



HORSE CREEK ACADEMY SNAPSHOT



How many days past deadline did the schools apply to transfer?	62 Days (11/02/2021)
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Number of Authorizers Changed	3 authorizers in 4 years
Academics vs. State	Bottom 50%
Academics vs. Local District	Underperforming Aiken District
Types of Sanctions Issued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 2020-2021 SCDE Additional Target and Improvement (ATSI) for Minority Students
Departments Issuing Sanctions	South Carolina Department of Education

Legislative & Authorizer Statutes, Contracts & Policies

S.C. Code § 59-40-115	Charter School Contract	Erskine’s Transfer Policy	Legislative Audit Council (“LAC”)
<p>“A charter school may terminate its contract with a sponsor before the ten-year term of contract if all parties under contract with the charter school agree to the dissolution.”</p>	<p>“...the School must comply with all applicable and reasonable Sponsor policies and procedures, as amended from time to time, as well as all federal statutes and regulations applicable to public charter schools.”</p> <p>and</p> <p>“Neither party to this Contract shall assign or attempt to assign any rights, benefits, or obligations accruing to the party under this Contract unless the other party agrees in writing to such assignment.”</p>	<p>To fulfill statutory obligations and “LAC” recommendations, as the authorizer and local education agency, a charter school, meeting any of the below criteria is ineligible to request a transfer based on the board adopted policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Any school that the Institute has placed under Fiscal Watch or Fiscal Emergency. ◆ Any school that has not reached its third year of operation and received three final evaluation ratings from the SCDE or the Institute. ◆ Any school with an active Corrective Action Plan or ongoing sanction. 	<p>The General Assembly’s June 2021 “LAC” report on South Carolina Charter School Authorizers, expressed multiple concerns and recommendations related to charter schools. Specifically, the report expressed concerns about Authorizer Shopping which it defined as: <i>When an underperforming charter school attempts to transfer to a new Authorizer to avoid accountability measures, such as school closure. This phenomenon presents a serious challenge to accountability efforts and overall charter school quality.</i> (LAC Report, p. 23.)</p>
		 	 