

Appleton Area School District

2019-2020 Charter School Authorizer Annual Report

In completing the Charter School Authorizer Annual Report for the 2019-20 school year, the Appleton Area School District's report includes information for the following charter schools:

- Appleton Bilingual School (K-6)
- Appleton eSchool (7-12)
- Appleton Public Montessori (4K-6)
- Appleton Technical Academy (9-12)
- Classical School (K-8)
- Fox Cities Leadership Academy (9-12)
- Fox River Academy (K-8)
- Kaleidoscope Academy (6-8)
- Renaissance School for the Arts (9-12)
- Stephen Foster Elementary Charter School (K-6)
- Tesla Engineering Charter School (9-12)
- Valley New School (7-12)
- Wisconsin Connections Academy (4K-12)

Similar to the last few years we brought together key people from across our district to review our completed report. Through this process, we determined that it continues to be valuable to include a cover sheet to explain some of our thinking that went into completing this required report. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Vogel at 920-832-6301. Thank you.

Academic Performance Overview: While all Appleton Area School District charter schools clearly outline their academic goals within their charter contracts, it is challenging to choose a specific assessment instrument used in a consistent manner across all of our district charter schools. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wisconsin Forward and ACT Aspire exams were not administered for Reading and Math. However, Appleton Area School District charter schools did participate in several common district assessments focusing on Reading and Math (elementary and middle level) as part of the Appleton Area School District's Assessment Inventory. In addition, we also chose to implement the following assessment instruments for this report: *i-Ready* for Reading and Math (elementary and middle schools); MAP Assessment for Reading and Math (elementary and middle schools) and the ACT Aspire and ACT (high school level).

Financial Performance Overview: Each of our charter schools has a unique history and background. Some of our charter schools were initiated by parents, some by teachers and some by building level administrators. These unique historical beginnings allowed for schools to be creative in finding sustainable financial models based upon the unique qualities of their charter. As a district, our goal is always to use district resources in the most efficient manner possible. Therefore, many of our charter schools share numerous resources with neighborhood schools within the district. This is usually based upon whether or not a charter school operates as a school within a school. Some of the resources that are shared on a regular basis between charter schools and neighborhood schools are special education staff, English Language (EL) staff and administrative staff. In addition, various physical spaces and equipment are shared between buildings and schools whenever it makes sense. It is in this manner that the AASD has been able to create a sustainable model that provides maximum choice for parents and students while using available resources that are shared whenever possible.

Based upon our model of shared resources between our charter schools and our neighborhood schools, it is an interesting process to untangle these comingled resources as the report requests. Our Business Services Office has attempted to determine (as best we can) the specific resources provided for each charter school broken down by WUFAR Object Code. However, please be aware that the overall financial data are skewed by whether a charter school operates within their own building or operates as a school within a school. We reviewed our practices to determine if there is a different way to collect data that will better reflect the specific financial performance of each of our charter schools, however, another/better method has not been found since last year's report was submitted.

SECTION I: AUTHORIZER INFORMATION

Authorizing Entity:	Appleton Area School District
Authorizer Address:	131 E Washington Street, Suite 1A
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SECTION II: CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Charter Schools Currently Under Contract:			
School Name:	Contract Start Date:	Contract Expiration Date:	Grades Served:
Appleton Bilingual School	9/1/16	6/30/21	K-6
Appleton eSchool	6/1/19	5/31/24	7-12
Appleton Public Montessori	9/1/20	6/30/25	4K-6
Appleton Technical Academy	9/3/19	6/30/24	9-12
Classical School	9/1/16	6/30/21	K-8
Fox Cities Leadership Academy	9/1/16	6/30/21	9-12
Fox River Academy	9/3/19	6/30/24	K-8
Kaleidoscope Academy	9/1/20	6/30/25	6-8
Renaissance School for the Arts	9/5/17	6/30/22	9-12
Stephen Foster Elementary Charter	9/1/16	6/30/21	K-6
Tesla Engineering Charter School	9/5/17	6/30/22	9-12
Valley New School	9/3/18	6/30/23	7-12
Wisconsin Connections Academy	7/1/16 1/14/19 contract amendment (program expansion to include 4K in the 19/20 school year)	6/30/21	4K-12

Charter Schools Whose Contract was Non-renewed or Revoked: N/A

Charter Schools Currently Under Contract that have not Opened: N/A

Charter Schools that Closed: N/A

Section III: Academic Performance of Charter Schools:

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2019-2020

FALL Assessments---no Spring assessments

Schools	MAP-Reading (at or above benchmark)	MAP- MATH (at or above benchmark)	Forward-Reading (% proficient)	Forward-Math (% proficient)
Appleton Bilingual School	42%	50%		
Appleton Public Montessori	63%	61%		
Classical School	79%	33%		
Fox River Academy	65%	65%		
Kaleidoscope Academy	64%	56%		
Stephen Foster Elementary School	59%	54%		

2019-2020

School	<i>i-Ready</i> Reading Growth	<i>i-Ready</i> Math Growth
Wisconsin Connections Academy	57.70%	51.80%

2019-2020

Schools	ACT Aspire-English (% proficient)	ACT Aspire Reading (% proficient)	ACT Aspire Math (% proficient)	ACT Composite (% proficient)
Appleton e-School			NA	NA
Appleton Technical Academy				NA
Fox Cities Leadership Academy				41%
Renaissance School for the Arts				53%
Tesla Engineering Charter School				59%
Valley New School				47%
Wisconsin Connections Academy				33%

i-Ready Diagnostic Results ~ Wisconsin Connections Academy

i-Ready Diagnostic is an assessment developed by Curriculum Associates. It is an adaptive assessment designed to provide teachers with actionable insight into student needs. The Diagnostic offers a complete picture of student performance and growth, eliminating the need for multiple, redundant tests. Diagnostic results also set a personalized learning path for each student, ensuring they are working on instruction that matches their unique learning needs. The *i-Ready Diagnostic* was available to WCA as a pilot. WCA participated in this pilot with students in grades K-8.

The percentage of students achieving growth in each grade as well as across grades is presented below. Only students that took both pretest and posttest assessments were included in the growth analysis.

i-Ready Reading Growth

Grade	Number of Students with Pretest and Posttest Scores	% of Students with Growth in Reading
K	0	N/A*
1	0	N/A*
2	0	N/A*
3	7	71%
4	15	67%
5	28	50%
6	11	36%
7	14	86%
8	22	36%
Overall	90	57.7%

*Students in grades K-2 take this test in-person. Due to COVID-19, students were not able to take the posttest at this grade level.

i-Ready Math Growth

Grade	Number of Students with Pretest and Posttest Scores	% of Students with Growth in Math
K	0	N/A*
1	0	N/A*
2	0	N/A*
3	7	57%
4	16	38%
5	28	46%
6	10	70%
7	14	50%
8	22	50%
Overall	90	51.8%

*Students in grades K-2 take this test in-person. Due to COVID-19, students were not able to take the posttest at this grade level.

Scantron Results ~ Wisconsin Connections Academy

At Grades 9-12 for Math and Reading, the Scantron Performance Series (SPS) assessment from Global Scholar is used.

On SPS, students have displayed growth in performance if they score at a High Average or Above Average on the posttest, maintain Above Average or improve by at least one level of normative scores from pretest to posttest.

The percentage of students achieving growth in each grade as well as across grades is presented below. Only students that took both pretest and posttest assessments were included in the growth analysis.

SPS Reading Growth

Grade	Number of Students with Pretest and Posttest Scores	% of Students with Growth in <i>Reading</i>
9	22	63.6%
10	18	44.4%
11	32	46.9%
12	0	0.0%
Overall	72	51.4%

SPS Math Growth

Grade	Number of Students with Pretest and Posttest Scores	% of Students with Growth in <i>Math</i>
9	22	68.2%
10	21	47.6%
11	0	0.0%
12	0	0.0%
Overall	43	58.1%

SECTION IV: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

(Provide a summary of the financial performance of each charter school that operated during the school year.)

All charter schools outlined in this document successfully operated within the agreed upon financial guidelines (found in their charter contracts) to effectively and efficiently meet their charter standards, school goals and student needs during the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

SECTION V: OTHER CONTRACT TERMS AND EXPECTATIONS (OPTIONAL)

(Provide a summary and discussion of any additional contract terms or expectations that the authorizer deems relevant to its report on the overall performance of the charter schools it authorizes.)

- Appleton Technical Academy students earn articulated college credit through Fox Valley Technical College. Two certificate programs can be earned while attending A-Tech. Students at A-Tech routinely participate in work experience jobs, including youth apprenticeship.

On the following pages are...

SECTION VI: AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

(Complete and attach audited Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs.)

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SECTION VII: SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

(Complete and attach Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs.)

APPLETON BILINGUAL
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	-
Non-Capital Objects	400	-
Capital Objects	500	-
Insurance & Judgements	700	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Total		\$ 1,857.80

Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	18,193.02
Special Education	150000	-
Health Services	214000	1,142.89
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	5.01
Instructional Staff Training	221300	3,206.13
General Administration	230000	-
Building Administration	240000	3,239.98
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	-
Technology	266000	-
Other Special Needs (ELL/Bilingual)	170000	-
Library Media	222000	1,629.00
Total		\$ 27,416.03

APPLETON ESCHOOL
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	-
Non-Capital Objects	400	-
Capital Objects	500	-
Insurance & Judgements	700	-
Employee Dues/Fees	900	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Total		\$ 1,857.80

Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	63,738.28
Special Education	150000	-
Health Services	214000	-
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	5,391.68
Instructional Staff Training	221300	563.51
General Administration	230000	239.34
Building Administration	240000	340.33
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	-
Technology	266000	-
Other Services (replace Other with a Service)		
Total		\$ 70,273.14

**APPLETON PUBLIC MONTESSORI
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	-
Non-Capital Objects	400	-
Capital Objects	500	-
Insurance & Judgements	700	-
Dues & Fees	900	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Total		\$ 1,857.80

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	15,095.18
Special Education	150000	29.95
Health Services	214000	521.60
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	-
Instructional Staff Training	221300	-
General Administration	230000	-
Building Administration	240000	6,465.01
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	-
Technology	266000	-
Other Special Needs (ELL)	170000	96.45
Library Media	222000	-
Social Work	212000	-
Speech & Language	216000	-
Occupational Therapy	218100	-
Total		\$ 22,208.19

**APPLETON TECHNICAL ACADEMY
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	-
Non-Capital Objects	400	-
Capital Objects	500	-
Insurance & Judgements	700	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Total		\$ 1,857.80

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	125.88
Special Education	150000	-
Health Services	214000	-
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	10,443.57
Instructional Staff Training	221300	57.20
General Administration	230000	-
Building Administration	240000	-
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	52.50
Technology	266000	-
Vocational Education	130000	10,663.00
Total		\$ 21,342.15

CLASSICAL SCHOOL
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	-
Non-Capital Objects	400	-
Capital Objects	500	-
Insurance & Judgements	700	-
Other - Dues/Fees	900	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Total		\$ 1,857.80

Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	35,274.35
Special Education	150000	190.72
Health Services	214000	-
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	-
Instructional Staff Training	221300	4,259.96
General Administration	230000	1,807.71
Building Administration	240000	31,798.70
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	-
Technology	266000	-
Other Special Needs (ELL)	170000	-
Library Media	222200	2,403.84
Guidance	213000	-
Speech & Language	216000	-
Occupational Therapy	218100	-
Total		\$ 75,735.28

**FOX CITIES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	-
Non-Capital Objects	400	-
Capital Objects	500	-
Insurance & Judgements	700	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Total		\$ 1,857.80

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	1,177.17
Special Education	150000	-
Health Services	214000	-
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	-
Instructional Staff Training	221300	-
General Administration	230000	-
Building Administration	240000	292.58
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	-
Technology	266000	-
Other Services (replace Other with a Service)		-
Total		\$ 1,469.75

FOX RIVER ACADEMY
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	-
Non-Capital Objects	400	-
Capital Objects	500	-
Insurance & Judgements	700	-
Dues and Fees	900	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Total		\$ 1,857.80

Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	10,061.20
Special Education	150000	-
Health Services	214000	-
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	-
Instructional Staff Training	221300	165.00
General Administration	230000	-
Building Administration	240000	-
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	58.50
Technology	266000	-
Library Media	222000	-
Total		\$ 10,284.70

KALEIDOSCOPE ACADEMY
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	
Non-Capital Objects	400	
Capital Objects	500	
Insurance & Judgements	700	
Dues and Fees	900	
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	
Total		\$ 1,857.80

Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	27,909.04
Special Education	150000	759.08
Health Services	214000	-
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	-
Instructional Staff Training	221300	1,655.88
General Administration	230000	-
Building Administration	240000	8,232.12
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	-
Technology	266000	-
Co-Curriculars	160000	1,025.07
Other Special Needs (ELL)	170000	115.45
Library Media	222000	13,305.06
Guidance	213000	-
Social Work	212000	-
Occupational Therapy	218100	-
Speech and Language	216000	-
Total		\$ 53,001.70

**RENAISSANCE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	
Non-Capital Objects	400	
Capital Objects	500	
Insurance & Judgements	700	
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	
Total		\$ 1,857.80

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	6,623.18
Special Education	150000	-
Health Services	214000	-
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	-
Instructional Staff Training	221300	-
General Administration	230000	-
Building Administration	240000	-
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	10,040.39
Technology	266000	-
Other Services (replace Other with a Service)		-
Total		\$ 16,663.57

**STEPHEN FOSTER ELEMENTARY CHARTER
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	-
Non-Capital Objects	400	-
Capital Objects	500	-
Insurance & Judgements	700	-
Dues and Fees	900	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Total		\$ 1,857.80

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	62,729.12
Special Education	150000	262.97
Health Services	214000	-
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	-
Instructional Staff Training	221300	1,329.41
General Administration	230000	-
Building Administration	240000	3,747.82
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	243.54
Technology	266000	-
Co-Curriculars	160000	-
Other Special Needs (ELL)	170000	89.40
Library Media	222000	9,101.66
Guidance	213000	-
Social Work	212000	-
Speech and Language	216000	-
Occupational Therapy	218100	-
Total		\$ 77,503.92

**TESLA ENGINEERING CHARTER SCHOOL
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	-
Non-Capital Objects	400	-
Capital Objects	500	-
Insurance & Judgements	700	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Total		\$ 1,857.80

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	4,710.83
Special Education	150000	-
Health Services	214000	-
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	-
Instructional Staff Training	221300	-
General Administration	230000	-
Building Administration	240000	-
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	-
Technology	266000	-
Vocational Education	130000	-
Total		\$ 4,710.83

**VALLEY NEW SCHOOL
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
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Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	-
Non-Capital Objects	400	-
Capital Objects	500	-
Insurance & Judgements	700	-
Dues and Fees	900	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Total		\$ 1,857.80

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	-
Special Education	150000	-
Health Services	214000	-
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	-
Instructional Staff Training	221300	1,305.42
General Administration	230000	-
Building Administration	240000	2,918.46
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	-
Technology	266000	-
Library Media	222000	1,164.00
Total		\$ 5,387.88

**WISCONSIN CONNECTIONS ACADEMY
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs
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Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	1,491.00
Employee Benefits	200	366.80
Purchased Services	300	-
Non-Capital Objects	400	-
Capital Objects	500	-
Insurance & Judgements	700	-
Dues and Fees	900	-
Other (replace Other with an activity name)	900	-
Total		\$ 1,857.80

**Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Services Provided	Function Code	Cost
Regular Curriculum	120000	30,059.04
Special Education	150000	-
Health Services	214000	-
Psychological Services	215000	-
Curriculum Development	221200	-
Instructional Staff Training	221300	1,828.63
General Administration	230000	-
Building Administration	240000	26,138.27
Business Services	252000	-
General Operations	253000	-
Pupil Transportation	256000	218.40
Technology	266000	-
Vocational Education	130000	-
Co-Curriculars	160000	-
Other Special Needs Needs (ELL)	170000	-
Other Pupil Services	219000	-
Total		\$ 58,244.34