

BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Ventura Charter School for Arts and Global Education** is seeking two additional Board Members to serve on its Board of Directors. Ventura Charter School is a California Public Charter School, operated under the direction of a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, and authorized by the Ventura County Board of Education.

School Mission

The Ventura Charter School envisions a supportive environment in which our community strives to create self-motivated, competent, and lifelong learners passionately committed to the celebration of diversity, stewardship of the earth, positive interpersonal relationships, appreciation of the arts, and academic excellence. Ventura Charter School seeks to create a student-centered learning environment that provides a standards-based curriculum where students can work both independently and cooperatively with others. We seek to educate the “whole child” by addressing the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical needs of our students. The mission of Ventura Charter School is to enable students to flourish through the use of innovative curriculum and instruction that empowers them to reach their innate intellectual, creative, and leadership potentials.

The school is located in its own buildings in the northeast corner of DeAnza Middle School. Ventura Charter School also offers an Independent Study program for families who choose to have their home as a base for learning.

Role of the Board/ Terms of Service

Ventura Charter School strives to balance a meaningful level of participation by all constituencies -- parents, teachers, and the board – in the selection of new board members. Ventura Charter School, therefore, embraces a shared governance model -- which is essentially a system of differential democracy, recognizing that the three primary constituencies each have an important role to play in making governance decisions.

The Board of Directors meets monthly to ensure the school’s viability and academic success by focusing on financial, legal, and personnel issues. The Board oversees the implementation of the Charter and approves necessary revisions to its bylaws, policies, and procedures. The Board’s major roles and responsibilities include establishing and approving all major educational and operational policies, chairing committees as needed, approving all major contracts and the school’s annual budget, overseeing the school’s fiscal affairs, selecting and evaluating the administrative staff, and attending major school functions. Members of the Board serve on a volunteer basis for terms of one year.

Preferred Qualifications for Board service include:

Prior experience in non-profit or business governance;

A demonstrated commitment to progressive education and/or experience with a school such as Ventura Charter School;

An ability to bring professional or administrative skills to the organization;

An ability to raise funds and strong community relations skills;

Selection Process

1. Application dates:
Friday, June 29, 2007: All bios or resumes are due. Electronic transmittal preferred.
Tuesday, July 3, 2007: All applicants will be contacted by phone regarding application.
Week of July 9-13, 2007: Evening interviews of selected candidates.
2. All candidates to be considered for board membership will be confirmed by a nominating committee.
3. The nominating committee will be made up of two parents, two teachers, and two sitting board members. The parent membership of the PTC (Parent Teacher Council) will select two parents to sit on the nominating committee. Teachers will select two representatives. And the board will select two representatives.
4. The nominating committee will consider all candidates recommended or self-nominated in a similar fashion -- based on the explicit criteria listed on this vacancy announcement. The nominating committee will identify all those candidates who meet the criteria, and provide the Board of Directors with a short list of "qualified" and "highly qualified" candidates.
5. The Board will vote only on candidates recommended as "qualified" and "highly qualified" by the nominating committee.

Please send qualifications in a bio or resume to:

Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education
2060 Cameron Street
Ventura, California 93001
Attn: Lisa Hildebrand

Or send electronic transmittals to lisa@venturacharterschool.org

Please contact Lisa Hildebrand at (805) 648-5503 x1409 for any questions. Visit our website at <http://www.VenturaCharterSchool.org>.

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