

**Office of Educational Opportunity
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:	Office of Educational Opportunity
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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:
Isthmus Montessori Academy Public	Isthmus Montessori Academy, Inc.	July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023	4K-11
One City Schools Elementary School	One City Schools, Inc.	July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023	4K-4
Milestone Democratic School	Milestone Democratic School, Inc.	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025	7-12
Adeline Montessori School	Adeline Montessori School Inc.	July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2026	4K-9
New Leaf Prep Academy	New Leaf Prep Academy	July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2026	4K-8
The Lincoln Academy	The Lincoln Academy, Inc.	July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2026	4K-2; 6-9
UpGrade Media Arts School	UpGrade Media Arts School, Inc.	July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2026	6-12

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.)

The data included, sourced per the WISEdash Public Portal and the raw MAP Data File from each school, provides insight into the academic performance of the three OEO-authorized schools operational during the 2020-2021 school year. All three of these schools were located in Madison. These schools provide an additional avenue for a high-quality public education beyond the offerings of the Madison Metropolitan School District, rising to meet the unexpected and ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. School administrators maximized resources to best-assure the safety of staff and students while also addressing technology demands driven by remote/hybrid learning needs, coupled with the tireless efforts of the educational staff to adapt and deliver on the promise of high-quality and innovative educational content. The measure of academic performance does not capture such effort, nor does it express the deserved appreciation.

Across the board, for OEO-chartered schools with students eligible to take the statewide Forward Exam, the schools outperformed the local school district. The data affirms the mission of the OEO to provide innovative, high-quality educational options for students, and demonstrates that the schools are fulfilling a need in their community to do just that. This need became even greater when the COVID-19 pandemic hit. School leaders from all across the state and nation had to navigate a plethora of new challenges, address learning in new ways, and put into place new systems and structures in order to continue to provide students with the best possible educational experience.

It is important to note that all three of the OEO-charters navigated these unexpected challenges during the early stages of their existence, with two of the schools having opened in Fall of 2018 and the third opening in Fall of 2020. Creative solutions were both employed and shared among the three charters, helping achieve the promise of delivering a high-quality educational option. Further, the OEO is proud to serve as the authorizer for the only public school that stayed open the entire school year in all of Dane County during the 2020-2021 school year; One City Schools Elementary School. In cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Health & Human Services and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, One City Schools implemented an on-site rigorous testing program utilized by both staff and students, with impressive results.

ISTHMUS MONTESSORI ACADEMY PUBLIC – MADISON, WI

Mission Statement: *The mission of Isthmus Montessori Academy Public is to provide a holistic Montessori Education; helping children achieve their greatest success, develop independence, and live with genuine kindness to others and the world.*

Summary: Isthmus Montessori Academy Public (IMAP) outperformed the local public school district on the Forward Exam in both ELA and Math; scoring 5% higher in ELA than the Madison Metropolitan School District. While IMAP lagged behind state scores during the 2020-2021 school year, prior to the pandemic, Isthmus Montessori Academy Public outperformed both the local district (+8%) and state (+3%) in achieving proficient or advanced scores in ELA. Other data presented includes the percentage of students who met or exceeded their Fall to Spring Growth on the MAP Assessment as well as student attendance data. IMAP did have students eligible to take the ACT; however, all data was redacted in order to protect student anonymity.

2020-2021 Forward Exam Results	Math	ELA
Isthmus Montessori Academy Public	18.0%	25.0%
Madison Metropolitan School District	17.4%	19.6%
Statewide	33.6%	33.7%

2020-2021 MAP Testing Results	Math	Reading
Percent of Students Meeting/Exceeding Expected Fall to Spring MAP Growth	45.3%	58.2%

Attendance Data	2018-2019 Grades Served: 4K-9	2019-2020 Grades Served: 4K-10
Isthmus Montessori Academy Public	93.5%	97.9%
Madison Metropolitan School District	93.6%	93.0%
Statewide	94.6%	94.5%

*Data from the Madison Metropolitan School District and State has been adjusted to reflect only the specific grade levels served by Isthmus Montessori Academy Public in order to create the most accurate comparison of attendance data.

ONE CITY SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MADISON, WI

Mission Statement: *The mission of One City Schools Elementary School is to seed a new model of public education that ensures young children are on track to succeed in a college or career preparatory program from birth through high school graduation.*

Summary: One City Schools Elementary School did not have students eligible to take the Forward Exam last school year as they only served up to 2nd grade; however, next year’s report will include this data as they added grades 3 and 4 beginning this school year. Other key data includes the percentage of students who met or exceeded their Fall to Spring Growth on the MAP Assessment; however, you will also see additional data included reflective of their longer academic school year which demonstrates that these additional days in session yield increased student gains.

Worth noting, One City Schools Elementary School was the only public school in Dane County that stayed open the entire 2020-2021 school year. The school collaborated with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine to open an on-site COVID-19 testing center utilized by staff and students alike, resulting in making in-person instruction possible, for which they gained national recognition. The attendance data is also included in the tables below.

2020-2021 Forward Exam Results	Math	ELA
One City Schools Elementary School	No eligible grade levels	No eligible grade levels
Madison Metropolitan School District	17.4%	19.6%
Statewide	33.6%	33.7%

2020-2021 MAP Testing Results	Math	Reading
Percent of Students Meeting/Exceeding Expected Fall to Spring MAP Growth	27.6%	33.8%

*Due to One City Elementary School’s longer school year, students take the MAP Test again during the summer. There are no national growth norms from NWEA for the summer term; however it is important to note that the percentage of students who met or exceeded their growth target increased to 45.0% in math and 50.9% in reading by the end of the school year.

Attendance Data	2018-2019 Grades Served: 4K-K	2019-2020 Grades Served: 4K-1
One City Schools Elementary School	92.0%	95.1%
Madison Metropolitan School District	92.5%	92.5%
Statewide	93.9%	94.2%

*Data from the Madison Metropolitan School District and State has been adjusted to reflect only the specific grade levels served by One City Schools Elementary School during these time periods in order to create the most accurate comparison of attendance data.

MILESTONE DEMOCRATIC SCHOOL – MADISON, WI

Mission Statement: *The mission of Milestone Democratic school is to be a place where learning is engaging, where everyone has a voice and that all voices are heard, and where the most important step is the next one.*

Summary: The 2020-2021 school year marked the inaugural year of Milestone Democratic School. Opening during a pandemic year provided a whole host of challenges and yet Milestone Democratic School still outperformed the local public school district on the Forward Exam in both ELA and Math. Other data presented includes the percentage of students who met or exceeded their Fall to Spring Growth on the MAP Assessment as well as student attendance data. While Milestone did have students eligible to take the ACT, all data was redacted in order to protect student anonymity.

2020-2021 Forward Exam Data	Math	ELA
Milestone Democratic School	18.2%	27.3%
Madison Metropolitan School District	12.3%	15.6%
Statewide	28.2%	33.9%

2020-2021 MAP Testing Results	Math	Reading
Percent of Students Meeting/Exceeding Expected Fall to Spring MAP Growth	20.0%	20.0%

Attendance
No attendance data is available as Milestone Democratic School's first year of operation was the 2020-2021 school year and attendance data is lagged by one year.

Summary: No student academic performance data was collected for the OEO-authorized schools listed below as they opened in the Fall of 2021 and were not operational during the 2019-2020 school year; however, for contextual information, the mission statements for each has been included below. The OEO looks forward to presenting their data as part of the annual authorizer report next year.

ADELINE MONTESSORI SCHOOL – WAUKESHA, WI

The mission of Adeline Montessori School (AMS) is to prepare children to become self-motivated by their innate sense of curiosity and encourage them to use critical thinking skills and diplomacy to overcome obstacles. The AMS community/team will guide students to problem-solve with empathy as they grow to become adults with integrity.

NEW LEAF PREP ACADEMY – HOWARD, WI

The mission of New Leaf Prep Academy is to focus on the whole child through highly researched, hands on teaching philosophies and techniques, mainly the Montessori method. Hands-on learning is a proven way to keep students more engaged and increase retention by curating critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and self-motivated learners.

THE LINCOLN ACADEMY – BELOIT, WI

The mission of The Lincoln Academy is to be the premier K-12 school in the state of Wisconsin providing college and career pathways for scholars to lead happy, choice-filled lives. We are committed to an equitable environment with rigorous instruction, joyous interactions, and strong community partnerships.

UPGRADE MEDIA ARTS SCHOOL – BROOKFIELD, WI

The mission of UpGrade Media Arts School is to prepare students to excel academically, develop critical thinking, literacy and leadership skills, and present original film, television radio, recording arts and podcast projects through a social justice lens. While our school has a strong emphasis on the media arts, our design prepares students to thrive in any industry.

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.)

A sound financial foundation and continued performance is essential for any OEO-authorized charter to achieve its mission and fulfill contractual demands.

OEO-authorized charters are contractually obligated to conduct an annual independent financial audit prepared by a certified public accountant. Due to the OEO by December 1st, the audit must include a list of the revenues, expenditures and balances in each of the categories and subcategories included in the report detailed below. The OEO-authorized charter is also contractually obligated to provide the name and contact information of the certified public accountant performing the school's audit no later than September 15th of each year, with a December 1st deadline for reporting.

The OEO expects all authorized charter schools will achieve a high level of performance as measured by the three indicators outlined in their contract: Academic, Financial, and Organizational. Together, these indicators make up a comprehensive Performance Framework utilized to determine overall school performance. Multiple data points within each of the indicators will be measured, evaluated, and used to compile an aggregate score, and will serve as an ongoing measure of progress and potential improvement opportunities, as well as a cumulative means for charter contractual renewal consideration.

ISTHMUS MONTESSORI ACADEMY PUBLIC – MADISON, WI

Summary: Isthmus Montessori Academy Public contracts with KerberRose to conduct their annual independent financial audit. The data reflected below is due annually to the OEO as part of their contractual obligation to provide an audited list of the revenues, expenditures, and balances in each of the following categories and subcategories.

Total Revenue

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PER PUPIL (based on 3rd Friday September count)
State per Pupil Aid	\$2,137,327	\$9,213
Special Education Aid	\$43,014	\$185
Federal Funds	\$255,122	\$1,100
Grants	\$0	\$0
Donations from Sponsors	\$0	\$0
Other Donations	\$72,942	\$314
Other Revenue	\$9,903	\$43
Total	\$2,518,308	\$10,855

Federal Revenue

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PER PUPIL (based on 3rd Friday September count)
Title I	\$36,860	\$159
Title II	\$2,900	\$13
Title III	\$0	\$0
Title IV	\$57,746	\$249
Title V	\$0	\$0
Title VI	\$0	\$0
Other Federal Funds	\$103,786	\$447
Total	\$201,292	\$868

Total Expenditures

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PER PUPIL (based on 3rd Friday September count)
Instruction	\$1,259,231	\$5,428
Instructional Support	\$96,303	\$415
Facilities	\$460,453	\$1,985
Administration	\$116,696	\$503
Governance Board	\$0	\$0
Other Expenditures	\$177,730	\$766
Total	\$2,110,413	\$9,097

ONE CITY SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MADISON, WI

Summary: One City Schools Elementary School contracts with Wegner CPAs, LLP to conduct their annual independent financial audit. The data reflected below is due annually to the OEO as part of their contractual obligation to provide an audited list of the revenues, expenditures, and balances in each of the following categories and subcategories.

Total Revenue

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PER PUPIL (based on 3rd Friday September count)
State per Pupil Aid	\$1,095,217	\$8,204
Special Education Aid	\$26,640	\$200
Federal Funds	\$159,271	\$1193
Grants	\$53,296	\$399
Donations from Sponsors	\$2,477,808	\$18,560
Other Donations	\$0	\$0
Other Revenue	\$1,787	\$13
Total	\$3,814,019	\$28,569

Federal Revenue

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PER PUPIL (based on 3rd Friday September count)
Title I	\$8,153	\$61
Title II	\$4113	\$31
Title III	\$0	\$0
Title IV	\$10,000	\$75
Title V	\$0	\$0
Title VI	\$0	\$0
Other Federal Funds (ESSER COVID Relief)	\$40,000	\$3000
Total	\$159,271	\$1,193

Total Expenditures

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PER PUPIL <small>(based on 3rd Friday September count)</small>
Instruction	\$2,515,917	\$18,846
Instructional Support	\$135,655	\$1,016
Facilities	\$545,925	\$4,089
Administration	\$568,374	\$4,257
Governance Board	\$18,338	\$137
Other Expenditures	\$32,238	\$241
Total	\$3,816,447	\$28,588

MILESTONE DEMOCRATIC SCHOOL – MADISON, WI

Summary: Milestone Democratic School contracts with Numbers 4 Nonprofits to conduct their annual independent financial audit. The data reflected below is due annually to the OEO as part of their contractual obligation to provide an audited list of the revenues, expenditures, and balances in each of the following categories and subcategories.

Total Revenue

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PER PUPIL (based on 3rd Friday September count)
State per Pupil Aid	\$187,882	\$8,947
Special Education Aid	\$5,423	\$258
Federal Funds	\$5,423	\$258
Grants	\$170,242	\$8,107
Donations from Sponsors	\$0	\$0
Other Donations	\$62,500	\$2,976
Other Revenue	\$93	\$4
Total	\$426,140	\$20,292

Federal Revenue

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PER PUPIL (based on 3rd Friday September count)
Title I	\$0	\$0
Title II	\$0	\$0
Title III	\$0	\$0
Title IV	\$0	\$0
Title V	\$0	\$0
Title VI	\$0	\$0
Other Federal Funds	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0

Total Expenditures

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PER PUPIL (based on 3rd Friday September count)
Instruction	\$177,454	\$8,450
Instructional Support	\$16,358	\$779
Facilities	\$109,852	\$5,231
Administration	\$81,965	\$3,903
Governance Board	\$0	\$0
Other Expenditures	\$5,521	\$263
Total	\$391,150	\$18,626

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.)

A new reporting system for collecting the data outlined in each school's contract was put into place starting in the 2021-2022 school year using a secure file sharing system. Any and all documentation submitted by school teams is reviewed by the OEO Director in order to ensure that they meet the requirements of the contract. During the bi-weekly check in meetings between school leadership and the OEO Director, uploaded submissions are also reviewed and discussed as needed. This has created a strong system of accountability.

The OEO's role as authorizer extends far beyond the application and authorization stage. During the term of the contract, constant oversight through the lens of the contract is both needed and necessary in order to hold schools to the highest level of accountability; accountability demanded by the office, the UW system, and the public.

New and pre-existing contracts are currently being amended so that the Appendices are truly reflective of the various components that are contractually required, be it evidence of student academic attainment, reports submitted to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Governance Board minutes and agendas, and more. As part of that work, reporting requirements and due dates are being clarified in order to create a system of accountability that is rigorous, relevant, and ready to use. More so, the pre-opening requirements from the OEO are also being revised so that they are inclusive of the DPI requirements in order to create synergy between the two offices.

SECTION VI: AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

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

Summary: The Office of Educational Opportunity contracts with Wegner CPAs, LLP to conduct their annual independent financial audit. (Please see the attached audit.)

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

SECTION VI

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2021

OPERATING ACTIVITY	WUFAR OBJECT CODE	COST
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	100	\$123,866
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	200	\$36,364
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	\$2,833
NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	400	\$8,498
CAPITAL OBJECTS	500	\$0
INSURANCE & JUDGEMENTS	700	\$0
TOTAL		\$171,561

SECTION VII: SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

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

Summary: The Office of Educational Opportunity provides no contracted services to the schools that are authorized. (Please see the table below.)

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

SECTION VII

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER SERVICES AND COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2021

SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNCTION CODE	COST
REGULAR CURRICULUM	120000	\$0
SPECIAL EDUCATION	150000	\$0
HEALTH SERVICES	214000	\$0
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	215000	\$0
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	221200	\$0
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	221300	\$0
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	230000	\$0
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	240000	\$0
BUSINESS SERVICES	252000	\$0
GENERAL OPERATIONS	253000	\$0
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	256000	\$0
TECHNOLOGY	266000	\$0
TOTAL		\$0

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

**SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL
AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS**

June 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To Management of University of Wisconsin System Administration Office
of Educational Opportunity
Madison, Wisconsin

We have examined management of University of Wisconsin System Administration Office of Educational Opportunity's assertion that the accompanying schedule of charter school authorizer operating costs of University of Wisconsin System Administration Office of Educational Opportunity for the year ended June 30, 2021, is presented in accordance with the terms of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the 2015 Act 55, section 118.40(3m)(f), of the Wisconsin Statutes. University of Wisconsin System Administration Office of Educational Opportunity's management is responsible for its assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's assertion. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the accompanying schedule of charter school authorizer operating costs of University of Wisconsin System Administration Office of Educational Opportunity for the year ended June 30, 2021, is presented in accordance with the terms of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the 2015 Act 55, section 118.40(3m)(f), of the Wisconsin Statutes is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of University of Wisconsin System Administration Office of Educational Opportunity and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Wegner CPAs, LLP
Madison, Wisconsin
October 29, 2021

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**
SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Operating Activity	WUFAR Object Code	Cost
Employee Salaries	100	\$ 123,866
Employee Benefits	200	36,364
Purchased Services	300	2,833
Non-Capital Objects	400	8,498
Capital Objects	500	-
Insurance and Judgements	700	-
Other	900	-
TOTAL		\$ 171,561