

# Frequently Asked Questions About Student Enrollment

FOR THE FOLLOWING IEM CHARTER SCHOOLS:

## **Connecting Waters**

Thank you for contacting us about our charter school learning program. We appreciate your interest in pursuing an education for your child in one of our Innovative Education Management (IEM) charter schools. Collectively, our charter schools serve more than 3,000 students in grades ranging from K-12 who reside in many counties in California.

IEM charter schools are public schools operating with public educational funds. However, our public charter schools are structured quite differently than the traditional non-charter, classroom-based public school system. The primary goal of our charter schools is to maximize learning opportunities for students, and to guarantee that our students can master the necessary skills to succeed in the workplace of today and tomorrow. IEM charter schools allow for wide differences in student learning styles, abilities, and interests that are difficult to accommodate in a traditional classroom school setting. Unlike a traditional public school, parents help to tailor the learning environment to the individual needs of their children. Because of our school's unique system, a "one-size-fits-all" curriculum is not mandated, and parents remain the authority of any material affecting their children's attitudes, values, and beliefs. Through your individually assigned Education Specialist and extensive online information systems, we provide training for our parents in curriculum choices, learning styles, computer literacy and other areas as needed.

To begin our enrollment process, please fill out the Enrollment form and return it to **1166 Broadway, Suite Q, Placerville, CA 95667**, so that we may begin processing your application. **Please attach a copy of your child's Immunization Record, Birth Certificate and Health Form (for K or 1st grade only) as this will aid in the quick processing of your application.** If you would like an Immunization and or Health Waiver, please print your child's name on the front and sign the Personal Beliefs Affidavit in the box on the back of the Immunization Record. We will then assign your child to an Education Specialist (E.S.) as soon as one is available in your geographic area. Our Education Specialists are credentialed teachers who oversee each student's educational progress. The E.S. will contact you to set up a time to meet where he/she can explain the various educational options available for your child. At that time you will make the final decision as to whether you wish to enroll your child in our school. **Please do not withdraw your child from his/her current school until you have met with your E.S. and are officially enrolled.** If you have a child who is in Special Education, please submit **a copy of your child's current IEP** and the Special Education Dept. will contact you before you are assigned to an E.S.

Twice a school year educational resource funds are allotted to an account managed by your E.S. on behalf of your child. Together, you and your E.S. determine how best to use these funds for your child's education. These funds may be used to provide curriculum, computers, and other learning tools for use while attending our school. They may also be used to facilitate a variety of educational alternatives for your child. Your E.S. will explain these different options to you when you meet in person the first time. All provided materials are the property of the Charter School, and must be returned to the school when you graduate or transfer to another school.

Feel free to browse our website at [www.ieminc.org](http://www.ieminc.org) as it contains a wealth of information about our charter schools. Thank you again for your interest in our charter schools, and we look forward to working with you to meet your child's educational needs.