



**POLICY**  
**DISSEMINATION OF BEST PRACTICES IN HIGH QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**I. PURPOSE:**

Consistent with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA), VOA-MN believes that great charter schools don't just happen. They evolve through smart collaboration between charter operators and charter authorizers. Therefore, Volunteers of America-Minnesota (VOA-MN) Authorizing Program believes in the dissemination of information from high quality charter schools, especially within its existing network of authorized charter schools.

**II. DEFINITION:**

Dissemination is defined as the act of sharing quality, proven policies or practices of one charter school or authorizer widely to others.

**III. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

VOA-MN measures the quality of a school by conducting longitudinal data analysis of its academic, financial, governance and operational performance.

VOA-MN encourages the dissemination of quality, proven school policies and practices, especially within the network of VOA-MN authorized charter schools. VOA-MN assigns leaders of high quality charter schools to mentor new charter school leaders within the Network. VOA-MN routinely serves as a conduit for dissemination of best practices and quality policies between schools. Quality policies or practices are also recognized in Annual Network Performance Reports, for the purposes of school recognition and dissemination to all VOA-MN authorized charter schools.

As an authorizer, VOA-MN disseminates authorizing tools through our authorizing website and, upon request, during state and national meetings and conferences.