

2026 – 2027 Pre-Opening Trainings for New Schools and New Staff

Purpose

The SPCSA will provide a series of trainings intended to provide background information and baseline knowledge to key personnel at new charter schools. These trainings are **required** for the relevant staff at new charter school campuses and can be made available to the staff at existing schools, including new staff at existing schools, as needed.

Logistics & Expectations

- In general, trainings will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams. School staff (and in some cases board members) are required to attend these trainings live unless they have communicated with SPCSA staff in advance regarding a conflict. In certain circumstances, trainings or training components may be provided asynchronously via video recording. Regardless of the format of the training, participants will complete an online form to confirm completion of each required training.
- For live virtual trainings, meeting invitations will be sent by SPCSA staff to the school leaders for all new schools. School leaders are responsible for forwarding these invitations to applicable board members and staff. **Any conflicts should be communicated in advance to the applicable SPCSA staff.**

All training recordings and materials can be found on the 2026 – 2027 Pre-Opening Trainings Canvas website here: <https://spcsa.instructure.com/courses/334>

Schedule

Training	Date	Time	Audience	SPCSA Staff
November 2026				
Fiscal Policies and Procedures Kick Off	November 5, 2026	1:00pm – 2:00pm	School Leaders; Board Members; Staff with financial responsibilities; Backoffice service provider; EMO/CMO financial staff	Kimm Rombardo Selcuk Ozdemir Grant Unit Staff Monitoring and Evaluation Staff
December 2026				
Dual Credit & Career and Technical Education (CTE)	December 9, 2026	1:00pm-2:00pm	School Leaders of schools serving High School Students	Sara Jorgensen
Bylaws Training	December 17, 2025	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Board Members; School Leaders	Melissa Mackedon Samantha King Powell
January 2027				
Student Enrollment (Lotteries, Enrollment Paperwork, Enrollment Audits)	January 7, 2027	1:00pm – 2:00pm	School Leaders; Registrars	Katie Broughton Marinna Cutler
SPCSA Governance Standards	January 14, 2026	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Board Members; School Leaders <i>Pursuant to NRS 388A.224, each charter school board member must complete governance training provided by the SPCSA or a trainer approved by the SPCSA before the opening of a new charter school, and every three years thereafter. This training fulfills this statutory requirement.</i>	Melissa Mackedon Samantha King Powell
Special Education and IDEA Program Services for School Leaders	January 21, 2026	10:00am – 11:00am	School Leaders; Program/Instructional Staff	Jackie Working Megumi Cramer
Open Meeting Law Training	January 28, 2027	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Board Members; School Leaders	Melissa Mackedon Samantha King Powell

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February 2027				
Financial Management for New Charter School Boards	February 10, 2027	4:00pm – 5:00pm	School Leaders; Board Members; Staff with financial responsibilities; Back office service provider; EMO/CMO financial staff	Katie Broughton Dusty Casey
Serving Students in Foster Care and Homeless Students & Title I Program	February 18, 2027	10:00am – 11:00am	School Leaders; Title I Coordinator; Continuous Improvement Team Lead	Brettani Weinhold
School Performance Plan Requirements	February 25, 2027	10:00am-11:00am	School Leaders	Brettani Weinhold
March 2027				
English Language Learners (ELL)	March 4, 2027	10:00am-11:00am	School Leaders; ELL Coordinator/Facilitator	Lidia Sedano
April 2027				
Ethics Training	April 8, 2027	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Board Members; School Leaders	Melissa Mackedon Samantha King Powell
May 2027				
Reporting Requirements and Epicenter	May 6, 2027	10:00am – 11:00am	School Leaders; Administrative Staff; EMO/CMO; Any additional individuals who will be submitting reporting and compliance items	Molly Burkhardt Kristyn Smithwick Danny Peltier
Amendments Process and Procedures	May 20, 2027	10:00am – 11:00am	School Leaders	Danny Peltier Katie Broughton
June 2027				
Introduction to Education Grants Management	June 3, 2027	10:00am – 11:00am	School Leaders; Grant Manager; CFO or business staff; EMO/CMO; Financial services provider	Kimm Rombardo Grant Unit Staff
Accountability and Assessment Orientation	June 10, 2027	10:00am – 11:00am	School Leaders; Staff responsible for assessments, accountability, data, and reporting	Brandon Gaytán Lara O'Mara Mary Holsclaw

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Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF)	June 17, 2027	10:00am – 11:00am	School Leaders; Staff responsible for assessments, accountability, data, and reporting; Optional for School Board Members	Brandon Gaytán Lara O'Mara
Introduction to the Grant Management System	June 24, 2027	10:00am – 11:00am	School Leaders; Grant Manager; CFO or business staff; EMO/CMO; Financial services provider	Kimm Rombardo Grant Unit Staff
July 2027				
Infinite Campus Coding	July 8, 2027	10:00am-11:00am	School Leaders; Registrars	Brandon Gaytán Manisha Miriyala School Support Staff
SPCSA Academic Performance Framework	July 15, 2027	10:00am – 11:00am	School Leaders; Board Members; Staff responsible for assessments, accountability, data, and reporting	Brandon Gaytán Lara O'Mara
SPCSA Financial and Organizational Performance Frameworks	July 22, 2027	10:00am – 11:00am	School Leaders; Board Members; Staff with financial responsibilities; Back office service provider; EMO/CMO financial staff	Nate Hanson Danny Peltier
August 2027				
Special Education and IDEA Program Services for Special Education Staff	August 24, 2027	2:00pm-3:00pm	School Leaders; School program staff; special education facilitator; special education teacher	Jackie Working Megumi Cramer
September 2027				
Overview of Risk Based Monitoring (RBM)	September 7, 2027	10:00am – 11:00am	School Leaders; Staff that have leadership roles and additional individuals who will be submitting reporting and compliance items	Patty Camacho Deana Wilson Selcuk Ozdemir
Overview of Site Evaluation	September 8, 2026	10:00am – 11:00am	School Leaders; Staff that have leadership roles/any additional individuals who will be supporting the site evaluation process	Gretchen Pfahler John Pilotin Denise Shaw Selcuk Ozdemir

****The NV PERS Staff typically hosts training in the summer for new schools to learn about key processes related to the Public Employee Retirement System. Information regarding those training courses will come directly from PERS.**