

Valor Academy, Inc.

Meeting Agenda

Date: April 16, 2024

Time: 7:00 AM

1330 Atcheson St.
Columbus, Ohio 43203

(optional for non-board members)

Zoom Link:

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Board Members:

- David Jones, President
- Sean Patterson, Vice President
- Dwight Anstaett, Secretary
- Jevon Collins, Director
- Andrew Fox, Director

Other Attendees:

- Howard Marzolf, *Verano*
- Nikki Hofman, *Verano*
- Dan Mahlandt, *Superintendent*
- Gina Little, *Senior Director of Special Services*
- Marvis McGowan, *Executive Director*
- Rodney Harris, *Valor*
- Stephanie Trawick, *OCCS*
- Tara Jones, *OCCS*
- Amy Goodson, Esq., *Amy Goodson Co., Board Legal Counsel*
- Lesley Gillen, *Fiscal Officer Representative*

III. Review of Agenda

IV. Public Comment

V. Action and Discussion Items

A. Management Status Update

B. Approval of March 19, 2024, minutes

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the March 19, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____

C. Financial Report

• Federal Subgrant Expenditures

RESOVLED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts financial report, including the federal subgrant expenditures, as presented.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____

D. State of the School Report

- Number of Suspensions and Expulsions**
- Staff Changes**
- Residency Verification (April)**
- Update on PII grant**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the State of the School Report as presented, including the number of suspensions and expulsions, staff changes, and the April residency verification.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____

E. Revised 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the revised 2024-2025 school year calendar as presented.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____

VI. Informational Reports

A. Legal Update

- **Sunshine Law Training**

B. Sponsor Update

VII. Confirmation of Next Meeting: Date: May 21, 2024
Time: 7:00 AM
Location: Valor Academy
1330 Atcheson St.
Columbus, Ohio 43203

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Valor Academy, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024

1330 Atcheson St.
Columbus, Ohio 43203

Videoconference, Zoom Link (optional for non-board members)

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

David Jones, President
Sean Patterson, Vice President
Dwight Anstaett, Secretary
Jevon Collins, Director, *arrived at 7:03 AM*
Andrew Fox, Treasurer

Attendees:

Nikki Hofman, *Verano*
Dan Mahlandt, *Superintendent*
Marvis McGowan, *Executive Director*
Rodney Harris, *Valor*
Tara Jones, *OCCS*
Becky Enz, Esq., *Amy Goodson Co., Board Legal Counsel*
Lesley Gillen, *Fiscal Officer Representative*
Tony Cardinal, *OCCS*

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Review of Agenda

4. Action and Discussion Items

A. Approval of February 20, 2024, minutes

The board reviewed the minutes; no modifications were requested.

24-12 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the February 20, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Mr. Fox
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

Mr. Collins arrived at this time.

B. Financial Report

- **Federal Subgrant Expenditures**

Ms. Gillen gave the financial report as of February 28, 2024, and discussed cash balances and ESSER funds. FTE is 102. She also discussed the five-year forecast in May and 990's being completed. The audit is complete but has not yet been released.

24-13 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts financial report, including the federal subgrant expenditures, as presented.

Motion: Mr. Anstaett Second: Mr. Fox
Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

C. State of the School Report

- **Number of Suspensions and Expulsions**
- **Staff Changes**
- **Residency Verification (March)**
- **Update on PII grant**

Mr. McGowan presented the school report and discussed enrollment and staffing. Students completes NWEA testing and are preparing for OST's.

24-14 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the State of the School Report as presented, including the number of suspensions and expulsions, staff changes, and the March residency verification.

Motion: Mr. Collins Second: Mr. Fox
Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

D. Management Status Update

Mr. Mahlandt discussed the status on the search for new management. He noted that they have not heard back from Academica, and discussed another potential management company.. Mr. Cardinal indicated that there is only one year left on the sponsor contract. The board indicated they would like a decision from management by the next meeting as the management company issue must be finalized by April of 2024.

5. Informational Reports

A. Legal Update

Ms. Enz provided the legal update and discussed Sunshine Law Training.

B. Sponsor Update

Ms. Jones gave the sponsor update and discussed starting third trimester compliance.

6. **Confirmation of Next Meetings:** April 16, 2024, at 7:00 AM
Valor Academy
1330 Atcheson St.
Columbus, Ohio 43203

7. Adjournment 7:17 AM

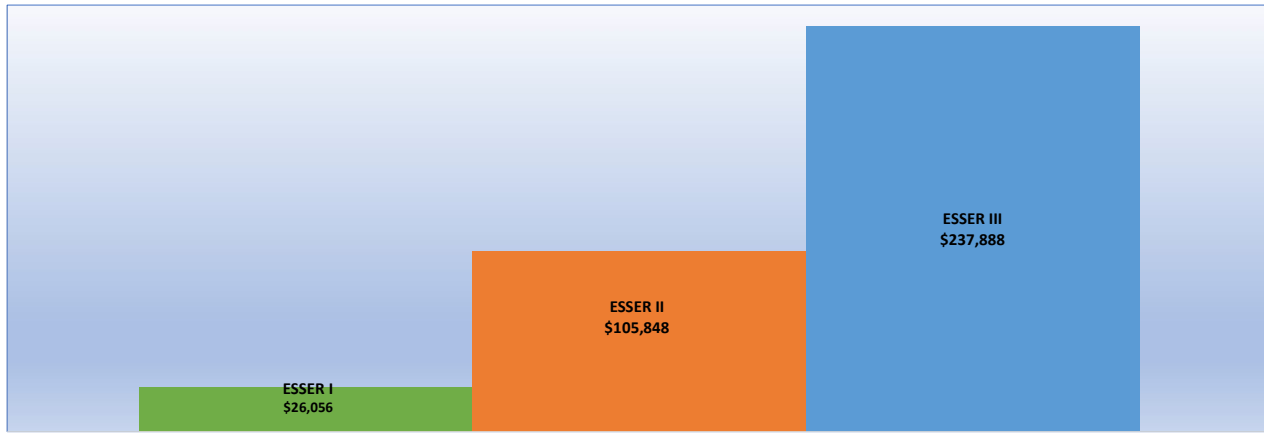
Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Mr. Collins

Approved by Valor Academy, Inc., Board of Directors on _____, 2024.

Board President/Secretary

Date

VALOR ACADEMY
ESSER FUNDS SUMMARY
\$369,792



Authorizing Legislation and Period of Availability

ESSER I - Awarded under the CARES Act Legislation. Available for obligation from March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2022.
 ESSER II - Awarded under the CRRSA Act Legislation. Available for obligation from March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2023.
 ESSER III - Awarded under the ARP Act Legislation. Available for obligation from March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2024.

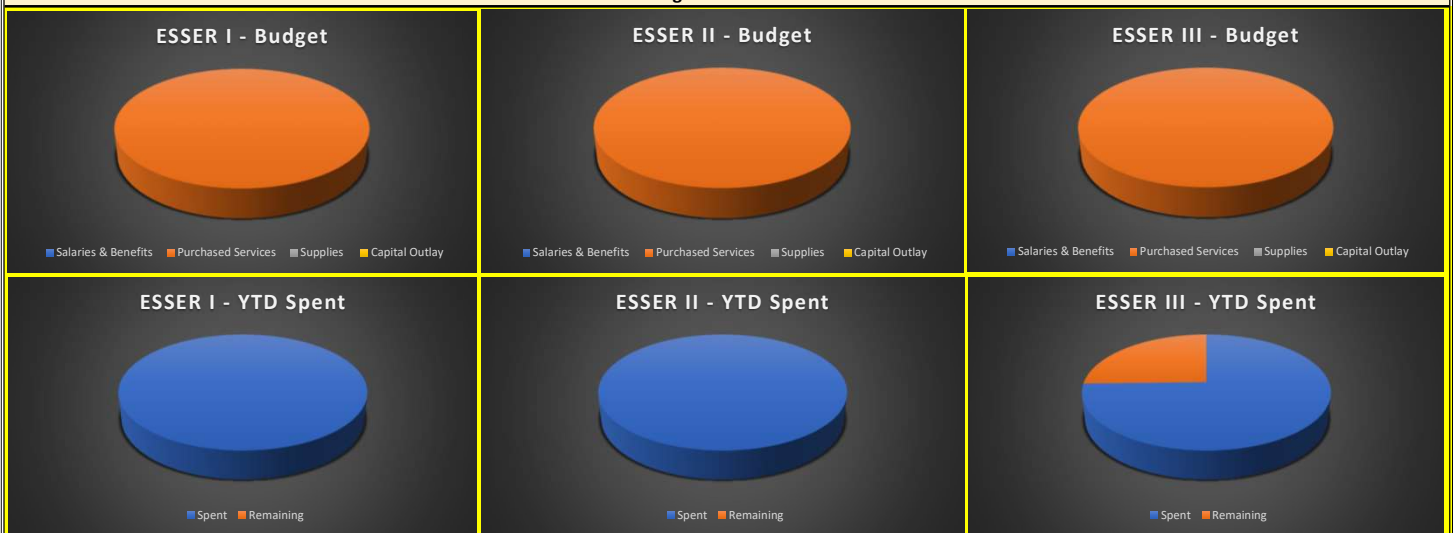
Permitted Uses

- coordinating preparedness and response efforts with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19;
- training and professional development on sanitizing and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases;
- purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the LEA's facilities;
- repairing and improving school facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards;
- improving indoor air quality;
- addressing the needs of children from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth;
- developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEAs;
- planning for or implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students and providing technology for online learning;
- purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, connectivity, assistive technology, and adaptive equipment) for students that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including students from low-income families and children with disabilities;
- providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence based full-service community schools and the hiring of counselors;
- planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental after-school programs;
- addressing learning loss; and
- other activities that are necessary to maintain operation of and continuity of and services, including continuing to employ existing or hiring new LEA and school staff.

Additional Requirements

- Schools must reserve 20 percent of its total **ESSER III** allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the underrepresented student subgroups.

Budgets & Utilization



Valor Academy
Statement of Net Position
March 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	37,734	
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Total Current Assets			37,734
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Total Assets		\$	37,734
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LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	5,403	
Accrued Expenses		36,816	
Due to Strongmind		7,546	
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Total Current Liabilities			49,765

Net Position

Net Position - Operating		(12,031)	
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Total Net Position			(12,031)
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Total Liabilities & Net Position		\$	37,734
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Valor Academy
 Summary Budget vs. Actual
 For the Nine Months Ending March 31, 2024

	<u>Current Month</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Revenues		
State Revenues	\$ 78,012	\$ 847,403
Federal Revenues	6,307	131,544
Local Revenues	27	1,034
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Total Revenues	84,346	979,981
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Expenses		
Purchased Services:		
Salaries	42,822	350,752
Benefits	19,024	164,328
Facilities	2,665	43,042
Professional Fees	32,509	185,448
Marketing	0	109,823
Supplies	355	34,280
Field Trips & Transportation	0	22,663
Working Capital Contributions	(21,232)	(3,715)
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Total Purchased Services	76,143	906,621
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Board Expenses:		
Professional Fees - Legal	2,863	11,263
Professional Fees-Sponsor Fees	(493)	22,520
Prof Fees - Audit and Acctng	5,060	29,713
Insurance	0	3,917
Board Stipends	623	4,624
Bank Charges	150	1,323
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Total Board Expenses	8,203	73,360
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Net Income	\$ 0	\$ 0
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Valor Academy
Statement of Cash Flow
For the nine Months Ended March 31, 2024

	Current Month	Year to Date
Cash Flows from operating activities		
Net Income	\$ (0.91)	\$ (0.50)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Accts Receivable - Grants	0.00	30,591.40
Accounts Payable	5,403.22	2,898.22
Accrued Expenses	(3,910.61)	(24,289.88)
Due to Strongmind	845.00	(19,627.00)
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Total Adjustments	2,337.61	(10,427.26)
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Net Cash provided by Operations	2,336.70	(10,427.76)
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Cash Flows from investing activities		
Used For		
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Net cash used in investing	0.00	0.00
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Cash Flows from financing activities		
Proceeds From		
Used For		
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Net cash used in financing	0.00	0.00
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Net increase <decrease> in cash	\$ 2,336.70	\$ (10,427.76)
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Summary		
Cash Balance at End of Period	\$ 37,733.87	\$ 37,733.87
Cash Balance at Beg of Period	(35,397.17)	(48,161.63)
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Net Increase <Decrease> in Cash	\$ 2,336.70	\$ (10,427.76)
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Valor Academy
Account Reconciliation
As of Mar 31, 2024
10-000-0001-002 - Cash - Operating HUNT 2597
Bank Statement Date: March 31, 2024

Filter Criteria includes: Report is printed in Detail Format.

Beginning GL Balance	24,689.76
Add: Cash Receipts	
Less: Cash Disbursements	(70,700.15)
Add (Less) Other	<u>73,009.65</u>
Ending GL Balance	<u>26,999.26</u>
Ending Bank Balance	26,999.26
Add back deposits in transit	<u> </u>
Total deposits in transit	
(Less) outstanding checks	<u> </u>
Total outstanding checks	
Add (Less) Other	<u> </u>
Total other	
Unreconciled difference	<u>0.00</u>
Ending GL Balance	<u><u>26,999.26</u></u>

Valor Academy
Account Reconciliation
As of Mar 31, 2024
10-000-0001-004 - Cash - Sweep HUNT 4989
Bank Statement Date: March 31, 2024

Filter Criteria includes: Report is printed in Detail Format.

Beginning GL Balance	10,707.41
Add: Cash Receipts	
Less: Cash Disbursements	
Add (Less) Other	27.20
Ending GL Balance	10,734.61
Ending Bank Balance	10,734.61
Add back deposits in transit	
Total deposits in transit	
(Less) outstanding checks	
Total outstanding checks	
Add (Less) Other	
Total other	
Unreconciled difference	0.00
Ending GL Balance	10,734.61

**Valor Academy
Check Register****For the Period From Mar 1, 2024 to Mar 31, 2024**

Filter Criteria includes: Report order is by Date.

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
1125	3/6/24	Massa Financial Solutions LLC	2,529.99
1126	3/6/24	Rea & Associates, Inc.	2,296.00
ACHVA240	3/15/24	Strongmind	65,249.16
ACHVA241	3/20/24	David Jones	125.00
ACHVA242	3/20/24	Andrew Fox	125.00
ACHVA243	3/20/24	Sean Patterson	125.00
ACHVA244	3/20/24	Jevon Collins	125.00
ACHVA245	3/20/24	Dwight Anstaett	125.00
Total			<u>70,700.15</u>

**Valor Academy
Aged Payables
As of Mar 31, 2024**

Filter Criteria includes: 1) Includes Drop Shipments. Report order is by ID. Report is printed in Summary Format.

Vendor	0 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	Over 90 days	Amount Due
Amy Goodson Co. LLC	2,862.50				2,862.50
Treasurer of State of Ohio	233.70				233.70
Ohio Council of Community Schools	2,307.02				2,307.02
	5,403.22				5,403.22

Fiscal Year: 2024

Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
Office of Budget and School Funding
Payment Comparison - Community/STEM School
March Payment, Data as of 02/29/2024

Name: Valor Academy, Inc.

County: Franklin

IRN: 019212

Sponsor Name: Ohio Council of Community Schools

E-School: No

	February	March	Difference	Percentage
State Support				
A Base Cost	\$678,616.20	\$664,138.14	\$-14,478.06	-2.13%
Base Cost – Student Wellness and Success	\$37,622.65	\$36,806.73	\$-815.92	-2.17%
B Special Education	\$53,316.72	\$48,974.74	\$-4,341.98	-8.14%
C Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA)	\$14,782.77	\$14,583.46	\$-199.31	-1.35%
D English Learners	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E Career Technical Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
F Core Foundation Funding [A+B+C+D+E]	\$784,338.34	\$764,503.07	\$-19,835.27	-2.53%
G Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
H Equity Supplement	\$66,479.46	\$65,047.32	\$-1,432.14	-2.15%
I Formula Transition Supplement	\$153,080.71	\$152,721.11	\$-359.60	-0.23%
J Facilities	\$99,921.67	\$97,796.20	\$-2,125.47	-2.13%
K Total State Support [F+G+H+I+J]	\$1,103,820.18	\$1,080,067.70	\$-23,752.48	-2.15%
Transfers				
L Educational Service Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
M Other Adjustments	\$-5,331.67	\$-4,897.47	\$434.20	8.14%
N Total Transfers [L+M]	\$-5,331.67	\$-4,897.47	\$434.20	8.14%
O Net State Funding [K+N]	\$1,098,488.51	\$1,075,170.23	\$-23,318.28	-2.12%
ADM Data				
Enrolled ADM	102.28	100.07	-2.20	-2.15%
Special Education ADM	11.34	10.39	-0.95	-8.42%
Category 1	0.41	0.41	0.00	0.00%
Category 2	10.76	9.81	-0.95	-8.87%
Category 3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 5	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00%
Category 6	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00%
Economically Disadvantaged ADM	28.14	27.74	-0.40	-1.43%
English Learners ADM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Career Technical Education FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Career-Tech Students Educated in JVS or CTPD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Community/STEM School Transportation FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%



Valor Academy, Inc.
Date-04-11-2024

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School	Valor Academy, Inc.
School Leader	Marvis McGowan
Month	03
Year	2024

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Budgeted Enrollment	125
Current Head Count	96

STUDENT INFORMATION

Attendance Rate	69.79
No. of New Enrollees	0
No. of Truant Students	59
No. of Students with Attendance Improvement Plans	22
No. of Total Withdrawals	0
No. of Forced Withdrawals	0

STUDENT DISCIPLINE GEN ED

No. of Out of School Suspensions	7
No. of Out of School Suspensions K-3	0
No. of Expulsions	0
No. of In School Suspensions	0

SPECIAL STUDENT POPULATIONS

Total number of SWD (do not include 504 or speech only)	20
No. of SWD K-8	20
No. of SWDs 9-12	0
Total Number of Students on 504 Plan	1

No. of 504s K-8	1
No. of 504s 9-12	0
Total No. of Intervention Specialists	1
IS Serving K-8	1
IS Serving 9-12	0
Total Number of ESL Students	0
Total ESL Qualified Staff	0

DISCIPLINE OF SWD

No. of In School Suspensions SWD	0
In School Suspensions SWD K-3	0
In School Suspensions SWD 4-8	0
In School Suspensions SWD 9-12	0
No. of Out of School Suspensions SWD	2
No. of Out of School Suspensions SWD K-3	0
No. of Out of School Suspensions SWD 4-8	2
No. of Out of School Suspensions SWD 9-12	0
No. of Expulsions SWD	0
No. of Expulsions SWD K-3	0
No. of Expulsions SWD 4-8	0
No. of Expulsions SWD 9-12	0
No. of Manifestation Determination Meetings(MDM)	0
MDM Due to Discipline	0
MDM Due to Truancy	0
MDM Due to Other	0

DETAILED INFORMATION

Academic Update (Including SIP)	We were able to meet the deadline for the Indicator 11 response for The Educational Service Center of Central Ohio.
Events	Spring Break!
Additional Info	

DRILL INFORMATION

Type of Drill	Date
Emergency Evacuation	03/26/2024

STAFF INFORMATION

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Monthly Board Proof of Residency Verification

Month of Review: April 2024
Name of Reviewer: Kana Mathy
Date of Review: 4/3/24

Choose five student files at random each month. Check to ensure that the Proof of Residency (POR) documentation is valid. The POR must be dated within 12 months of the review date and must match the address section in PowerSchool as well as the Ohio Contacts Page. If the POR is not in the primary parent/guardian's name, an Affidavit of Residency must also be on file along with the POR.

Random Student #1 SID: 
As of the date above, this student's Proof of Residency documentation is:

- Valid.
- Not valid. A new POR document (and/or Affidavit of Residency) has been requested.

Random Student #2 SID: 
As of the date above, this student's Proof of Residency documentation is:

- Valid.
- Not valid. A new POR document (and/or Affidavit of Residency) has been requested.

Random Student #3 SID: 
As of the date above, this student's Proof of Residency documentation is:

- Valid.
- Not valid. A new POR document (and/or Affidavit of Residency) has been requested.



ACADEMY OF OHIO

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Random Student #4 SID: [REDACTED]

As of the date above, this student's Proof of Residency documentation is:

Valid.

Not valid. A new POR document (and/or Affidavit of Residency) has been requested.

Random Student #5 SID: [REDACTED]

As of the date above, this student's Proof of Residency documentation is:

Valid.

Not valid. A new POR document (and/or Affidavit of Residency) has been requested.

DRAFT 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

August 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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September 2024						
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29	30					

October 2024						
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27	28	29	30	31		

November 2024						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August	
12 to 20	Teacher PD - No Students
20	Back to School Night
21	First Day for Students

September	
2	Labor Day - No School
18	4-5 NWEA Fall Benchmark

October	
11 to 14	Fall Break - No School
22	End of 1st Quarter
23	Teacher PD - No Students
23	Teacher Report/PD Day- No Students
24	2nd Quarter Start

November	
5	P/T Conferences - No School for Students
25-29	Thanksgiving Break

December	
11	Teacher PD - No Students
23-31	Winter Break - No School
20	Teacher PD- No Students
10-11	NWEA Winter Benchmark

January 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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February 2025						
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March 2025						
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April 2025						
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27	28	29	30			

May 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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11	12	13	X	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	X	X	X	29	31

June 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

January	
1	Winter Break - No School
1-3	Winter Break
2	Back to School
Jan 6	Back To School
17	End of 1st Semester
17	End of 2nd Qrt
20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
21	Teacher PD - No Students
21-3rd	Quarter Start

February	
17	President's Day - No School
18	P/T Conferences - No School for Students
19	Teacher PD - No Students

March	
5-6	NWEA Spring Benchmark
19	Teacher PD - No Students
21	End of 3rd Quarter
24-28	Ohio State Testing
31	Ohio State Testing
10-31	Panther OST Challenge
24	Start of 4th Qrt

April	
1-4	Ohio State Testing
1-2	OST ELA TESTING
7-11	Spring Break
8-10	OST Math/Sci TESTING
22	P/T Conferences - No School for Students
17	Teacher PD- No Students
18-25	Spring Break
7, 14-16	OST Makeup ELA TESTING

May	
14	Teacher PD - No Students
16	8th Grade Formal
21	8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
26	Memorial Day - No School
29	Last Day for Students
23	Last Day for students End of 4th Qrt

June	
4	Last Day for Teachers



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LEGAL UPDATE

For Ohio Community School Boards



OPEN MEETINGS

For purposes of Ohio’s Open Meetings Act, a meeting is:

- prearranged gathering of...
- majority of members of the public body...
- conducting or discussing public business.

A public body must:

- take action and deliberate on public business in open session
- give appropriate notice of meetings
- take and maintain minutes of meetings

Not a “Meeting”

Open house
Graduation ceremony
School sporting event
Training
Any other gathering, even if a quorum is present, if the board members are *not* discussing or deliberating about school business

Executive session topics:

- Hiring, firing, discipline, compensation of public employees
- purchase or sale of property
- pending/imminent litigation
- matters required by law to be kept confidential
- collective bargaining
- security arrangements
- a few others not relevant to community schools

PUBLIC RECORDS



A public record is:

- any document, device, or item regardless of form/medium
- created or received by or coming under the jurisdiction of a public office
- Which serves to document the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or activities of the office

If something is a public record, the public office must:


- provide inspection or copies
- within a prompt/reasonable period of time
- to any requestor

Question & Answer:

Q: Are text messages one board member sends to another a public record ?

A: Whether something is a public record is not determined by the medium. Rather the content is controlling. Thus, if a board member texts another board member or the school leader, etc. about school business, then the text is almost certainly a public record subject to disclosure.



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COMPLIANCE & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Third Trimester worksheet questions have been sent to school leaders and Tara Jones will be available to assist in the completion over the months of April and May.
- Valor's Fire Inspection expires on 8/28/24 and the Health and Safety Inspection expires on 9/24/24. Please make sure to schedule inspections in a timely manner.
- As of April 11th, Epicenter is current and the OCCS School Leader Report has been completed. We appreciate your care and attention to these submissions.

Sunshine Law Training Update

The Auditor of State (AOS) recently revised guidance regarding community school compliance with the sunshine law training component for board members, fiscal officers, school administrators and administrative and supervisory EMO staff outlined in [state law](#). The AOS will not be auditing schools on whether the completed sunshine law training was approved by the Attorney General for the 2023-2024 SY. This is still an OCCS contractual requirement. A copy of the AOS's bulletin can be found [here](#). Please consult with the school's legal counsel when fulfilling this training requirement.

Sunshine Law Manual 2024

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost released the 2024 edition of the Sunshine Laws Manual, which provides information on the Ohio Public Records and Open Meetings Acts. The manual will specifically address the past year's law changes and legal decisions affecting Ohio's open government laws. Along with this manual, the Attorney General office offers free Sunshine Laws training at dozens of locations across the state for educators and administrators. The Sunshine Law Manual and additional resources can be found [here](#).

FISCAL

Five Year Forecast

The updated five-year forecast will be due to Adrienne Shreve, adrienne@ohioschools.org, no later than Friday, May 17, 2024. Please ensure that assumptions are reasonable, revenue and expense estimates are fully explained, any debt is detailed, and, if needed, vendor contracts and management agreements should be referenced.

It's Budgeting Season

The OCCS Fiscal Team has requested your fiscal officer to submit the budget for the 2024-2025 school year. This is a great time for boards to discuss the following:

- How is re-enrollment going and what marketing initiatives are planned to help achieve your enrollment goals?
- The Covid relief funds expire in September 2024. Budgeted expenses should be adjusted for the loss of these funds.

The Department of Education and Workforce has released the FY25 State Foundation Funding Calculator, found [here](#). This will help budget state funding which will include an increase for the continued phase-in of the new funding model.

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Menstrual Product Reimbursement

To be eligible for reimbursement, districts and schools must identify the amount of funding expended on menstrual products and other information using the [Menstrual Product Reimbursement Form](#) by April 30. The Department of Education and Workforce will distribute \$3 million to school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and chartered nonpublic schools for reimbursement of menstrual products purchased during the 2023-2024 school year.

ACADEMICS

Ohio's Introduction to the Science of Reading – Additional Course Pathways Now Available

Districts and schools shall require all teachers and administrators to complete a course provided by the Department of Education and Workforce not later than June 30, 2025, except that any teacher or administrator who has previously completed similar training, as determined by the Department, shall not be required to complete the course.

- The Department has created [multiple course pathways](#) to meet the professional development requirements in law.

The Right to Read Documentary

[“The Right to Read”](#) is a documentary that chronicles an NAACP activist, a teacher, and two families who champion the importance of literacy and its foundational impact as an indicator of lifelong success. Two events in April will bring together state leaders, educators, families, and community members to engage in discussions about the film and the importance of implementing literacy instruction grounded in the science of reading.

- ***Community Screening: April 16 at 5:30 P.M.***
Parents for Reading Justice, Columbus City Schools, Ohio Excels, and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce invite community members to a screening of “The Right to Read” on Tuesday, April 16, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Lincoln Theatre in Columbus. [Register to attend the community screening.](#)
- Following the screening, Anna Staver, host of “All Sides” on WOSU, will moderate a panel discussion featuring:
 - Ohio Governor Mike DeWine
 - Kareem Weaver, the film’s protagonist and producer
 - Brett Tingley, founder and president of Parents for Reading Justice

Additional remarks will be provided by:

- Stephen D. Dackin, director of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
- Dr. Angela Chapman, CEO and superintendent of Columbus City Schools
- Lisa Gray, founding president of Ohio Excels

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ASSESSMENT

State Testing Dates

Special Education:

- Alternate Assessment for Students with the most Significant Cognitive Disabilities (AASCD)
 - February 26 – April 19, 2024

K – 8:

- Spring English Language Arts (ELA)
 - March 25 – April 26, 2024
- Spring Math/Science/Social Studies
 - April 1 – May 10, 2024

Test Results:

- Results available for districts:
 - Online Math/Science/Social Studies: May 14, 2024
 - Online English Language Arts (ELA): May 20, 2024
 - Paper Grade 3 English Language Arts (ELA): June 14, 2024
 - Paper English Language Arts (ELA)/Math/Science/Social Studies: June 24, 2024
 - Late and breach: July 1, 2024
- Family Notification:
 - June 30, 2024

SPECIAL EDUCATION

2024 Quota Registration of Blind Students

The 2024 Federal Quota Registration of Blind Students must be completed online through the Assistive Technology and Accessible Educations Materials Center’s [web portal](#) and electronically signed by the superintendent by April 19. Additional information can be found [here](#).

District Alternate Assessment Participation

ESSA required annually each district or community school to submit a justification when it anticipates testing more than 1.0% of students using the Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities. The due date for this justification is April 26. Justification links are no longer being sent to Superintendents, and this process is now completed though the district CCIP Consolidated Application.

Did you exceed 1.0%?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Post-Secondary Scholarship Cycle

OCCS is proud to announce its 17th annual [Post-Secondary Scholarship](#) for students attending OCCS-sponsored schools and pursuing a 2 or 4-year college or technical school for their post-secondary education and training for the 2024-2025 school year. These scholarship opportunities were developed to award academic achievement, help students with financial need, support virtual students and first-generation college students. The scholarship application opens on Friday, February 16, 2024. Application requirements and guidelines can be found [here](#). Completed applications and all required documents are due by Friday, May 3, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact the OCCS Scholarship Team at scholarships@ohioschools.org or by phone at 419-720-5200.

OCCS Convocation

Save The Date for the OCCS Annual Convocation on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville Polaris Hotel. The theme this year is *Innovate. Educate. Elevate: Chartering the Next Era*, which captures the essence of innovation, education, and the elevation of charter schools as they embark on the next era of development. Mark your calendars. Registration will open May 2024.

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