

FISCAL YEAR 2026 (FY26) ANNUAL AUTHORIZER FEE REPORT

The DeKalb County Board of Education (“DBOE” or “Board”) through the School Innovation Department in the Division of Access and Opportunity supports student success and school choice by authorizing charter schools that provide innovative, high-quality learning opportunities for students who reside in DeKalb County.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 20-02-2068.1, the District allocates funding for charter schools through the Quality Basic Education (QBE) funding formula. This code section outlines all requirements for the funding mechanism and contains guidelines on distribution of funds for charter schools.

DeKalb County School District (DCSD) funds its work as a charter school authorizer through the collection of an authorizer fee. In accordance with O.C.G.A 20-2-2089(b) the district, 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. For the most recently completed fiscal year, DCSD collected the following amount as an authorizer fee:

Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Authorizer Fee	Total Amount Collected
3% of State and Local Funding for Charter Schools	\$2,298,370.01

For FY2025, the District budgeted the authorizer fee on the following expenditures:

Description of Expenditure	Amount	Rationale for Expenditure
Salary and Benefits	\$2,840,752.61	DCSD fulfills its responsibilities as a charter school authorizer and provides in-kind services (as outlined in this Department Services Guide) through the direct allocation of personnel. The following School Innovation Department and Division of Student Services positions are funded, in whole or in part, through the authorizer fee: Director, School Innovation; Senior Manager, Charter Schools; Senior Auditor; Specialist II, Charter Schools; Special Education Coordinator, six Lead Teachers, Special Education; three School Psychologists; Technician II—School Innovation; and Administrative Assistant. The District also pays a portion of salaries for district employees dedicated to working directly with charter schools in every division across the District. These employees are identified by division in the Department Services Guide.
Contractual Services	\$13,450.00	The District contracts with Anvilar for its charter school compliance monitoring system. In alignment with Georgia and national authorizing standards, DCSD uses external reviewers for charter school application reviews.

Dues and Fees	\$8704.00	Dues and fees include registration costs for conferences, trainings, and workshops to support DCSD authorizing responsibilities and professional development in charter authorizing best practices.
Supplies & Equipment	\$1,550.05	General supplies are required to carry out District authorizer functions, including computer equipment and related hardware.
Travel	\$5286.77	In alignment with charter school authorizing standards and best practices, DCSD staff conduct site visits at its authorized charter schools. These site visits include classroom observations, staff and parent focus groups, compliance reviews for special populations and federal programs, and quarterly collaborative meetings. Additional expenses for professional development of DCSD staff include travel to conferences and workshops.
Total Expenditures	\$2,869,743.43	