

Charter School Creation, Governance & Statutory Requirements

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Authorizer

- Legally Designated Entity with Authority to Contract
- Directly Responsible for Oversight



Charter Schools

- Established by Contract
- Public
- Flexible/Innovative
- Accountable



Charter Schools in WI

- 237 Charter Schools in WI (In 97 Districts and Every CESA)
- Wis. Stat. §118.40
- District-Authorized Charter Schools
- Independently Authorized Charter Schools (2r and 2x)

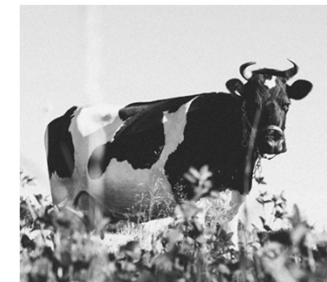


Table of Independent Authorizers

Charter Authorizer	School Location	Pupil Residency	Number of Charter Schools
*New			
City of Milwaukee (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
UW-Milwaukee (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
UW-Parkside (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
MATC (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
*Gateway Technical College (2r)	Racine, Kenosha, Walworth (only high school grades and provides curriculum focused on STEM or occupational education and training)	Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Jefferson, Rock	Unlimited
*Waukesha County Executive (2r)	Waukesha County	Statewide	Unlimited
*College of Menominee Nation (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	No more than 6 schools between these two authorizers
*Lac Courte Orielles Ojibwa Community College (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	
*Office of Educational Opportunity (UW System) (2x)	In districts with over 25,000 pupils	Statewide	Unlimited

Authorizer Responsibilities in WI

- Solicit Applications
- Adhere to NACSA
- Monitor Performance/Compliance
- Submit Annual Authorizer Report



Charter Schools in WI Continued

- Exempt from §§ 115-121
- Licensing Flexibility
- State Assessments Required
- Governed by Independent Board
- Random Admissions
- Statutory Contract Requirements

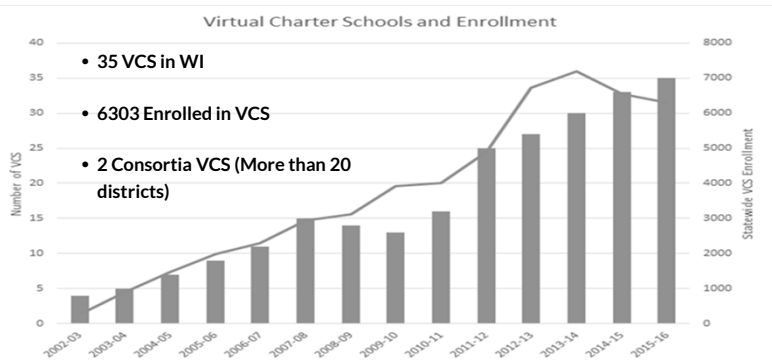


Virtual Charter Schools

- Required for Students Open Enrolled in Virtual School
- Additional Requirements
- Not Homeschooling



Virtual Charter Schools Quick Facts



Financial Considerations

- Contract Specifies Amount
- Contract Specifies Financial and Programmatic Audits
- Federal Funding (Formula and Discretionary) Charters Must Receive Fair Share, DPI Ensures This



Charter Contract

- Parties
- Cannot exceed 5 years
- Statutory Contract Requirements
- Renewal/ Revocation



Funding

- District Authorized: Pupils Included in Membership
- Legacy Independent Authorizers
- New Independent Authorizers



Funding for ICS

Program	2016-17 FTE Payment Amounts	State/Local Funding Sources	Counted in Resident District's State Aid	Counted in Resident District's Revenue Limit	Nonrecurring Revenue Limit Exemption	Increase Levy to Backfill Deduction	Other
Legacy ICS	\$8,188 K-12	Proportional state general aid reduction from all districts	No	No	No	Yes	
New ICS	\$8,188 K-12	Aid transfer equal to ICS payment from resident school districts.	Yes	Yes	No	No	One year delay for state aids membership and three year phase in for revenue limits.

Resources

- NACSA
- Webpages (Charter, Virtual, and Authorizer)
- Charter School Yearbook
- USDE Office of Innovation and Improvement



Federal Charter Schools Program

- Competitive SEA/Non-SEA/CMO Grants
- Next SEA Competition Likely in Spring 2017 with Award in Fall 2017
- Federal Standards/Requirements Apply



Questions



Thank You

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