

## News Release

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### DPI awards \$13.5 million to Wisconsin charter schools

*Grants part of five-year federal program*

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction today announced the approval of 19 federal grant awards totaling more than \$13.5 million for the purpose of planning, opening, or expanding charter schools in Wisconsin.

“These grants aid governance boards as they work toward planning and opening new charter schools and provide additional support to existing ones,” State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor said. “By finding new, emerging methods of educating our students, charter schools are helping achieve our vision of ensuring all students graduate, college and career ready.”

This is the fourth round of funding from a U.S. Department of Education five-year grant program supporting Wisconsin’s charter school activities. The program provides funding for three purposes: planning and implementation grants for charter schools opening in fall 2022, implementation grants for charter schools that recently opened or will open in 2021, and grants to aid the expansion of existing charter schools.

The state’s program prioritizes quality schools serving educationally disadvantaged students and focuses on grades six through 12. High-quality charter schools:

- Show evidence of strong academic results, which may include student academic growth;
- Operate in a fiscally appropriate manner, meeting statutory/regulatory requirements; and
- Demonstrate success in significantly increasing student academic achievement, including graduation rates for all students.

The application period for the fifth round of competitive charter school grants for the 2022-23 school year opens this fall. [Visit the DPI’s web page](#) for more information on charter schools in Wisconsin.

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**NOTE:** A list of grant recipients follows this news release. This news release is available electronically at <https://dpi.wi.gov/news/releases/2021/charter-school-grant-program>.

## Charter School Grants

2021-2022 School Year

*Grant awards can be up to five years*

### Planning & Implementation Grants (10) \$7,764,222

Germantown School District  
*Germantown Virtual School, \$800,000*

University of Wisconsin-System, Office of Educational Opportunity  
*Central Sands Community High School, \$800,625*  
*Kenosha High School of Technology Enhanced Curriculum (KTEC High), \$900,000*  
*One City Preparatory Academy, \$900,000*

School District of Mauston  
*Lemonweir Academy, \$800,000*

Menomonee Indian School District  
*Kaehkēnawapahtāēq Charter School, \$700,000*

Parkview School District  
*Parkview Academy of Virtual Education (PAVE), \$662,972*

Sharon Joint School District  
*Virtual Academy of Agriscience and Technology (VAAST), \$700,000*

School District of Solon Springs  
*Eagles' Academy, \$800,625*

Weyauwega-Fremont School District  
*Fremont STEM Academy, \$700,000*

### Implementation Grants (7) \$4,722,065

Algoma School District  
*Algoma Venture Academy, \$532,565*

Kiel Area School District  
*Between the Lakes Virtual Academy, \$550,000*

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College  
*Lake Country Classical Academy, \$750,625*

University of Wisconsin-System, Office of Educational Opportunity

*New Leaf Prep Academy, \$750,625*

*UpGrade Media Arts, \$750,625*

*The Lincoln Academy, \$750,625*

West Allis-West Milwaukee School District

*WAWM Deeper Learning Virtual Academy, \$637,000*

**Expansion Grants (2) \$1,075,625**

City of Milwaukee

*Milwaukee Academy of Science, \$325,000*

Milwaukee Public Schools

*Milwaukee Excellence Charter School, \$750,625*