

At-a-Glance: Early Learning Program Guidance for Charter Schools and Authorizers

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Program for Service	Required Part of Charter School Authorizer Affidavit	Part of Charter Board's Written Contract with Authorizer	Funding Support	UFARS Revenue and Expenditure Reporting Requirements	Other Reporting Requirements
Child Care for Infants and Toddlers under Age 33 Months Minn. Stat. § 245A.03 Subd. 1	No	Yes	Participant fees Early Learning Scholarships	Fund 04 Program 590 Finance 000 Balance Sheet Account 464	Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Licensing Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) – Early Learning Scholarships Area Administrators
Child Care for age 33 months to Kindergarten Minn. Stat. § 245A.03 Subd. 2(a)(5)	No	Yes	Participant fees Early Learning Scholarships	Fund 04 Program 590 Finance 000 Balance Sheet Account 464	MDE – Early Learning Scholarships Area Administrators MDE- Early Learning Scholarship Administration System (ELSA)

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<p>Early Childhood Health and Development Screening</p> <p>Minn. Stat. § 121A.16, 17-19</p> <p>Minnesota Rule 3530.3000-3530.4310</p>	Yes	Yes	<p>Aid amount varies by child/student age at the time of screening as reported on MARSS</p> <p>Permanent transfer from the General Fund (Fund 01) is permitted if screening aid is insufficient</p> <p>Minn. Stat. § 123B.79</p>	Fund 04 Program 583 Finance 354 Balance Sheet Account 464	<p>MARSS, Grade Level PS (Preschool Screening)</p> <p>Annual program report date submitted to MDE by August 15 through the Early Childhood Education Outcomes System</p>

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School Readiness Minn. Stat. § 124D.15	No	Yes	No state funds paid directly to charter school Participant fees charged must be on sliding scale and waived if family is unable to pay Early Learning Scholarships	Fund 04 Program 590 Finance 000 Balance Sheet Account 464	MDE – Early Learning Scholarships Area Administrators MDE- Early Learning Scholarship Administration System (ELSA) Resident school district that contracts with the charter school submits data to MDE Charter school must provide data as required by contracting school district. The contracting school district must submit Annual Program Report to MDE by July 15.

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School Readiness Plus Minn. Stat. § 124D.151, Subd.5	No	Yes	Funded under General Education revenue School eligibility is determined by a statutory formula Early Learning Scholarships	Fund 04 Program 584 Finance 000 Balance Sheet Account 464	School Readiness Plus Students are reported on MARSS, grades PA-PJ MDE – Early Learning Scholarships Area Administrators MDE- Early Learning Scholarship Administration System (ELSA)
Early Learning Scholarship Program – Pathway I Minn. Stat. § 124D.165, Subd. 3-4	No	Yes	Family directed scholarship to school School eligibility to receive school scholarship is determined following MDE recognition of Early Learning Program Schools must be Parent Aware Rated	Fund 04 Programs 200, 581, 582, 584 or 590 Finance 338 Balance Sheet Account 444 or 464	Monthly invoice to Area Administrators as determined by MDE Early Learning Services School submits a participation agreement to Area Administrators as determined by MDE Early Learning Services

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Early Learning Scholarship Program – Pathway II Minn. Stat. § 124D.165, Subd. 3-4	No	Yes	Grant from MDE to eligible schools School eligibility is determined following MDE recognition of Early Learning Program School must have 4-Star Parent Aware Rating	Fund 04 Programs 200, 581, 582, 584 or 590 Finance 337 Balance Sheet Account 444 or 464	MDE Early Learning Scholarship Administration System (ELSA) Bi-annual Early Learning Scholarships – Pathway II application to MDE Early Learning Services
Full-Day Every Day Kindergarten Minn. Stat. § 126C.05, Subd. 1(e)	No	Yes	State funding formulas weight all kindergarten pupils at 1.0	General Education Revenue Fund 01 Program 201 Finance 000 Balance Sheet Account 422 Federal Title 1, Part A – Fund 01 Program 216 Finance 401 Balance Sheet Account 422	MARSS, kindergarten schedule E

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Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Minn. Stat. § 124D.151	No	Yes	General education funding Early Learning Scholarships Fees cannot be charged to participants	Fund 01 Program 200 Finance 000	VPK Students are reported on MARSS, grades PA-PJ MDE – Early Learning Scholarships Area Administrators MDE- Early Learning Scholarship Administration System (ELSA)
School-age Care Program for Students Attending Half-Day or Full-Day Kindergarten (Also Includes Programs for Grades 1 to 6) Minn. Stat. § 245a.03, Subd.12 Minn. Stat. § 124D.19, Subd.11	No	Yes	Participant fees	Expenditure Reporting Fund 04 Program 570 Finance 000 Balance Sheet Account 464	Kindergarten students enrolled in a half-day, daily kindergarten instruction program are reported under MARSS kindergarten schedule A Time a student attends school-age care is not reported on MARSS

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Instructional Preschool (not Prekindergarten) for Children Ages 3-5 Years Not Yet Enrolled in Kindergarten *See Instructional Prekindergarten Below	Yes	Yes	Participant fees or General Education revenue reallocated from Fund 01 Early Learning Scholarships	Expenditure Reporting Fund 04 Program 590 Finance 000 Balance Sheet Account 464	Determined by charter school board and approved by the authorizer MDE – Early Learning Scholarships Area Administrators MDE- Early Learning Scholarship Administration System (ELSA)
Instructional Prekindergarten for 4-Year Olds Minn. Stat. § 125A.05, Subd. 10(a)	Yes	Yes	Participant Fees or General Education revenue reallocated from Fund 01 Early Learning Scholarships	General Education Revenue reallocated for prekindergarten: Fund 04 Program 581 Finance 000 Fund Balance Account 464 (To reallocated: debit Fund 01, source 211; credit Fund 04, source 211) Fees: Fund 04 Program 581 Finance 000 Balance Sheet Account 464	Determined by charter school board and approved by the authorizer MDE – Early Learning Scholarships Area Administrators MDE- Early Learning Scholarship Administration System (ELSA) NOTE: Unless the program is a state-approved voluntary pre-kindergarten or school readiness plus program, the participants are not reported on MARSS