

Valor Academy, Inc.

Meeting Agenda

Date: September 19, 2023

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, Treasurer

Other Attendees:

- Howard Marzolf, *Verano*
- Nikki Hofman, *Verano*
- Dan Mahlandt, *Superintendent*
- Gina Little, *Senior Director of Special Services, Superintendent*
- Marvis McGowan, *Executive Director*
- Kelly Brewington, *Valor*
- Stacy Mullinax, *Office Manager*
- Stephanie Trawick, *OCCS*
- Tara Jones, *OCCS*
- Becky Enz, 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. Approval of August 15, 2023 minutes

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves minutes of the meeting of August 15, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.

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

B. 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: _____

C. State of the School Report

- **Number of Suspensions and Expulsions**
- **Staff Changes**
- **Residency Verification (September)**

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 September residency verification.

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

D. PII Grant Award Acceptance

WHEREAS, Valor Academy, Inc. (“the Corporation”) is an Ohio Non-Profit Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Council of Community Schools (“OCCS”) is offering the governing authority of the Corporation (“Governing Authority”) a book vending machine and a gift card to purchase the first set of books as a Performance, Innovation, and Improvement Grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant is contingent upon the Governing Authority accepting the grant award and agreeing to the additional terms of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Governing Authority hereby accepts the Performance, Innovation, and Improvement rant from the Ohio Council of Community Schols valued at \$8,189.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Governing Authority will direct the school’s administration to provide the Governing Authority and OCCS with an update during a meeting during the 2023-2024 school year.

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

VI. Informational Reports

A. Legal Update

- **Safer Ohio Tip Line**

B. Sponsor Update

VII. Confirmation of Next Meeting: Date: October 17, 2023
Time: 7:00 AM
Location: Valor Academy
1330 Atcheson St.
Columbus, Ohio 43203

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Valor Academy, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023

Time: 7:00 AM

1330 Atcheson St.
Columbus, Ohio 43203

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

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 AM

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Sean Patterson, Vice President

Dwight Anstaett, Secretary

Jevon Collins, Director

Andrew Fox, Treasurer

Board Members Absent:

David Jones, President

Attendees:

Howard Marzolf, *Verano*

Marvis McGowan, *Executive Director*

Stephanie Trawick, *OCCS*

Tara Jones, *OCCS*

Becky Enz, Esq., *Amy Goodson Co., Board Legal Counsel*

Lesley Gillen, *Fiscal Officer Representative*

3. Review of Agenda

4. Public Comment

5. Action and Discussion Items

A. Approval of July 18, 2023 minutes

The board reviewed the minutes; no modifications were requested.

23-41 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the July 18, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Mr. Fox Second: Mr. Anstaett

Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

B. Financial Report

- **Federal Subgrant Expenditures**

Ms. Gillen presented the financial report as of July 31, 2023 and reviewed cash balances. FTE is 90 and will be the same until the October true-up. She also discussed working on grants, starting the audit, and the budget forecast for October's meeting.

23-42 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts financial report, including the federal subgrant expenditures, as presented.

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

C. State of the School Report

- **Number of Suspensions and Expulsions**
- **Staff Changes**
- **Residency Verification (July and August)**

Mr. McGowan presented the school report and discussed the start of school, staffing, academics, and events. There are 77 students currently enrolled.

23-43 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 July and August residency verification.

Motion: Mr. Anstaett Second: Mr. Collins
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

D. Semi-Annual Report on Incidents of Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation

The board reviewed the Semi-Annual Report on Incidents of Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation from January to June.

23-44 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the Semi-Annual Report of Verified Acts of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying as presented.

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

E. Annual Report, School Year 2022-2023 Nutrition Standards Compliance

The board reviewed annual report on compliance with nutrition standards.

23-45 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the school's annual report on compliance with the nutrition standards for school year 2022-2023 as presented.

Motion: Mr. Collins Second: Mr. Anstaett
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

6. Informational Reports

A. Legal Update

Ms. Enz gave the legal update.

B. Sponsor Update

Ms. Trawick gave the sponsor update, discussed opening assurances, and book vending machines for the school.

7. **Confirmation of Next Meetings:** Date: September 19, 2023
Time: 7:00 AM
Location: Valor Academy
1330 Atcheson St.
Columbus, Ohio 43203

8. **Adjournment** 7:18 AM
Motion: Mr. Collins Second: Mr. Fox

Approved by Valor Academy, Inc., Board of Directors on _____, 2023.

Board President/Secretary

Date

Valor Academy
Statement of Net Position
August 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	52,733	
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Total Current Assets			52,733
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Total Assets		\$	52,733
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LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Current Liabilities

Accrued Expenses	\$	45,986	
Due to Strongmind		18,779	
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Total Current Liabilities			64,765
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<u>Net Position</u>			
Net Position - Operating		(12,032)	
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Total Net Position			(12,032)
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Total Liabilities & Net Position		\$	52,733
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Valor Academy
Summary Budget vs. Actual
For the Two Months Ending August 31, 2023

	<u>Current Month</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Revenues		
State Revenues	\$ 93,270	\$ 170,410
Federal Revenues	1,100	10,063
Local Revenues	121	272
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Total Revenues	94,491	180,745
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Expenses		
Purchased Services:		
Salaries	39,775	72,550
Benefits	16,135	20,731
Facility Costs - Security	86	674
Facility Costs - Rep & Maint.	2,833	6,740
Facility Costs - Utilities	1,267	2,606
Professional Fees	7,781	19,693
Marketing	0	0
Office Expense	46	92
Supplies	509	2,303
Field Trips & Transportation	368	368
Miscellaneous Expense	499	1,123
Working Capital Contributions	19,906	39,798
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Total Purchased Services	89,205	166,678
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Board Expenses:		
Professional Fees-Sponsor Fees	2,702	5,016
Prof Fees - Audit and Acctng	2,433	4,867
Insurance	0	3,917
Bank Charges	151	269
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Total Board Expenses	5,286	14,069
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Net Income	\$ 0	\$ (2)
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Valor Academy
Statement of Cash Flow
For the two Months Ended August 31, 2023

	Current Month	Year to Date
Cash Flows from operating activities		
Net Income	\$ (0.87)	\$ (1.89)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Accts Receivable - Grants	0.00	30,591.40
Accounts Payable	(2,314.21)	(2,505.00)
Accrued Expenses	(11,340.00)	(15,120.00)
Due to Strongmind	15,760.00	(8,394.00)
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Total Adjustments	2,105.79	4,572.40
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Net Cash provided by Operations	2,104.92	4,570.51
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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	\$ 2,104.92	\$ 4,570.51
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Summary		
Cash Balance at End of Period	\$ 52,732.14	\$ 52,732.14
Cash Balance at Beg of Period	(50,627.22)	(48,161.63)
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Net Increase <Decrease> in Cash	\$ 2,104.92	\$ 4,570.51
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Valor Academy
Account Reconciliation
As of Aug 31, 2023
10-000-0001-002 - Cash - Operating HUNT 2597
Bank Statement Date: August 31, 2023

Filter Criteria includes: Report is printed in Detail Format.

Beginning GL Balance	25,000.00
Add: Cash Receipts	
Less: Cash Disbursements	(80,894.95)
Add (Less) Other	81,391.48
Ending GL Balance	<u>25,496.53</u>
Ending Bank Balance	25,496.53
Add back deposits in transit	_____
Total deposits in transit	
(Less) outstanding checks	_____
Total outstanding checks	
Add (Less) Other	_____
Total other	
Unreconciled difference	<u>0.00</u>
Ending GL Balance	<u><u>25,496.53</u></u>

Valor Academy
Account Reconciliation
As of Aug 31, 2023
10-000-0001-004 - Cash - Sweep HUNT 4989
Bank Statement Date: August 31, 2023

Filter Criteria includes: Report is printed in Detail Format.

Beginning GL Balance	25,627.22
Add: Cash Receipts	
Less: Cash Disbursements	
Add (Less) Other	<u>1,058.52</u>
Ending GL Balance	<u>26,685.74</u>
Ending Bank Balance	26,685.74
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>26,685.74</u></u>

Valor Academy
Check Register
For the Period From Aug 1, 2023 to Aug 31, 2023

Filter Criteria includes: Report order is by Date.

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
1104	8/10/23	Massa Financial Solutions LLC	2,433.33
1105	8/10/23	Ohio Council of Community Schools	2,314.21
ACHVA205	8/15/23	Andrew Fox	125.00
ACHVA206	8/15/23	Sean Patterson	125.00
ACHVA207	8/15/23	Jevon Collins	125.00
ACHVA208	8/15/23	Dwight Anstaett	125.00
1106	8/24/23	Ohio Council of Community Schools	2,702.15
ACHVA209	8/24/23	Strongmind	72,945.26
Total			<u>80,894.95</u>

**Valor Academy
Aged Payables
As of Aug 31, 2023**

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
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Fiscal Year: 2024

Ohio Department of Education
Office of Budget and School Funding
Payment Comparison - Community/STEM School
August Payment, Data as of 07/31/2023

Name: Valor Academy, Inc.

County: Franklin

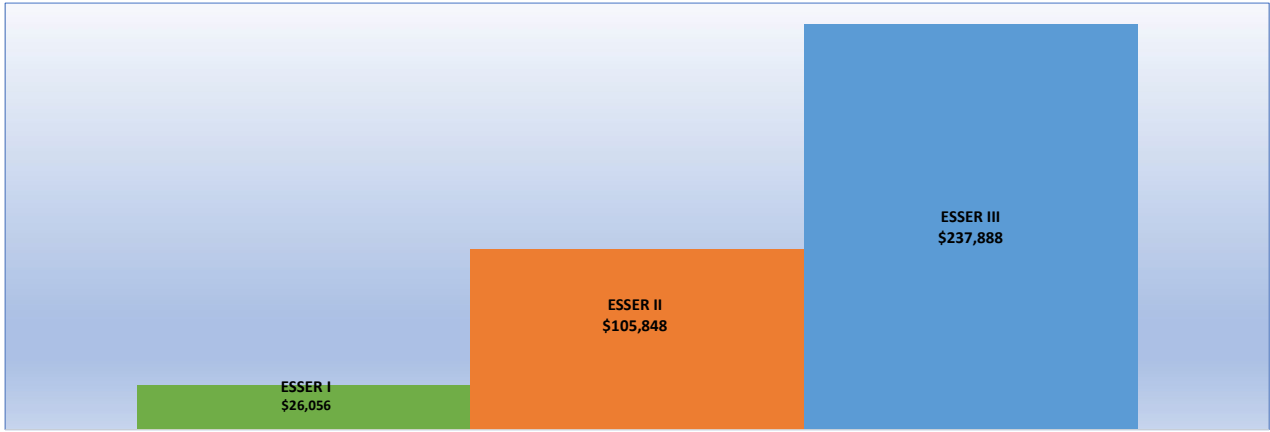
IRN: 019212

Sponsor Name:

E-School: No

	July	August	Difference	Percentage
State Support				
A Base Cost	\$343,813.70	\$405,988.78	\$62,175.08	18.08%
Base Cost – Student Wellness and Success	\$19,255.30	\$22,750.01	\$3,494.71	18.15%
B Special Education	\$84,576.63	\$105,133.49	\$20,556.86	24.31%
C Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA)	\$40,150.82	\$44,930.33	\$4,779.51	11.90%
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]	\$487,796.45	\$578,802.61	\$91,006.16	18.66%
G Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
H Formula Transition Supplement	\$397,840.43	\$297,099.59	\$-100,740.84	-25.32%
I Facilities	\$44,276.73	\$89,235.98	\$44,959.25	101.54%
J Total State Support [F+G+H+I]	\$929,913.61	\$965,138.18	\$35,224.57	3.79%
Transfers				
K Educational Service Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
L Other Adjustments	\$-8,457.66	\$-10,513.35	\$-2,055.69	24.31%
M Total Transfers [K+L]	\$-8,457.66	\$-10,513.35	\$-2,055.69	24.31%
N Net State Funding [J+M]	\$921,455.95	\$954,624.83	\$33,168.88	3.60%
ADM Data				
Enrolled ADM	90.23	89.24	-0.99	-1.10%
Special Education ADM	18.42	22.51	4.09	22.18%
Category 1	0.95	0.99	0.04	4.22%
Category 2	15.56	19.17	3.61	23.21%
Category 3	0.82	0.94	0.12	14.57%
Category 4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 6	1.09	1.40	0.31	28.95%
Economically Disadvantaged ADM	66.52	65.53	-0.99	-1.49%
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 JVSD 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
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.

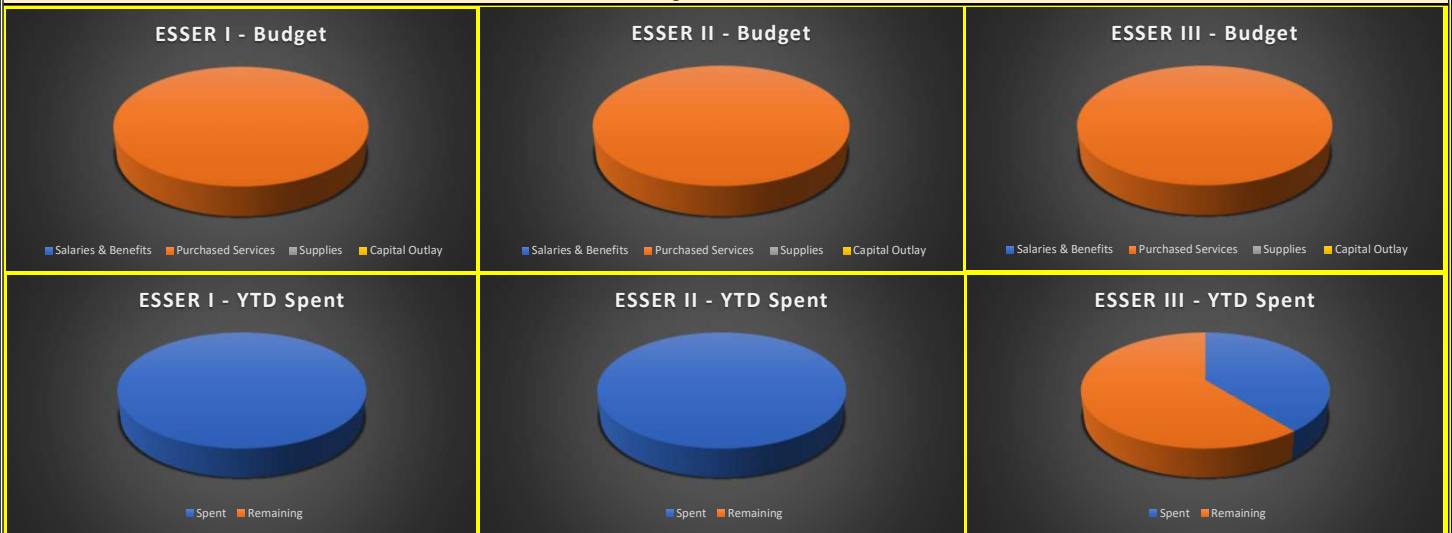
Permitted Uses

- 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



Monthly Board Proof of Residency Verification

Month of Review: September 2023

Name of Reviewer: Stacy Mulmex

Date of Review: 9/1/2023

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: [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 #2 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 #3 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.



ACADEMY OF OHIO

1330 Atcheson Street
Columbus, OH 43203

Random Student #4 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 #5 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.

August 23, 2023

Mr. David Jones
Valor Academy, Inc
1330 Atcheson Street
Columbus, OH 43203

Dear Mr. Jones:

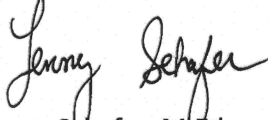
On behalf of the Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS), I wish to congratulate the governing authority of Valor Academy, Inc for being selected as a recipient of an OCCS Performance, Innovation, and Improvement Grant. The school is receiving a book vending machine and a gift card to purchase books. This one-time grant is valued at **\$8,189**.

The governing authority must accept this grant by considering and approving the attached resolution at the next meeting. This resolution accepts the grant and directs the school administration to provide the governing authority and OCCS with an update during a meeting during the 2023-2024 school year.

The approved resolution and any questions should be sent to Matthew Trzcinski. He may be reached by phone at (419) 720-5200 or by email at matthew@ohioschools.org.

Again, congratulations on being selected for the OCCS Performance, Innovation, and Improvement Grant!

Yours in Education Choice,



Lenny Schafer, M.Ed.
Executive Director

cc: Amy Goodson, Amy Goodson Co., LLC
Daniel Mahlandt, StrongMind

**CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PERFORMANCE,
INNOVATION, AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

Valor Academy, Inc
(An Ohio Non-Profit Corporation)

WHEREAS, Valor Academy, Inc (“the Corporation”) is an Ohio Non-Profit Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Council of Community Schools (“OCCS”) is offering the governing authority of the Corporation (“Governing Authority”) a book vending machine and gift card to purchase the first set of books as a Performance, Innovation, and Improvement Grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant is contingent upon the Governing Authority accepting the grant award and agreeing to additional terms of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Governing Authority hereby accepts the Performance, Innovation, and Improvement Grant from the Ohio Council of Community Schools valued at \$8,189.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Governing Authority will direct the school’s administration to provide the Governing Authority and OCCS with an update during a meeting during the 2023-2024 school year.

I certify that, at a meeting held on _____, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted and recorded by the governing authority of Valor Academy, Inc.

By: _____
Signature Date Signed

Name Printed

Legal Update

September 2023

Local Report Cards

Mid-September is slated for the release of each school's local report card. Report Cards are designed to give families, educators, and other stakeholders information about the academic performance of your school.

Beginning in 2021 Ohio moved from letter grades to a 1-5 star rating system (including half stars).

Schools receive ratings on five components: achievement, progress, gap closing, early literacy, and graduation.

For the first time since the new star rating report card, this year's will include an overall star rating.

Ask school leadership to review your school's local report card with your board.



This Edition

New Calamity Day Law
Transportation
Fall Reminders

Van Transportation to and from School

In recognition of the on-going widespread school transportation difficulties, the Ohio General Assembly made several changes to the law in this summer's Budget Bill.

One of the most helpful may be the ability to use a vehicle designated to carry nine passengers or less (not including the driver) for the day-to-day transportation of students to and from community schools. Previously, these types of smaller vehicles were not permitted for regular transport.

Districts can use these vehicles to transport students to charters. Charters can do so themselves or contract with a provider if:

A student's resident school district has declared the transportation of the student impractical; or

A student does not live within thirty minutes of the charter and the district is not required to transport the student by law; or

The board of the community school has offered to provide transportation for its students in lieu of district transportation.

The charter board shall ensure that all of the following apply:

- (1) A qualified mechanic inspects the vehicle not fewer than two times each year and determines that it is safe for pupil transportation;
- (2) The driver of the vehicle does not stop on the roadway to load or unload passengers (meaning the driver must pull into driveways or parking lots to pick-up or drop-off students);
- (3) The driver of the vehicle meets the health, background check, and training requirements of school bus drivers, except they are not required to have a commercial driver's license

This new law, as the other substantive provisions of the Budget Bill will become effective October 3, 2023. Thus charters can begin to use this option this school year.



New Calamity Day Plans

The recently passed Budget Bill - HB 33 changed Ohio's Calamity Day statute. The former Blizzard Bag Policy is replaced by Online Day Plans which allow schools to make-up what would otherwise be missed school days due to certain school closures.

If adopted by the board, schools may use an Online Day Plan to provide the equivalent of up to three school days in a school year via online delivery when specifically delineated circumstances necessitate closure for in-person learning.

Circumstances include:

- Disease epidemic;
- Hazardous weather;
- Law enforcement emergencies;
- Inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school's operation;
- Damage to a school building; or
- Other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for use.

Note, not included in the eligible circumstances are staffing shortages, parent-teacher conferences, or professional development.

The law requires very specific components be included in the plan, such as notification procedures and how to ensure access for students with disabilities and English language learners.

While all non-monetary budget bill changes are effective Oct. 3, 2023, ODE is encouraging schools to adopt or amend their calamity day plans by Nov. 1, 2023. After this school year, annual adoption will be required by August 1st.

Blended learning and e-schools are not eligible.

Fall Reminders

Constitution Day

All entities receiving federal funding, including funding through the U.S.

Department of Education, are required to hold an educational program pertaining to the United States Constitution on September 17th of each year (or in the preceding or following week if the date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday as it does this year.)

Nearly all Ohio community schools receive at least some federal funding through programs such as the National School Lunch Program.

Budget & Forecast

Each community school board is required by law to adopt an annual budget by October 31st each year with submission to ODE by November 30th. Community schools are required to submit five-year forecasts to ODE twice annually once by November 30th and May 31st. The board-adopted budget should serve as the basis for year one of the 5-year forecast.

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Q & A

Q: I've been hearing a lot about the Science of Reading and it now being mandatory in Ohio schools. What does that mean?

A: The science of reading is a code-based or phonics focused approach. Code-emphasized instruction requires students to look carefully at words, sound them out, then check to see if the word makes sense.

This is a departure from recent methods which focus teaching students to read based on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual cues.

The Budget Bill requires the Ohio Department of Education to compile a list of curriculum and instructional materials that align with the science of reading. Ohio schools must start using those materials by the 2024-2025 school year,



COMPLIANCE & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Regional Representative's Report:

- During the month of September, Stephanie Trawick and Tara Jones will begin collecting information for the 1st trimester compliance worksheets. This includes a review of policies, postings in the building and on the school's website.
- When you have a moment, please ensure that all school contacts are correct and up to date in Epicenter. If there are any inaccuracies, please inform Stephanie Trawick and Tara Jones.
- Valor Academy has their compliance items nearly up to date in Epicenter as of September 8, 2023. Fire Inspection has taken place and Valor is still waiting for the report to be sent so this can be uploaded in Epicenter.

Performance, Innovation, and Improvement Grant

OCCS is thrilled to be able to provide a book vending machine and gift card for the first set of books for your school! We hope this helps supplement various programs in the school. This Performance, Innovation, and Improvement Grant to the school is valued at over \$8,000! A resolution accepting the grant award has been sent out and should be considered and approved at an upcoming meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Trzcinski. He may be reached by phone at (419) 724-9472 or by email at matthew@ohioschools.org.

Calamity Day Plans

Effective October 3, [state law](#) governing calamity day plans will be changing.

- Brick and mortar schools may choose to pass calamity day plans to educate children during building closures for up to 3 school days.
- Possible reasons to necessitate school closure can be disease epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, law enforcement emergencies, inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school operations, damage to the building or utility failure causing the building to be unfit for use temporarily.
- The statute does not include staffing shortages, parent-teacher conferences, and professional development days as allowable uses for the plan.
- Specifically, effective October 3, blizzard bags can no longer be used, and plans are required to include online instruction. For more information on the new components of calamity day plans, click [here](#).
- The Department is encouraging governing boards to adopt or amend their calamity day plans by Nov. 1, 2023.

Feminine Hygiene Products

Effective October 3, [state law](#) will require schools serving grades 6-12 to provide feminine hygiene products at no cost to female students. All products must be for use on school premises and stored in a designated place in the building. Schools may provide products to students below 6th grade. Funding is available for schools.

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Student Record Requests

Effective October 3 ([House Bill 33](#)), state law will require schools that receive a student record request from another school, to send the student record within five school days. Please note:

- If the school receiving the request has no record of the student's attendance, a statement of this fact must be sent to the requesting school within the same amount of time.
- A school may withhold a student's record if there is \$2,500 or more of debt owed by the student and transmit the record once the debt is paid.

Free Breakfast and Lunch for Students Who Formerly Paid a Reduced Rate

Effective October 3, [state law](#) will require schools participating in the national school breakfast and/or lunch program to provide breakfast and/or lunch at no cost to each student eligible for reduced-priced breakfast and/or lunch. Schools will be reimbursed for the costs incurred.

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Base Cost Calculation

The Ohio Education Funding Base Cost is a fundamental component of the new (Cupp-Patterson) funding formula. The base cost calculation seeks to determine the minimum funding required to deliver a quality education to students. Base Cost per pupil increased to \$8,241 for FY2024 (up from \$7,352 for FY2023).

ACADEMICS

Constitution Day

Constitution Day will be observed Monday, September 18, 2023. For the 2023 school year, Constitution Day falls on a Sunday, so schools should plan on celebrating on Monday, September 18. Click [here](#) for more resources and information on lesson planning.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

IDEA Part B and American Rescue Plan Funds

Obligation of both IDEA Part B fund for early childhood special education and ARP funds to support students with disabilities is due by September 30.

OCCS Needs Assessment

The OCCS Needs Assessment for Special Education was due in Epicenter on August 31. Over the course of September, the OCCS Special Education team will be reviewing and reaching out to schools to schedule requested or identified technical assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date: *Central Ohio* Regional Board Training

The Central Ohio Regional Board Training will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at Pinnacle Golf Club, 1500 Pinnacle Club Dr, Grove City, OH 43123. Additional information will be forthcoming.

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September is Attendance Awareness Month

Celebrate with the Stay in the Game! Network by [participating in planned events every week to celebrate school attendance](#). Each week will highlight a different activity schools and districts can participate in to show support and encourage regular attendance.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month

The [Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#), the [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#), and [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#), have provided [resources and information](#) on the proper ways to raise awareness about suicide and what steps should be taken if you suspect someone may be contemplating suicide. On these websites, schools can find downloads for free brochures, posters, and social media guidelines that provide additional information, including the contact information for the suicide prevention lifeline. The public is also encouraged to use #BeThe1To to spread awareness on social media platforms.

Hispanic Heritage Recognition

From September 15th - October 15th, schools are encouraged to celebrate the cultures, histories, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America into their lesson planning. For more information on celebrating the month, click [here](#).

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