



Charter School Authorizing Program
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FY 2021 Authorizer Income and Expense Report
(Statutory Reference: Minn. Stat. § 124E.05, subd 8 - Authorizer Statement of Expenditures)

Background

Per Minnesota Statutes, 124E.05, subd 8: By September 30 of each year, an authorizer shall submit to the commissioner a statement of income and expenditures related to chartering activities during the previous school year ending June 30. A copy of the statement shall be given to all schools chartered by the authorizer. Statements of income and expenditures serve multiple purposes. They provide transparency regarding the use of public funds, inform charter schools regarding the value of authorizer services and provide accurate information to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the State Legislature about the actual costs of authorizing.

Executive Summary

In 2000, Volunteers of America of Minnesota (VOA-MN) became the first non-profit charter school authorizer in the nation. The VOA-MN Charter School Authorizing Program envisions a society composed of all students achieving maximum learning while serving others. The VOA-MN Authorizing Program mission is to guide our authorized charter schools to improve all pupil learning and all student achievement with service to others.

VOA-MN has decided on a modest growth plan for authorizing new schools and approving school transfers. VOA-MN authorizes 18 operational charter schools. Smart-growth has always been our model. In FY21, Bluffview Montessori School in Winona, Minnesota, submitted a change of authorizer application to the VOA-MN Charter School Authorizing Program. The BMS application was approved by VOA-MN and the VOA-MN BMS Affidavit was approved by Minnesota Department of Education. The change in authorizer effective July 1, 2021. The VOA-MN Authorizing Program and Minnesota Department of Education also approved for New Century School to operate a second school site.

In the years that we have been authorizing, VOA-MN has developed and practices a model of charter school authorizing that goes beyond the compliance-based role vaguely outlined in state statute. We engage in proactive relationships and add value to the schools with which we work. The VOA-MN Charter School Authorizing Program vigilantly monitors the academics, financial, board governance and management/compliance performance of its schools through frequent communication and site visits and regular review of financial and board documents. When signs of concern arise, we work closely with the school's board and management to problem solve and identify resources that may be helpful.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 (FY21) Authorizer VOA-MN received \$359,287 in **income**, attributable to authorizing fees. Authorizer VOA-MN also received \$10,100 in sponsorship donations for the VOA-MN Annual Charter School Conference.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 (FY21) Authorizer VOA-MN had \$344,349 in related **expenses** for chartering activities.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, Authorizer VOA-MN had a budget surplus of \$25,038.

Authorizer VOA-MN FY 21 Income and Expense Report Details

(FY21 Authorizer Fee Amounts Include FY20 Adjustments)

INCOME

	School Name	Amount Collected	Notes
1	Athlos Leadership Academy Brooklyn Park, MN	\$26,268	FY21 Authorizer Fee
2	Athlos Academy of St. Cloud St. Cloud, MN	\$26,268	FY21 Authorizer Fee
3	Birch Grove Community School Tofte, MN	\$6,567	FY21 Authorizer Fee
5	FIT Academy Apple Valley, MN	\$26,268	FY21 Authorizer Fee
6	Green Isle Community School Green Isle, MN	\$6,567	FY21 Authorizer Fee
7	Harbor City International School Duluth, MN	\$23,339	FY21 Authorizer Fee
8	Kaleidoscope Charter School Otsego, MN	\$26,268	FY21 Authorizer Fee
9	KIPP: Stand Academy Minneapolis, MN	\$26,268	FY21 Authorizer Fee
10	Lakes International Language Academy Forest Lake, MN	\$26,268	FY21 Authorizer Fee
11	Naytahwaush Community Charter School Naytahwaush, MN	\$13,652	FY21 Authorizer Fee
12	New Century School St. Paul, MN	\$26,268	FY21 Authorizer Fee
13	Schoolcraft Learning Community Bemidji, MN	\$19,231	FY21 Authorizer Fee
14	Southside Family Charter School, Minneapolis, MN	\$13,520	FY21 Authorizer Fee
15	Spectrum High School Elk River, MN	\$26,268	FY21 Authorizer Fee
16	TESFA International School Columbia Heights, MN	\$13,731	FY21 Authorizer Fee
17	TrekNorth Junior and Senior High School Bemidji, MN	\$26,268	FY21 Authorizer Fee
18	Woodbury Leadership Academy Woodbury, MN	\$26,268	FY21 Authorizer Fee
Total FY21 Authorizer Fees Collected		\$359,287	
FY 21 Conference Sponsor Donations to VOAMN		\$10,100	
FY 21 TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 369,387.	

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

Salaries	\$ 111,114	
Other Employee Benefits	\$ 25,162	Health/Life
Payroll Taxes	\$ 7,432	
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 342	
Other Professional Fees	\$ 103,022	Memberships and Contractors
Supplies and Expenses	\$228	Office/Food
Telephone	\$616	Telephone/Cell Phone/Technology

Travel		\$445	
Conferences and Meetings / Training		\$14,970	
Other		\$32,931	Rent/Liability Ins/Dues
	Admin Fees	\$48,637	
	Total Expenses	\$344,349	