Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Authorizer Fee Report

The Clayton County Board of Education supports student success and school choice by authorizing charter schools that provide innovation, high quality learning opportunities for students who reside in Clayton. It is the Board's intent that by authorizing high quality charter schools, the District can learn from innovative and unique programs that advance student achievements. As such, the Board welcomes charter petitioners who aim to serve student populations that reflect the diversity of the District and who are open to collaborating with the District to share best practices.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 20-02-2068.1 the district allocates funding for Charter Schools through the QBE (Quality Basic Education) funding formula from the State Of Georgia Department of Education. This code section outlines all requirements for the funding mechanism in place and contains guidelines on equitable distribution of funds for Charter Schools. CCPS funds its work as a charter school authorizer and an LEA through a state appropriation and through the collection of an authorizer fee. In accordance with O.C.G.A 20-2-2089(b) and agreements with the district, CCPS may withhold up to 3% of the amount determined pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section for each charter school for use in administering the duties required pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2083; provided, however, that any amount withheld pursuant to this subsection shall be spent solely on expenses incurred performing the duties required in said code section.

FY25 Authorizer Fee	Total Amount Collected
2.5% of State and Local Funding for Charter Schools	https://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/about/charter-school-petition-guidelines/httpsclaytonk12gausfinalsitecomfsadminsitepages837

For the FY25 fiscal year, CCPS budgeted a portion of the authorizer fee funds on the following expenditures:

Description of Expenditure	Rationale for Expenditure
Salary and Benefits-$209,110.80	Charter School Department assists the Board as the LEA for its authorized Charter Schools, and it is required to fulfill its responsibilities includes the following positions: Director and Coordinator The district also directly pays the salaries or a portion of salaries for district employees dedicated to working directly with Charter Schools: Safety and Security,Charter School Grants, Budget Specialist, Infinite Campus Support Specialist,etc.
Contractual Services-$70,550.60	In alignment with quality authorizing standards, OCPS uses external reviewers for charter school application reviews, outside auditors to ensure procedural and financial compliance with District policies, and the Epicenter compliance monitoring platform (available August).
Dues and Fees-$2,500.00	(New)To support CCPS's authorizing responsibilities maintains a membership National Association of Charter School Authorizers, which provides ongoing professional development in charter authorizing best practices.
Other Purchased Services/Travel-$10,000.00	

	Travel expenses for professional development of CCPS staff (conferences, workshops, etc.)
Supplies/Equipment-$ 3,976.88	General supplies to carry out CCPS functions; computer equipment and related hardware, including computers for student testing backup
Professional Development Stipends-$1,000	PD Stipends

Other services and supports included, but were not limited to the following:

- **Information and Instructional Technology** – use of Infinite Campus
- **Legal** – Assistance on contract renewals and amendments Charter agreements; hearing support or legal findings.
- **Communications and Events** – Support for various communications-related matters (media inquiries, press releases) and inclusion in district wide events (Back to School Bash, board member visits to schools)