

Commission Oversight Fee

MRS Title 20-A, Chapter 112. PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS §2405. Authorizers 5. Funding of authorizers states:

To cover costs for overseeing public charter schools in accordance with this chapter, an authorizer may:

- A. Expend its own resources, seek grant funds and establish partnerships to support its public charter school office and activities; and
- B. Charge up to 3% of annual per-pupil allocations received by each public charter school it authorizes. These funds must be used to cover the costs for an authorizer to oversee its public charter schools.

*Currently, the Commission takes 2.35% to cover oversight costs. **We are proposing a gradual annual increase to get to 3%.***

Background

The Commission last raised the oversight fee for the start of the 2021-22 school year. The Maine Department of Education finance team requires that we let them know in November about any proposed changes for the following school year. That timing does not match with the Commission's internal budgeting process. By establishing a "ramp up" to 3%:

- (1) Commission staff can plan for the budgeting process with a clear understanding of the revenue that the Commission has to work with;
- (2) Can give the information to the MDOE as required (*currently, staff has to give assumptions, and then pull them back if the Commission votes in May not to raise the fee*);
- (3) Gives schools clear guidelines about the oversight fee for their budget projections.

Here are 2 scenarios for consideration:

Using revenue figures for FY24 (\$719,991.56)

2.40%	FY25	\$735,310.53
2.45%	FY26	\$750,629.50
2.50%	FY27	\$765,948.47
2.55%	FY28	\$781,267.44
2.60%	FY29	\$796,586.41
2.65%	FY30	\$811,905.38
2.70%	FY31	\$827,224.35
2.75%	FY32	\$842,543.32
2.80%	FY33	\$857,862.29
2.85%	FY34	\$873,181.26
2.90%	FY35	\$888,500.23
2.95%	FY36	\$903,819.20
3.00%	FY37	\$919,138.17

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