The *Alabama School Choice and Student Opportunity Act* (Act 2015-3), Section 4(16)(a), indicates: A public charter school has autonomy over key decisions including, but not limited to, decisions concerning finance, personnel, scheduling, curriculum, instruction, and procurement.

The *Alabama School Choice and Student Opportunity Act* (Act 2015-3), Section 4(16)(f), indicates: A public charter school provides an educational program that satisfies the following:

- Includes any grade or grades from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade.
- May include a specific academic approach or theme including, but not limited to, vocational and technical training; visual and performing arts; liberal arts; liberal arts and classical education; or science, mathematics, and technology.
- Operates in pursuit of a specific set of educational objectives as defined in its charter contract, such as college or career readiness, or both.
- Operates under the oversight of its authorizer in accordance with its charter contract.

### INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Instructional Services Section, is responsible for assisting schools with the frameworks, systems, and supports that are needed to provide effective instruction. Public charter schools are eligible for services and resources from the Instructional Services Section of the ALSDE. Services include quarterly College- and Career-Ready Standards (CCRS) professional development sessions, quarterly curriculum and instruction meetings, and support from Regional Planning Teams (RPTs). Dates for upcoming meetings can be found on the ALSDE Web site Calendar ([ALSDE Calendar](#)). Resources include all Alabama Courses of Study ([Alabama Courses of Study](#)), textbook adoption materials ([Textbooks by Subject](#)), Advanced Placement information ([Advanced Placement](#)), and professional development materials related to Alabama’s CCRS ([Alabama CCRS Web page](#)).

For other information that will be of interest to all public charter schools, please visit the Instructional Services page found under Department Offices, Office of Student Learning, on the ALSDE Web site at [www.alsde.edu](http://www.alsde.edu).

**NOTE:** This working document “highlights” some key education instruction components in the *Alabama School Choice and Student Opportunity Act* (Act 2015-3). It does not attempt to address all content specific to instructional laws, rules, and regulations. The preliminary guidance provided in this working document will be updated as the Alabama State Department of Education develops specific guidance regarding Alabama public charter schools. Please send questions to pcs@alsde.edu.