

**School District of Nekoosa
2021-2022
Charter School Authorizer Annual Report**

SECTION I: AUTHORIZER INFORMATION

Authorizing Entity:	School District of Nekoosa
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Authorizer Contact Person:	Terry Whitmore
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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:
Central Wisconsin STEM Academy (CWSA)	Central Wisconsin STEM Academy (CWSA)	01/15/2019 – 06/30/2025	6-8
Wisconsin Individualized Selection of Education Academy (WISE)	Wisconsin Individualized Selection of Education Academy (WISE)	07/01/2018 – 06/30/2023	4K-12

Charter Schools with Non-renewed or Revoked Contract during 2021-2022:			
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 2021-2022:			
School Name:	Date of School Closure:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx – 6/30/20xx):	Reason for Closure:
None			

Charter Schools Currently Approved During 2021-2022		
School Name:	Charter School's Governing Board Legal Entity Name:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx – 6/30/20xx):
None		

Optional:

Charter Schools Petitions Received but not Approved during 2021-2022:	
School Name:	Charter School's Governing Board Legal Entity Name:
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.

WISE Description: WISE Academy is a virtual charter school that offers students the option to learn in a self-paced environment and allows them to customize their education. This option is a great solution for families who want to be totally involved in all aspects of their child(ren)'s education.

Vision: Our vision is to empower students to become lifelong learners by guiding them to take ownership of their own learning.

Mission: Our mission is to provide individualized learning options for students. Through the process of collaboration, authentic learning that honors a student's interests and needs is accomplished through coursework and projects.

WISE Academics Description: WISE Academy allows learning and instruction to take place in the student's home with a curriculum that is based on personalized learning plans. This may be accomplished through project-based and/or home-based curriculums. Online courses and/or providers are also available for families to utilize in grades Four Year Old Kindergarten through 12. Student goals are created and assessed based on their Individualized Learning plan and connected with personal and academic needs.

WISE SLO:

Reading - 70% of WISE students participating in STAR Reading will achieve at or above the 50 percentile in STAR Reading.				
	2018-19	2019-2020	2020-21	2021-22

Students scoring at or above the 50 percentile	26	37	32	91
Total students	35	42	41	108
70% of WISE students participating in STAR Reading will achieve at or above the 50 percentile in STAR Reading.	Met goal. 74.2% of students scored in the 50 percentile or higher.	Met goal. 88.0% of the students scored in the 50 percentile or higher.	Met goal. 78% of students scored in the 50 percentile or higher.	Met goal. 93% of students scored in the 50 percentile or higher.
Math - 70% of WISE students participating in STAR Math will achieve at or above the 50 percentile in STAR Math.				
	2018-19	2019-2020	2020-21	2021-22
Students scoring at or above the 50 percentile	24	36	34	81
Total students	34	42	44	108
70% of WISE students participating in STAR Reading will achieve at or above the 50 percentile in STAR Reading.	Met goal. 70.5% of students scored in the 50 percentile or higher.	Met goal. 85.7% of students scored in the 50 percentile or higher.	Met goal. 77% of students scored in the 50 percentile or higher.	Met goal. 75% of students scored in the 50 percentile or higher.
Of WISE seniors pursuing a high school diploma by the end of 2018-19 school year, 100% will graduate..	100% of students pursuing a high school diploma graduated June 2019.	100% of students pursuing a high school diploma graduated June 2020.	100% of students pursuing a high school diploma graduated June 2021.	100% of students pursuing a high school diploma graduated June 2022.

CWSA (Central Wisconsin STEM Academy) Description:

CWSA centers on project based learning with a focus on STEM. Offering one-to-one Chromebooks allowed us to provide students the opportunity to work at their own pace and at the same time research independently. Through independent research, our Common Core State Standards in reading and writing are primarily accomplished through the project research and documentation.

Using ALEKS (CWSA's) math curriculum, students were able to move through topics and complete the curriculum individually with guided assistance from their teachers. This results in several students moving up into the next grade level content - some doing so by second semester. For students who struggle, CWSA provides opportunities to work in small groups, in dedicated rooms, and with teachers for assistance. Students that find math challenging will also be able to understand the practical applications with a deliberate incorporation of math concepts in their projects.

Independently, students had the opportunity to follow their passions and focus their learning in areas of

interest. For example, we had one student work on the feasibility of the NELL to sustain an owl population. In doing the project, we were able to discover that there are currently nesting owls in the NELL. Another group of students took what they learned in Game Design and created their own games as a final product for their projects. We feel it is important for students to have the opportunity to pursue these passions in a way that leads them to greater understanding. Our challenge is in creating rubrics and assessments that fit every project by focusing on project design and in helping find contacts and resources that students can access.

CWSA's Academics Description:

Forward Exam

We used Forward Exam results in ELA and Mathematics to compare the growth of the students in the school overall from one year to the next to evaluate the overall progress of the school. As this state assessment is the most rigorous measure available to us, as well as the measure by which we evaluate program effectiveness in other schools in the district with students in grades 6-8, we selected the Forward Exam as the most appropriate accountability measure.

According to the Forward Exam, the percentage of students in CWSA who scored as proficient in ELA in Spring 2021 was 30.4%. In Spring 2022, this percentage increased to 43.8%, indicating a significant increase in student achievement.

According to the Forward Exam, the percentage of students in CWSA who scored as proficient in mathematics in Spring 2021 was 13%. In Spring 2022, the amount of students being rated as proficient increased to 37.5%. These figures indicate a significant increase in student achievement from Spring of 2021 to Spring of 2022.

SECTION IV: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

There are no financial performance standards stipulated in the Charter contracts.

SECTION V: OTHER CONTRACT TERMS AND EXPECTATIONS (OPTIONAL)

NA

SECTION VI: AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

To date, the District has not traced this information and therefore it has not been included in the financial statements.

SECTION VII: SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

See completed Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services Costs.

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Section VI

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

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, 2022

SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNCTION CODE	COST
REGULAR CURRICULUM	120000	626,206
SPECIAL EDUCATION	150000	
HEALTH SERVICES	214000	
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	215000	
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	221200	
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	221300	930
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	230000	
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	240000	10,041
BUSINESS SERVICES	252000	
GENERAL OPERATIONS	253000	
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	256000	
TECHNOLOGY	266000	
OTHER SERVICES (REPLACE OTHER WITH A SERVICE)		
TOTAL		637,177