive training about Section 53A-1a-108.1 and 53A-169-101.5.
- (4) The Director of Voyage Academy shall submit a plan to the School Children's Trust Section on the School LAND Trust website no later than April 1.
- (5) (a) The Voyage Academy Governing Board acting as the Lands Trust Council:
 - (i) shall consider a plan annually; and
 - (ii) may approve or disapprove a school plan.

(b) If the Governing Board does not approve a plan, they shall:

 - (i) provide a written explanation why they did not approve the plan; and (ii) request that the school revise the plan, consistent with Section 53A-16-101.5.
- (7) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (6), the School LAND Trust plan shall include the date the board voted to approve the plan.



- (8) (a) The Director of Voyage Academy shall ensure that a council member has an opportunity to provide a signature indicating the member's involvement in implementing the current School LAND Trust plan and developing the school plan for the upcoming year.
- (b) The Director shall collect a council member's signature, as described in Subsection (8)(a), digitally or through a paper form created by the Membership Form on the website and uploaded to the database.
- (c) An LEA or district school, upon the permission of the LEA's governing board, may design the LEA or district school's own form to collect the information required by this Subsection (8).
- (9) (a) The Lands shall establish a timeline, including a deadline, for a school to submit a school's School LAND Trust plan.
- (b) A timeline described in Subsection (9)(a) shall:
- (i) require a school's School LAND Trust plan to be submitted to the approving entity with sufficient time so that the board may approve the school's School LAND Trust plan no later than May 15 of each year; and
 - (ii) allow sufficient time for the board to reconsider and amend the council's School LAND Trust plan if they reject the school's plan and still allow the school to meet the May 15 approval deadline.
- (c) After the board has completed the approving entity's review, the board shall notify the School Children's Trust Section that the review is complete.
- (10) (a) Prior to approving a plan, the board shall review a School LAND Trust plan confirm that a School LAND Trust plan contains:
- (i) academic goals;
 - (ii) specific steps to meet the academic goals described in Subsection (10)(a)(i);
 - (iii) measurements to assess improvement; and
 - (iv) specific expenditures focused on student academic improvement.



- (b) The board shall determine whether a School LAND Trust plan is consistent with Voyage Academy's pedagogy, programs, and curriculum.
- (c) Prior to approving a School LAND Trust plan, Voyage Academy shall provide training annually on the requirements of Section 53A-16-101.5 to the members of the school board.
- (11) (a) After receiving the notice described in Subsection (9)(c), the School Children's Trust Section shall review each School LAND Trust plan for compliance with the law governing School LAND Trust plans.
- (b) The School Children's Trust Section shall report back to the school board which School LAND Trust plans were found to be out of compliance with the law.
- (c) The School Board shall ensure that a School LAND Trust plan that is found to be out of compliance with the law by the School Children's Trust Section is amended or revised by the board to bring the school's School LAND Trust plan into compliance with the law.
- (12) If the Land Trust Council fails to comply with Subsection (11)(c), the School Children's Trust Director shall report the failure to the Audit Committee of the Board as described in Section R277-477-9.