



National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

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CHARTER SCHOOL LAW DESKBOOK 2008-2009 EDITION NOW AVAILABLE Comprehensive Resource Eases State by State Comparison

Washington, D.C. – The 2008-2009 edition of the *Charter School Law Deskbook* by Paul T. O’Neill and Todd Ziebarth published by Matthew Bender & Company, Inc. is now available through LexisNexis, the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools announced today.

“This book is an essential resource for anyone dealing with the laws governing public charter schools,” said National Alliance for Public Charter Schools President and CEO Nelson Smith. “The latest edition provides at-a-glance information tables that make it easy for users to compare how different states treat charter schools in statute and regulation.”

The *Charter School Law Deskbook* is a complete reference guide to charter school laws in the United States. It is designed to provide policymakers, school leaders, and anyone interested in the charter school movement with the tools they need to evaluate and compare current state laws.

New to the 2008-2009 edition:

- **State by State Tables:** detailing each state’s charter school environment. These tables include descriptions of how each state’s law addresses such matters as funding, facilities, staffing, authorizing, and special education in an easy-to-read format.
- **50-state Chart:** allows for comparison from state to state on a number of important variables including caps on charter school growth, state reporting expectations, and teacher certification requirements.

- CD-Rom: provides an electronic, fully searchable version of the book.

The Deskbook is available for purchase online at the LexisNexis Store:

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/store/us/>

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The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools (www.publiccharters.org) is the national nonprofit organization committed to advancing the charter school movement. The Alliance provides assistance to state charter school associations and resource centers, develops and advocates for improved public policies, and serves as the united voice for this large and diverse movement. Currently, more than 1.4 million students attend 4,600 public charter schools in 40 states and the District of Columbia. The first charter school opened in Minnesota in 1992. Growth has risen sharply recently, with over 1,000 schools opening in the past three years.