

2014 Charter Authorizer Annual Report

Please complete the following report and submit via electronic mail to sbe@k12.wa.us. If the information requested for any part of the report is not available, please enter NA in the space provided. Please identify by item number below any attachments provided for purposes of this report.

Authorizer Name:

Washington State Charter School Commission

Authorizer Address:

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PO Box 40996

Olympia WA 98501-0996

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Mailing Address: Same as Authorizer address

1. If a school district, date of approval as an authorizer by the SBE.

N/A

2. Names and job titles of personnel having principal authorizing responsibilities, with contact information for each.

Name: Joshua Halsey

Telephone Number: 360 584 9272

Email Address: joshua.halsey@charterschool.wa.gov

Mailing Address: Same as Authorizer address

3. Names and job titles of any employees or contractors to whom the authorizer has delegated responsibility for the duties of an authorizer as set forth in RCW 28A.710.100, with contact information for each.

Per RCW 28A.710.100 (1)(a) Evaluating charter school applications, the Washington State Charter School Commission was supported by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers concerning the inaugural RFP. A list of the individuals that worked on behalf of NACSA is provided.

Name: Patricia L. Maas
Name: David J. Hruby
Name: Kenneth A. Young
Name: Daniel Zavala
Name: Steven Carney
Name: Sarah Yatsko
Name: Judith Billings
Name: Michael Silver
Name: Craig Bowman
Name: Barbara Waxman
Name: Beverly Luster
Name: Joe Pope
Name: Nancy Iverson
Name: Kathryn Mullen Upton
Name: Cynthia Grace
Name: Carolyn Bridges
Name: Cynthia Searcy
Name: Beth Heaton Seling
Name: Penelope Varnava
Name: Rachel Ksenyak
Name: Amy Ruck
Name: Ben Aase

For the second RFP, Commission staff managed the majority of the evaluation process and hired four contractors to provide the Commission with a non-binding recommendation concerning approval or denial of charter school applications reviewed. Below is the four contracts name and contact information.

Name: Patricia L. Maas
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4. Please provide as an attachment an executive summary of authorizing activity over the last year, including but not limited to the status and performance of the charter schools since becoming an authorizer.

Please title the attachment: Name of Authorizer.Q4

For example: State Board of Education.Q4

5. Please provide as an attachment your strategic vision for chartering, and an assessment of the progress made in achieving that vision since becoming an authorizer.

Please title the attachment: Name of Authorizer.Q5

6. Please provide as an attachment information on the status of your charter school portfolio, identifying each charter school authorized in each of the following categories:

Please title the attachment: Name of Authorizer.Q6

- a) Approved but not yet operating, including, for each for each school:
- i. The targeted student population and the community the school proposes to serve.
 - ii. The proposed location of the school or geographic area in which it will be located.
 - iii. The projected enrollment at capacity.
 - iv. The grades to be operated in each year of the charter contract.
 - v. Names and contact information for each member of the governing board.
 - vi. Date approved for opening.
- b) Operating, including, for each school:
- i. Location (street address if available).
 - ii. Grades operated.
 - iii. Enrollment, total and by grade.
 - iv. Enrollment, by grade, for each student subgroup as defined in RCW 28A.300.042, in totals and as percentages of enrollment.
 - v. If charter has been renewed during the last year, please indicate, with date of renewal.
 - vi. If charter has been transferred to another authorizer within the last year, please indicate, with date of transfer.
 - vii. If charter was revoked during the last year, please indicate, with date and reasons for revocation.
 - viii. If the school delayed its opening by more than one year by a grant of extension by the authorizer, please indicate, with date of approval of request for extension.
 - ix. If the school voluntarily closed, please indicate, with date of closing.
 - x. If the school never opened, with no planned date for opening, please indicate.

7. As **Exhibit A**, please provide information on the academic performance of each school operated in the prior school year, The information must include:
- a) Student achievement, as applicable by grade, on each of the required indicators enumerated in **RCW 28A.710.100**, as applicable by grade:
 - i. Academic proficiency, for continuously enrolled students, as reported in the Washington Achievement Index.
 - ii. Academic growth, for continuously enrolled students, as reported in the Washington Achievement Index.
 - iii. Achievement gaps, for continuously enrolled students, as reported in the Washington Achievement Index.
 - iv. Attendance
 - v. Recurrent enrollment from the prior school year to the year before.
 - vi. Graduation rates, as reported in the Washington Achievement Index.
 - vii. Postsecondary readiness, at such time as it is reported in the Washington Achievement Index.
 - b) Student achievement, as applicable by grade, on each additional indicator, if any, the authorizer has included in its academic performance framework.
 - For each indicator of academic performance, data must be reported as:
 - 1) Absolute values, and
 - 2) The computed differences between actual performance and the annual performance targets set by the charter school in conjunction with the authorizer under RCW 28A.710.170(3).
 - For each indicator of academic performance, data must be disaggregated by major student subgroup as enumerated in RCW 28A.710.170(5).

If this information is not yet available, please enter "Not Available" in the box below:

Not Available

8. As **Exhibit B**, please provide information on the financial performance over the last year of each charter school operated. The information must include performance on each of the indicators and measures of financial performance and sustainability included in the authorizer's performance framework under RCW 28A.710.170(2)(g).
- For each indicator of financial performance, data must be reported as:
 - (1) Absolute values, and
 - (2) The computed differences between actual performance and the annual performance targets set by the charter school in conjunction with the authorizer under RCW 28A.710.170(3).

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9. In the table in **Exhibit C**, please provide information on the organizational performance over the last year of the governing board of each school operated. Performance reported must be based on the indicators and measures of organizational performance in the authorizer’s performance framework, including but not limited to compliance with all applicable laws, rules and terms of the charter contract.

- Where applicable, please compute and report the differences between actual performance on the indicators and the annual targets set by the charter school in conjunction with the authorizer under RCW 28A.710.170(3).

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10. Please provide as an attachment a presentation of operating costs incurred and expenditures made in the prior fiscal year that are specifically attributable to fulfilling the responsibilities of a charter authorizer under RCW 28A.710.100, as reported in annual financial statements that conform with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and under any applicable reporting and accounting requirements of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Please label the attachment: Name of Authorizer.Q10

11. Please provide as an attachment a list of any contracted, fee-based services purchased in the prior year by the charter schools in the authorizer’s portfolio. Please include for each:

- a) An itemized accounting of the revenue received from the schools from the services provided;
- b) An estimate of the actual costs to the provider of providing these services.

Please label the attachment: Name of Authorizer.Q11

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Washington State Charter School Commission Q4

The Washington State Charter School Commission (the Commission) has engaged in two solicitation processes in the past twelve months designed to solicit proposals from charter school operators seeking to open a high quality charter school in Washington state.

- On January 30, 2014, the Commission authorized seven charter schools to open. One school opened on September 3, 2014 and the remaining six schools will open in the late summer/fall of 2015.
- On October 9, 2014, the Commission authorized one charter school to open. This school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2016.

On April 7, 2014, the Commission initiated the development of a Performance Framework. The goal is to have the Performance Framework adopted at the December 11, 2014 monthly Commission meeting.

At the May 22, 2014 meeting, the Washington State Charter School Commission (the Commission) approved WAC 108-40, Charter School Oversight and Corrective Action Policy, Renewal and Nonrenewal Policy, Revocation Policy, and Termination Protocol.

On September 3, 2014, the Commission's first authorized charter school, First Place Scholars, opened its doors to serve students.

On September 23, 2014, the Commission adopted a three year strategic plan. The plan identifies the mission for the agency, core values and vision. Five strategic goals were also identified.

Washington State Charter School Commission Q5

Please provide as an attachment your strategic vision for chartering, and an assessment of the progress made in achieving that vision since becoming an authorizer.

The Washington State Charter School Commission seeks to authorize high quality schools that will significantly improve student outcomes, particularly for at-risk students. The Commission will hold schools accountable for student learning using multiple measures of student achievement.

The Commission seeks to build a diverse portfolio of school delivery models that expands the authority of teachers and school leaders and encourages and accelerates the identification and use of best practices in teaching and learning. It also seeks to develop, test, and document innovative, new ideas that can be replicated in other Washington schools.

The Commission expects schools to have authentic and sustainable connections to the communities they serve. These connections are evidenced by strong commitments from community and business stakeholders, systems for ensuring cultural sensitivity, responsiveness to all students and their families, and effective, engaged governance boards.

With the amount of work and limited staff capacity, the Commission continues to develop a process to assess the progress being made towards achieving the vision.

Washington State Charter School Commission Q6

Approved but not yet operating, including, for each for each school:

Excel Public Charter School

Target Population: At-Risk students

Location: Kent, WA

Project Enrollment at Capacity: 525

Grades Operated Each Year:

2015: Grade 6 and 7

2016: Grade 6-8

2017: Grade 6-9

2018: Grade 6-10

2019: Grade 6-11

2020: Grade 6-12

Governing Board Members:

Katherine Binder

Angela Fidler S.

Edgar Gonzalez

Paul Graves

Jim Karambelas

Mark Klebanoff

Brooke Valentine

Gillian Williams

Date Approved for Opening:

August 20, 2015

Green Dot Tacoma

Target Population: At-Risk students

Location: Tacoma, WA

Project Enrollment at Capacity: 495-600

Grades Operated Each Year:

2015: Grade 6

2016: Grade 6-7

2017: Grade 6-8

2018: Grade 6-8

2019: Grade 6-8

2020: Grade 6-8

Governing Board Members:

Kimberly Mitchell

Marguerite Kondracke

Kaaren Andrews

Andrew Buhayar

Date Approved for Opening:

August 12, 2015

Green Dot Seattle

Target Population: At-Risk students

Location: Seattle, WA

Project Enrollment at Capacity: 1,190

Grades Operated Each Year:

2016: Grade 6

2017: Grade 6, 7, 9

2018: Grade 6-10

2019: Grade 6-11

2020: Grade 6-12

Governing Board Members:

Kimberly Mitchell

Marguerite Kondracke

Kaaren Andrews

Andrew Buhayar

Date Approved for Opening:

August 15, 2016

Rainier Prep Charter School

Target Population: At-Risk students

Location: South King County, WA

Project Enrollment at Capacity: 400

Grades Operated Each Year:

2015: Grades 5-6

2016: Grades 5-7

2017: Grades 5-8

2018: Grades 5-8

2019: Grades 5-8

2020: Grades 5-8

Governing Board Members:

Ed Taylor

Andrew Jassy

Joan Hsiao

Max Silverman

Date Approved for Opening:

August 18, 2015

SOAR Academy Charter School

Target Population: At-Risk students

Location: Tacoma, WA

Project Enrollment at Capacity: 450

Grades Operated Each Year:

2015: Grades K-1

2016: Grades K-2

2017: Grades K-3

2018: Grades K-4

2019: Grades K-5

2020: Grades K-6

Governing Board Members:

Amy Barnes
Carmela Dellino
Lauren Guzauskas
Dr. Thelma Jackson
George Meng

Date Approved for Opening:

August 17, 2015

Summit Charter School: Olympus

Target Population: At-Risk students

Location: Tacoma, WA

Project Enrollment at Capacity: 456

Grades Operated Each Year:

2015: Grade 9

2016: Grades 9-10

2017: Grades 9-11

2018: Grades 9-12

2019: Grades 9-12

Governing Board Members:

Jimmy Zuniga
Gordon Empey
Michael Galgon
Michael Orbino

Date Approved for Opening:

August 17, 2015

Summit Charter School: Sierra

Target Population: At-Risk students

Location: South Seattle, WA

Project Enrollment at Capacity: 456

Grades Operated Each Year:

2015: Grade 9

2016: Grades 9-10

2017: Grades 9-11

2018: Grades 9-12

2019: Grades 9-12

Governing Board Members:

Jimmy Zuniga

Gordon Empey

Michael Galgon

Michael Orbino

Date Approved for Opening:

August 17, 2015

Operating, including, for each school:

First Place Scholars Charter School

172 20th Street

Seattle, WA 98112

Grades Operating: K-5

Enrollment: K:, 1:, 2:, 3:, 4:, 5: **DATA PENDING**

Enrollment (RCW 28A.300.042): K:, 1:, 2:, 3:, 4:, 5: **DATA PENDING**

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Allotment Expenditure FYTD Flexible

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Biennium: 2015

As of Fiscal Month: Adj FY1

Transactions Through: Oct 22, 2014 8:00PM

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	Allotment	Allotment	Disbursement	Accrual	Encumbrance	Total Expenditures	Variance	Variance
By Account/Expenditure Authority								
001 - General Fund								
011 - Gf-S Salaries & Expenses	340,000	340,000	282,625.35	19,120.40	0.00	301,745.75	38,254.25	38,254.25
031 - League of Women Voters Vs State of WA	125,000	125,000	103,720.60	3,392.07	0.00	107,112.67	17,887.33	17,887.33
001 - General Fund	465,000	465,000	386,345.95	22,512.47	0.00	408,858.42	56,141.58	56,141.58
Total for Agency	465,000	465,000	386,345.95	22,512.47	0.00	408,858.42	56,141.58	56,141.58
By Account/Expenditure Authority								
By Object								
A - Salaries and Wages	99,357	99,357	93,276.62	6,083.34	0.00	99,359.96	(2.96)	(2.96)
B - Employee Benefits	28,322	28,322	27,019.05	1,055.84	0.00	28,074.89	247.11	247.11
C - Professional Service Contracts	0	0	1,575.00	900.00	0.00	2,475.00	(2,475.00)	(2,475.00)
E - Goods and Other Services	280,814	280,814	222,323.57	12,384.47	0.00	234,708.04	46,105.96	46,105.96
G - Travel	52,707	52,707	37,945.73	892.04	0.00	38,837.77	13,869.23	13,869.23
J - Capital Outlays	3,800	3,800	4,205.98	1,196.78	0.00	5,402.76	(1,602.76)	(1,602.76)
Total for Agency	465,000	465,000	386,345.95	22,512.47	0.00	408,858.42	56,141.58	56,141.58
By Object								
By Staff								
	FY	FYTD	FYTD	FYTD	FYTD	FYTD	FY	FY
	Allotment	Allotment	Disbursements	Accruals	Total	Variance	FY Variance	FY Variance
Staff Months	24.00	24.00	5.00	1.00	6.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Months	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00
FTE	2.00	2.00	0.42	0.08	0.50	1.50	1.50	1.50

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