

**Eau Claire Area School District
2020-2021
Charter School Authorizer Annual Report**

Authorizer Annual Report Checklist

When completing the Charter School Authorizer Annual Report, verify that:

- All sections of the report are present, and all schedules are completed and attached.
- For school district authorizers, the schedule of authorizer operating costs has been included as a supplement to the school district's annual audited financial statements submitted to DPI.
- The report has been completed at the authorizer level, rather than completed for an individual school.
- Authorizer operating costs have been identified in Section VI. This section should not be left blank.
- The operating costs reported in Section VI reflect **only** the costs the authorizing entity incurred while fulfilling the duties under Wis. Stat. s. 118.40 (3m)(a) to (e) which include:
 - Soliciting and evaluating charter school applications,
 - Considering the principles and standards for quality authorizing established by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers,
 - Giving preference in the awarding of contracts for the operation of charter schools that serve children at risk,
 - Approving high-quality charter schools that meet identified educational needs and promote a diversity of educational choices, and
 - Monitoring the performance and compliance with Wis. Stat. s. 118.40 of each charter school with which it contracts.

The operating costs in this section should **not** reflect the operating costs for the authorized charter school(s).

- The total amounts reported in Section VI and Section VII are not the same. As noted above, Section VI should only include operating costs the authorizing entity incurred while fulfilling the duties under Wis. Stat. 118.40 (3m)(a) to (e); while Section VII should include the costs of services the authorizing entity provided to the charter schools with which it contracts. **The expenditures in Section VI and Section VII should not match.**
- Costs reported in Section VII are only the costs of services provided to the charter school(s). Examples of the types of costs that should be reported in this section include but are not limited to: costs for business office services, costs for food services, curriculum services, professional development services, etc. **The expenditures in Section VI and Section VII should not match.**

For further instructions and requirements related to completing each section of this report see the charter school authorizer annual report technical assistance document at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/charter-schools/information-authorizers>.

SECTION I: AUTHORIZER INFORMATION

Authorizing Entity:	Eau Claire Area School District
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SECTION II: CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

(Add additional lines or attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

Charter Schools Currently Under Contract in 2021-2022:			
School Name:	Charter School's Governing Board Legal Entity Name:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx - 6/30/20xx):	Grades Served:
Chippewa Valley Montessori	Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School, Inc.	7/1/2020 - 6/30/2023	PK-5
McKinley	McKinley Charter School, Inc.	7/1/2021 - 6/30/2026	6-12
Eau Claire Virtual School	Eau Claire Virtual School, Inc.	7/1/2019 - 6/30/2024	K-12

Charter Schools with Non-renewed or Revoked Contract during 2020-2021:			
School Name:	Charter School's Governing Board Legal Entity Name:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx - 6/30/20xx)*:	Reason for Non-renewal or Revocation:
None			

Charter Schools that Closed During or at the Conclusion of 2020-2021:			
School Name:	Date of School Closure:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx - 6/30/20xx):	Reason for Closure:
None			

Charter Schools Currently Approved, But That Have Not Yet Begun to Operate:			
School Name:	Charter School's Governing Board Legal Entity Name:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx - 6/30/20xx):	Anticipated First Academic Year of Instruction (e.g. 22-23):
None			

SECTION III: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

In this section, provide a summary of the academic performance of each charter school that operated during the school year.

McKinley Charter School

McKinley Component:

Students will pass the Stanford 10 Achievement Test Series reading, language arts and mathematics exams before graduating. All students are required to take a pre-test before they were able to take the final Stanford 10 exam anticipating a higher success rate on students meeting the requirement. In 2020-21 curriculum was accessible online due to COVID-19. Eighty-eight students in the competency component passed the reading, language arts and mathematics exams prior to graduating in June 2021.

All students complete an Individualized Learning Plan at the time of enrollment. Students will identify their preferred learning styles, set goals for graduation and post-secondary, and self-reflect on their current academic abilities. Student plans were reviewed quarterly by staff and then with students when needed. Eighty-eight students graduated from the McKinley competency component in 2020-21.

Detention Center Component:

All students enrolled in the 180 program develop educational plans which will include earning credits toward graduation. Students may pursue a diploma from McKinley Charter School or their credits could transfer back to their school of origin. Curriculum may be designed by the instructor or students can utilize APEX, an online course option. This goal is measured by the number of students completing the English/Language Arts and Mathematics credits toward graduation.

Educational plans were developed for 100% of the students placed in the 180 program to monitor students to ensure they are on schedule to graduate. Academic plans were reviewed, monitored and adjusted throughout the year. Fourteen students in the 180 program earned English and/or Math credit toward graduation while in the Detention Center. Three students completed all requirements for graduation and received their high school diploma.

Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School

The Wisconsin Forward Exam provides the following information relevant to the performance of Montessori Charter School:

Forward Exam ELA	Montessori Grades 3-5	ECASD Grades 3-5	State Grades 3-5	Montessori Grade 3	ECASD Grade 3	State Grade 3	Montessori Grade 4	ECASD Grade 4	State Grade 4	Montessori Grade 5	ECASD Grade 5	State Grade 5
Below Basic	10.5%	22.8%	23.4%	12.9%	27.3%	23.5%	11.8%	19.4%	23.0%	6.7%	21.8%	23.5%
Basic	27.4%	34.0%	30.9%	12.9%	32.9%	33.5%	32.4%	33.9%	28.6%	36.7%	35.0%	30.6%
Proficient	50.5%	32.1%	28.5%	64.5%	30.0%	26.9%	47.1%	32.3%	29.3%	40.0%	33.9%	29.1%
Advanced	11.6%	7.5%	5.4%	9.7%	5.5%	4.7%	8.8%	10.3%	6.7%	16.7%	6.4%	4.6%

Forward Exam Math	Montessori Grades 3-5	ECASD Grades 3-5	State Grades 3-5	Montessori Grade 3	ECASD Grade 3	State Grade 3	Montessori Grade 4	ECASD Grade 4	State Grade 4	Montessori Grade 5	ECASD Grade 5	State Grade 5
Below Basic	16.8%	23.2%	21.0%	22.6%	25.4%	19.9%	11.8%	19.1%	18.5%	16.7%	25.3%	24.6%
Basic	28.4%	34.0%	28.1%	22.6%	31.0%	27.4%	38.2%	38.6%	31.6%	23.3%	32.1%	25.3%
Proficient	42.1%	32.0%	29.5%	48.4%	32.5%	31.4%	38.2%	32.8%	27.9%	40.0%	30.7%	29.0%
Advanced	12.6%	7.1%	9.4%	6.5%	6.7%	9.9%	11.8%	5.6%	9.5%	20.0%	8.9%	8.8%

Eau Claire Virtual Charter School

The Wisconsin Forward Exam as well as the ACT provides the following information relevant to the performance of Eau Claire Virtual Charter school:

Forward Exam ELA	Grades 4-8	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Below Basic	10.5%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%
Basic	26.3%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%
Proficient	47.4%	100.0%	60.0%	100.0%	33.3%	33.3%
Advanced	15.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%

Forward Exam ELA	ECASD Grades 4-8	State Grades 4-8	ECASD Grade 4	State Grade 4	ECASD Grade 5	State Grade 5	ECASD Grade 6	State Grade 6	ECASD Grade 7	State Grade 7	ECASD Grade 8	State Grade 8
Below Basic	19.6%	21.7%	19.4%	23.0%	21.8%	23.5%	17.5%	21.2%	17.4%	19.4%	22.3%	21.7%
Basic	34.3%	30.5%	33.9%	28.6%	35.0%	30.6%	32.7%	31.5%	31.6%	29.1%	38.4%	32.6%
Proficient	32.0%	27.9%	32.3%	29.3%	33.9%	29.1%	33.2%	27.2%	33.5%	29.9%	27.4%	24.3%
Advanced	7.4%	6.6%	10.3%	6.7%	6.4%	4.6%	7.4%	7.0%	8.5%	7.8%	4.5%	6.6%

Forward Exam Math	Grades 4-8	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Below Basic	31.6%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	66.7%	66.7%
Basic	36.8%	50.0%	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Proficient	21.1%	50.0%	0.0%	100.0%	33.3%	0.0%
Advanced	10.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%

Forward Exam Math	ECASD Grades 4-8	State Grades 4-8	ECASD Grade 4	State Grade 4	ECASD Grade 5	State Grade 5	ECASD Grade 6	State Grade 6	ECASD Grade 7	State Grade 7	ECASD Grade 8	State Grade 8
Below Basic	23.9%	25.4%	19.1%	18.5%	25.3%	24.6%	25.6%	27.3%	22.0%	29.1%	27.5%	26.7%
Basic	34.9%	28.6%	38.6%	31.6%	32.1%	25.3%	31.0%	27.6%	31.6%	26.1%	41.0%	32.2%
Proficient	29.1%	26.5%	32.8%	27.9%	30.7%	29.0%	30.1%	27.6%	34.5%	27.9%	17.9%	20.7%
Advanced	5.6%	6.2%	5.6%	9.5%	8.9%	8.8%	4.5%	4.3%	3.4%	3.1%	6.0%	5.7%

ECVS									
Subjects	ELA	English	Reading	Writing	Mathematics	Science	STEM	Composite	
2019-2020	23.0	19.0	22.0	10.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	
2020-2021	19.9	18.1	21.3	7.4	17.3	19.1	18.4	19.0	

Subjects	ECASD	State	ECASD	State	ECASD	State	ECASD	State	ECASD	State	ECASD	State	ECASD	State	ECASD	State
	ELA		English		Reading		Writing		Mathematics		Science		STEM		Composite	
2019-2020	19.2	18.3	19.6	18.8	21.3	20.1	6.4	6.3	21.3	19.9	21.3	20.4	21.6	20.4	21.0	19.9
2020-2021	20.1	18.0	19.3	17.9	21.0	19.4	7.1	6.3	21.2	19.2	21.4	19.7	21.5	19.7	20.9	19.2

SECTION IV: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

In this section, provide a summary of the financial performance of each charter school that operated during the school year.

McKinley Charter School

McKinley Charter School (MCS) is a separate institution with its own policy setting Governance Board. It provides a contracted service to the ECASD and Altoona School District. A funding allocation for up to 20 students at a time in the Competency Component and one student in the Credit Component from the Altoona School District shall be established through a 66.0301 Agreement between the Altoona School District, McKinley Charter School Governance Board, and the ECASD Board of Education.

The Governance Board shall develop an annual budget based on programmatic need and submit it to the ECASD through the district’s budgeting process. Once approved, the MCS Governance Board has control over the annual budget. The cost of all ECASD staff shall be paid by ECASD. Staffing assignments for MCS shall be set at levels to ensure safety for both the students and the staff and to best meet the academic goals of each student. The library/periodical/common fund allocation shall be determined by the state or district formula utilized for that year and shall be the same percentage as that allocated to other schools in the ECASD.

In 2020-21, the MCS budget was \$ 1,390,797, the actual amount spent was \$ 1,279,116.24

Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School

Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School (CVMCS) was created as an independent institution in order to provide an opportunity for students to learn utilizing the Montessori principles of education. The founders of CVMCS and ECASD Board recognized the ability of a charter school to provide a high-quality educational experience for students. CVMCS will enroll ECASD and non-district open enrolled students, with a targeted 4K and 5K enrollment of 80.

Staffing units shall be determined by ECASD administration annually based on enrollment, alignment with post-secondary readiness criteria, and annual revenue limit increases as provided for by state statute and/or legislative action.

In 2020-21 the CVMCS budget was \$ 2,457,342 the actual amount spent was \$ 2,478,668.08

Eau Claire Virtual Charter School

The Eau Claire Virtual Charter School (ECVS) was created as an independent institution to provide an innovative educational path that allows for the creative blend of opportunities to continually build the strengths of each learner. ECVS serves grades K through 12.

The cost of all ECASD staff and other program costs shall be paid by ECASD and will be determined annually based on enrollment and meeting student academic goals.

In 2020-21 the ECVS budget was \$ 363,841, the actual amount spent was \$ 345,666.51

SECTION V: OTHER CONTRACT TERMS AND EXPECTATIONS (OPTIONAL)

In this section, 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.

SECTION VI: AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

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

Examples of the types of costs that should be reported in the schedule of authorizer operating costs include, but are not limited to:

- costs incurred by the authorizer to oversee and monitor its charter schools (i.e. salary and fringe for individuals who assume these duties);
- costs incurred for soliciting, receiving, and reviewing applications for new charter schools (i.e. salary and fringe for individuals who assume these duties which may include administrative staff, business office staff, legal staff, etc.);
- costs incurred for completing and analyzing charter school data for the purpose of making renewal and revocation decisions; and
- any additional costs associated with duties under Wis. Stats. s. 118.40(3m)(a) to (e) *(please reference Technical Assistance document for the language of 118.30(3m)(a)-(e)).*

Costs that should not be included in the schedule of authorizer operating costs include salary and fringe for the teachers at the charter school, costs of charter school transportation, curriculum services, food service, etc. **Only costs associated with the authorizer fulfilling its duties should be reported in this schedule.**

We are still waiting for the final audit report from the auditor. It is expected to arrive after December 1, 2021. We will submit when available.

SECTION VII: SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

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

Examples of the types of costs that should be reported in the schedule of services and costs include, but are not limited to:

- costs for business office services;
- costs for food services;
- curriculum services; or
- professional development services.

Costs and types of services may vary depending upon the contractual relationship between the authorizer and the charter school. Please note that contracted services provided to a charter and authorizer costs are not the same. **The expenditures in Section VI and Section VII should not match.**

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Section VI

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

OPERATING ACTIVITY	WUFAR OBJECT CODE	COST
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	100	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	200	
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	
NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	400	
CAPITAL OBJECTS	500	
INSURANCE & JUDGEMENTS	700	
OTHER (REPLACE OTHER WITH AN ACTIVITY NAME)	900	
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TOTAL		

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SECTION VII

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER SERVICES AND COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNCTION CODE	COST
UNDIFFERENTIATED CURRICULUM	110000	\$1,918,067.21
REGULAR CURRICULUM	120000	\$135,752.40
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	143000	\$50,053.97
SPECIAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM	150000	\$740,323.17
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	160000	\$1,151.37
PUPIL SERVICES	211000	\$229.81
SCHOOL COUNSELING	213000	\$139,873.42
HEALTH SERVICES	214000	\$0.00
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	215000	\$0.00
OTHER PUPIL SERVICES	219000	\$27,894.48
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	221200	\$4,365.56
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	221300	\$31,728.67
LIBRARY MEDIA	222000	\$82,092.19
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	230000	\$140.09
SCHOOL BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	240000	\$441,007.15
FISCAL ADMINISTRATION	252000	\$0.00
GENERAL OPERATIONS	253000	\$210,385.23
MAINTENANCE	254000	\$6,488.80
FACILITIES	255000	\$15,423.00
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	256000	\$19,967.84
INTERNAL SERVICES	258000	\$442.04
NONINSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	260000	\$2,152.65
ADMIN TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	295000	\$30,235.76
GENERAL CONTRACTED INSTRUCTION	431000	\$244,108.81
SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTED INSTRUCTION	436000	\$1,093.68
ADJUSTMENTS	492000	\$473.53
TOTAL		\$ 4,103,450.83