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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
 (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

OMB No 1545-1150

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▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
 ▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning Jul 1, 2008, **and ending** Jun 30, 2009

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization CRESTONE CHARTER SCHOOL		D Employer identification number 84-1314538
		Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite		E Telephone number (719) 256-4907
		67487 COUNTY ROAD T		F Group Exemption Number ▶
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 CRESTONE CO 81131-0400		

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ N/A

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

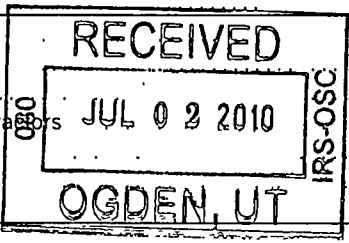
J Organization type (check only one) -- 501(c) (3) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 803,052.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

REVENUE	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	78,068.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	723,235.
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	1,749.
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (att sch)	5c	
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
	c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	b Less cost of goods sold	7b	
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8 Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8	
	9 Total revenue (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8)	9	803,052.
	EXPENSES	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10
11 Benefits paid to or for members		11	
12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		12	506,091.
13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		13	143,465.
14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		14	49,965.
15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		15	901.
16 Other expenses (describe ▶ See Other Expenses Statement)		16	157,761.
17 Total expenses (add lines 10 through 16)	17	858,183.	
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-55,131.	
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	107,649.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	52,518.



Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II)		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments		177,291.	123,638.
23 Land and buildings		0.	0.
24 Other assets (describe ▶ Security Deposit)		850.	850.
25 Total assets		178,141.	124,488.
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)		70,492.	71,970.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)		107,649.	52,518.

BAA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)		Expenses	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <u>See attached</u>		(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.			
28	<u>See attached</u>		
	(Grants \$ <u>0.</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28 a	608,735.
29			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29 a	
30			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30 a	
31	Other program services (attach schedule)		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31 a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	608,735.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. (List each one even if not compensated. See the instrs.)				
(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
ABBA JEPSEN 26996 COUNTY ROAD 65 MOFFAT CO 81143	CHAIRPERSON 5.00	0.	0.	0.
BILL ROBERTS P. O. BOX 880 CRESTONE CO 81131	VICE CHAIR 5.00	0.	0.	0.
CHERYL WASCHENKO P. O. BOX 444 CRESTONE CO 81131	SECRETARY 5.00	0.	0.	0.
STEVE WINN P. O. BOX 146 CRESTONE CO 81131	TREASURER 5.00	0.	0.	0.
NATASHA CARTER P. O. BOX 755 CRESTONE CO 81131	MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
GAYATRI MCCULLOCH P. O. BOX 603 CRESTONE CO 81131	MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
WILL MILES P. O. BOX 146 CRESTONE CO 81131	MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
MARIE-LOUIE BAKER P. O. BOX 490 CRESTONE CO 81131	MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
KATHRYN BRADY P. O. BOX 819 CRESTONE CO 81131	DIRECTOR 40.00	45,785.	11,476.	0.

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirement in General Instruction V.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
35 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
35 b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37 a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37 a 0.		
37 b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38 a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
38 b	If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38 b		
39	501(c)(7) organizations. Enter.		
39 a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39 a		
39 b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39 b		
40 a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ _____, section 4912 ▶ _____, section 4955 ▶ _____		
40 b	501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I 40 b		X
40 c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
40 d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
40 e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T. 40 e		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ _____		

42 a The books are in care of ▶ Moffat Consolidated School District #2 Telephone no. ▶ (719) 256-4907
 Located at ▶ 501 Garfield Avenue/ PO Box 428 Moffat CO ZIP + 4 ▶ 81143

		Yes	No
42 b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____		X
42 c	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____		X

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 |

		Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 45		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II
- 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
b If 'Yes,' was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?

	Yes	No
46		X
47		X
48	X	
49a		X
49b		

50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000				

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
Total number of other independent contractors receiving over \$100,000		

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here
 Signature of officer: Kathryn Brady Date: 6/23/10
 Type or print name and title: Kathryn Brady

Paid Preparer's Use Only
 Preparer's signature: LESLIE FLEMING L. Fleming Date: 06/23/10 Check if self-employed:
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: FLEMING & FLEMING LLC, CPA'S
P O BOX 94 EIN:
ALAMOSA CO 81101 Phone no: (719) 587-9593

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No
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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

To be completed by all section 501 (c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization: **CRESTONE CHARTER SCHOOL** Employer identification number: **84-1314538**

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) (see instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only one organization.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). (Attach Schedule H.)
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33-1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions – subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4). (see instructions)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I
 - b Type II
 - c Type III – Functionally integrated
 - d Type III – Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?		
(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?		
(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?		

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of Support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Schools

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▶ To be completed by organizations that answer 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

CRESTONE CHARTER SCHOOL

84-1314538

	YES	NO
1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	X	
2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	X	
3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it had no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If 'Yes,' please describe. If 'No,' please explain <u>Crestone Charter School is a public school covered by non-discriminatory State statutes CRS 22-35-104(3), CRS 24-34-601 and CRS 24-34-402. As a public K-12 school, scholarships are not awarded.</u>	X	
4 Does the organization maintain the following?		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	X	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?		X
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		X
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered 'No,' to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement) <u>No scholarships are awarded. As a public K-12 school, attendance is free.</u>	X	
5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to		
a Students' rights or privileges?		X
b Admissions policies?		X
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?		X
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?		X
e Educational policies?		X
f Use of facilities?		X
g Athletic programs?		X
h Other extracurricular activities? If you answered 'Yes,' to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)		X
6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	X	
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered 'Yes,' to either line 6a or line b, please explain using an attached statement.		X
7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If 'No,' attach an explanation.	X	

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16

Other Expenses Statement

Other expenses (describe)

TRAVEL	<u>31,595.</u>
TRAINING	<u>24,162.</u>
SUPPLIES	<u>88,440.</u>
TELEPHONE	<u>6,572.</u>
ADVERTISING	<u>2,358.</u>
INSURANCE	<u>2,556.</u>
OTHER	<u>2,078.</u>
Total	<u><u>157,761.</u></u>

Crestone Charter School (CCS)

Form 990EZ
June 30, 2009
Page 2, Part III

Primary Exempt Purpose

Crestone Charter School is a Kindergarten through 12th grade school educating students with alternative methods applicable to the learning process.

Accomplishments for the 2008-2009 School Year

Prepared by Kathryn Brady, Director

CCS saw enormous progress in educational achievement and capital improvements during the 2008-2009 school year.

- 3rd Grade Readers increased their proficiency by more than 50% from the previous year with the implementation of the “Guided Reading” approach by new instructor, Clancy Walsh.
- School-wide analysis of our students’ standardized test scores showed that 90% of our students measured proficient or advanced by state standards for Reading.
- Students participated in a number of individualized mentorships to increase their hands-on learning experiences and prepare them for collaboration, and post-secondary opportunities. A partial list of mentorships include:
 - French Language
 - Spanish Language
 - German Language
 - Latin
 - Band
 - Voice
 - Fashion Design
 - Drama
 - Visual Art
 - Archery
 - Snowboard and Ski Monarch mentorship
 - Kundalini Yoga
 - Hip-hop dance

- Science studies included plot work at the school's six hundred acre outdoor classroom in northern Saguache county Colorado, the R.O.C.K. (regional outdoor center for knowledge), a guided river rafting trip along the Ruby Horsethief River to study geologic formations, and hiking to North Crestone watershed to collect water samples and study micro-invertabrates.
- Secondary students made a weeklong, intensive mountain biking trip at the start of the year to Moab, Utah. Students learned how to maintain their bikes, change flat tires, and then spent a week biking and camping, practicing leave-no-trace camping ethic, in the red rock area of Utah. Challenging physical journeys at the start of the school year help the older students develop essential team-building skills that build throughout the year towards longer expeditions.
- High school students made an expeditionary trip to Costa Rica where they mapped the floor and canopy of a Cloud Forest alongside PhD biologists, made homestays in a remote mountain village accessible by four-wheel drive only, and practiced their Spanish language skills through immersion.
- Elementary students traveled to Mesa Verde in southern Colorado to visit Anasazi Ruins and the learning center for ancient culture, then incorporated traditional weaving skills along with local plant studies to make yucca rope, baskets and belts.
- Middle School students traveled to Philadelphia as a culmination of their American History studies, visiting the Liberty Bell, Constitution Hall, the theatre and art museums.
- The Governing Council's "New Facility Committee" working alongside of the staff and parent volunteers completed a one-hundred and forty page masterplan to submit to the Colorado Department of Education's Capital Construction department. The plan outlined the educational program of the school's sixteen-year history of experiential learning, detailed the condition of the current rental trailers and facilities and proposed an architectural program for the construction of a new school building that incorporates green, sustainable principles of design and construction. The plan, along with the grant proposal, was accepted and awarded a \$6 million grant from the CDE's BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) capital construction program.

For archival photographs of our 2008-2009 school year, or to see current pictures of Crestone Charter School students and activities, please visit our blog at www.crestonecharter.blogspot.com