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Form **990**  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)**

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**A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2013, 2013, and ending 06-30-2014**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC Doing Business As Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 20 JAY STREET NO 504 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code BROOKLYN, NY 11201	<b>D</b> Employer identification number 26-3282250 <b>E</b> Telephone number (347) 874-0640 <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 3,725,306
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer MORTON A BALLEEN 20 JAY STREET SUITE 504 BROOKLYN, NY 11201		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ WWW.EXPLORENETWORK.ORG		
<b>K</b> Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation 2008 <b>M</b> State of legal domicile NY

**Part I Summary**

<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO PROVIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING, BOARD GOVERNANCE, FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT, HUMAN RESOURCES AND OTHER MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES TO SCHOOLS					
<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets					
<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>		8		
<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>		7		
<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2013 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>		26		
<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>		0		
<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>		0		
<b>b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>		0		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>		<b>Current Year</b>		
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,746,776		1,164,836		
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	2,183,766		2,559,910		
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0		0		
	<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,357		560		
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	40,625		58,925		
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0		0		
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	2,260,647		2,520,285		
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0		0		
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 113,839					
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	861,404		759,365		
<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	3,162,676		3,338,575			
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	769,223		386,731			
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>			<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>		<b>End of Year</b>	
	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	2,691,620		2,974,146		
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	523,633		419,428		
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	2,167,987		2,554,718			

**Part II Signature Block**

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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	***** Signature of officer	2015-02-14 Date			
	MORTON A BALLEEN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Type or print name and title				
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name GUS SALIBA	Preparer's signature	Date 2015-02-14	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01243493
	Firm's name ▶ FRUCHTER ROSEN & COMPANY PC			Firm's EIN ▶ 06-1671819	
	Firm's address ▶ 156 WEST 56TH STREET SUITE 1804 NEW YORK, NY 10019			Phone no (212) 957-3600	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE ORGANIZATION IS A NEW YORK BASED, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CHARTER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION ITS MISSION IS TO CREATE AND SUPPORT A NETWORK OF K-8 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES THAT PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE ACADEMIC SKILLS AND CRITICAL THINKING ABILITIES THEY NEED TO SUCCEED IN A COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 1,600 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE NETWORK'S FOUR CHARTER SCHOOLS IN CENTRAL BROOKLYN TO REALIZE ITS MISSION, EXPLORE SCHOOLS PROVIDES VALUE ADDED SUPPORT TO THE SCHOOLS WITHIN THE NETWORK, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME DEVELOPING CAPACITY TO ESTABLISH AND SUPPORT TURNAROUND SCHOOLS THAT WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES WITH ACCESS TO A HIGH QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

**4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

**4a** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 741,718 including grants of \$ 19,692 ) (Revenue \$ 821,618 )  
 PROVIDED MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES TO EXPLORE CHARTER SCHOOL PER CONTRACT

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 577,042 including grants of \$ 15,349 ) (Revenue \$ 666,994 )  
 PROVIDED MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES TO EXPLORE EMPOWER CHARTER SCHOOL PER CONTRACT

**4c** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 500,808 including grants of \$ 13,028 ) (Revenue \$ 578,877 )  
 PROVIDED MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES TO EXPLORE EXCEL CHARTER SCHOOL PER CONTRACT

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 426,012 including grants of \$ 10,856 ) (Revenue \$ 492,421 )  
 PROVIDED MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES TO EXPLORE EXCEED CHARTER SCHOOL PER CONTRACT

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )  
 (Expenses \$ 426,012 including grants of \$ 10,856 ) (Revenue \$ 492,421 )

**4e Total program service expenses** 2,245,580

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		No
<b>4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		No
<b>5</b> Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		No
<b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>9</b> Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>11</b> If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>b</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>c</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>d</b> Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>f</b> Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
<b>b</b> Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		No
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		No
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		No
<b>17</b> Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)</i>		No
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		No
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

<b>21</b>	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> . . . . .	<b>21</b>	Yes	
<b>22</b>	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> . . . . .	<b>22</b>		No
<b>23</b>	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> . . . . .	<b>23</b>	Yes	
<b>24a</b>	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> . . . . .	<b>24a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .	<b>24b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	<b>24c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .	<b>24d</b>		
<b>25a</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>25a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>25b</b>		No
<b>26</b>	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If so, complete Schedule L, Part II</i> . . . . .	<b>26</b>		No
<b>27</b>	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> . . . . .	<b>27</b>		No
<b>28</b>	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
<b>a</b>	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28a</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b>	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28b</b>		No
<b>c</b>	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28c</b>		No
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .	<b>29</b>		No
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .	<b>30</b>		No
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>31</b>		No
<b>32</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> . . . . .	<b>32</b>		No
<b>33</b>	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>33</b>		No
<b>34</b>	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> . . . . .	<b>34</b>		No
<b>35a</b>	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<b>35a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .	<b>35b</b>		
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .	<b>36</b>		No
<b>37</b>	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	<b>37</b>		No
<b>38</b>	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	<b>38</b>	Yes	

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable. <b>1a</b> 30		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable. <b>1b</b> 0		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return. <b>2a</b> 26		
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	Yes	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		No
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
<b>4a</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)?		No
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
<b>6a</b>	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		No
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		No
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		No
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year. <b>7d</b>		
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		No
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		No
<b>7g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
<b>7h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
<b>9b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter		
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12. <b>10a</b>		
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities. <b>10b</b>		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter		
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders. <b>11a</b>		
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them). <b>11b</b>		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year. <b>12b</b>		
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
<b>13a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O. <b>13a</b>		
<b>13b</b>	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans. <b>13b</b>		
<b>13c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand. <b>13c</b>		
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		No
<b>14b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI . . . . . [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (8), 1b (7), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 17, 18, 19, 20.

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

• List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

• List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "

• List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

• List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

• List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JAY MCNAMARA BOARD CHAIRMAN	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) THEODORE GILLMAN VICE-CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) SHERRI LEE EISENPRESS TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(4) RUBEN ARIAS TREASURER	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) BRIAN COAD TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) STEPHEN COOK TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) RECY DUNN TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) MORTON A BALEN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	50 00	X		X				223,060	0	15,949
(9) SHAWN-ANN MULLEN CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	50 00			X				114,171	0	8,295
(10) ELIZABETH PAWLSON CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER	50 00			X				151,432	0	8,098
(11) KEITH VIGRAHAM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	50 00			X				134,285	0	8,716
(12) KEN BAUM CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER	50 00			X				212,993	0	7,584
(13) RICHARD SMYTH DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	50 00					X		100,858	0	4,808
(14) MARNI GREENSTEIN DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM	50 00					X		102,785	0	9,655



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . . <b>1a</b> _____					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . . <b>1b</b> _____					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . . <b>1c</b> _____					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . . <b>1d</b> _____					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) <b>1e</b> _____ 46,232					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above <b>1f</b> _____ 1,118,604					
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . <b>▶</b>		1,164,836			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> MANAGEMENT FEE _____ Business Code 541610	2,559,910	2,559,910			
	<b>b</b> _____					
	<b>c</b> _____					
	<b>d</b> _____					
	<b>e</b> _____					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue _____					
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . <b>▶</b>		2,559,910			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . <b>▶</b>					
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . . <b>▶</b>					
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . . <b>▶</b>					
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less rental expenses				
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)				
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . <b>▶</b>					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
		<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)				
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . . <b>▶</b>					
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . <b>a</b>					
		<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . . <b>▶</b>						
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . . <b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . . <b>▶</b>					
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . <b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . . <b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . . <b>▶</b>					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
<b>11a</b> OTHER REVENUE _____ Business Code 900099	560			560		
<b>b</b> _____						
<b>c</b> _____						
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . <b>▶</b>		560				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . . <b>▶</b>		3,725,306	2,559,910	0	560	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21	58,925	58,925		
<b>2</b>	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b>	Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b>	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	907,395	619,532	250,121	37,742
<b>6</b>	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b>	Other salaries and wages	1,274,613	870,253	351,346	53,014
<b>8</b>	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	31,568	21,553	8,702	1,313
<b>9</b>	Other employee benefits	156,371	106,764	43,104	6,503
<b>10</b>	Payroll taxes	150,338	102,643	41,441	6,254
<b>11</b>	Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b>	Management				
<b>b</b>	Legal	4,425		4,425	
<b>c</b>	Accounting	10,525		10,525	
<b>d</b>	Lobbying				
<b>e</b>	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b>	Investment management fees				
<b>g</b>	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	268,861	139,786	128,735	340
<b>12</b>	Advertising and promotion				
<b>13</b>	Office expenses	63,034	26,273	35,160	1,601
<b>14</b>	Information technology	119,871	101,891	17,980	
<b>15</b>	Royalties				
<b>16</b>	Occupancy	86,460	59,031	23,833	3,596
<b>17</b>	Travel				
<b>18</b>	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b>	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	75,158	56,181	17,061	1,916
<b>20</b>	Interest				
<b>21</b>	Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b>	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	37,514	25,613	10,341	1,560
<b>23</b>	Insurance	18,916		18,916	
<b>24</b>	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
<b>a</b>	RECRUITMENT	67,217	57,135	10,082	
<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b>					
<b>d</b>					
<b>e</b>	All other expenses	7,384		7,384	
<b>25</b>	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	3,338,575	2,245,580	979,156	113,839
<b>26</b>	<b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	2,484,664	<b>1</b>	2,659,956
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	72,279	<b>3</b>	162,978
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	21,979	<b>4</b>	27,093
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	28,471	<b>9</b>	38,498
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>10a</b> 162,534		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b> 95,591	65,549	<b>10c</b> 66,943
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	18,678	<b>15</b>	18,678
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	2,691,620	<b>16</b>	2,974,146	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	323,633	<b>17</b>	419,428
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	200,000	<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	523,633	<b>26</b>	419,428
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	1,717,987	<b>27</b>	2,213,051
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	450,000	<b>28</b>	341,667
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	2,167,987	<b>33</b>	2,554,718	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	2,691,620	<b>34</b>	2,974,146	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	3,725,306
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	3,338,575
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	386,731
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	2,167,987
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	2,554,718

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
<b>2a</b> Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
<b>2b</b> Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
<b>2c</b> If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
<b>3a</b> As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
<b>3b</b> If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**  
▶ **Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at**  
**[www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Name of the organization**  
EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

**Employer identification number**  
26-3282250

**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 (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box )

- 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 a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 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).**
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to 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 - Non-functionally integrated
- 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 it 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?  
  - (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 supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
<b>11g(i)</b>		
<b>11g(ii)</b>		
<b>11g(iii)</b>		

(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 monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
<b>Total</b>									

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	633,803	951,551	1,527,569	1,746,776	1,164,836	6,024,535
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	633,803	951,551	1,527,569	1,746,776	1,164,836	6,024,535
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						2,554,014
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						3,470,521

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	633,803	951,551	1,527,569	1,746,776	1,164,836	6,024,535
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	6,000	1,300	1,500	1,357	560	10,717
<b>11 Total support</b> (Add lines 7 through 10)						6,035,252

**12** Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) **12**

**13 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	57.500 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	60.960 %

**16a 33 1/3% support test—2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support test—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2013.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**18 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
<b>14 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2013</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2012</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% support tests—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

**Facts And Circumstances Test**

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2013

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b

Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions. Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

Employer identification number 26-3282250

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Line number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes rows for total number at end of year, aggregate contributions, aggregate grants, aggregate value, and questions about donor advised funds and grant purposes.

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Held at the End of the Year (2a-2d). Includes questions about conservation easement purposes, monitoring, and expenses.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Includes questions about reporting art and historical treasures for public service and financial gain.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** *(continued)*

**3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a**  Public exhibition
- b**  Scholarly research
- c**  Preservation for future generations
- d**  Loan or exchange programs
- e**  Other

**4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

**5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

**1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

	Amount
<b>1c</b>	
<b>1d</b>	
<b>1e</b>	
<b>1f</b>	

**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .					

**2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
  - b** Permanent endowment ▶
  - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶
- The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

**3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

	Yes	No
<b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations . . . . .	<b>3a(i)</b>	
<b>(ii)</b> related organizations . . . . .	<b>3a(ii)</b>	
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . .	<b>3b</b>	

**4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements . . . . .		11,810	881	10,929
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		128,758	81,635	47,123
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .		21,966	13,075	8,891
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . . .				66,943

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)		

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

**Part IX Other Assets.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

**Part X Other Liabilities.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1 (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
Federal income taxes	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	

**2.** Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	3,773,437
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	48,131	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .		<b>2e</b>	48,131
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	3,725,306
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line <b>1</b>			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .		<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total revenue Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	3,725,306

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	3,386,706
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	48,131	
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .		<b>2e</b>	48,131
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	3,338,575
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line <b>1</b> :			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .		<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total expenses Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	3,338,575

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE ORGANIZATION'S ACCOUNTING POLICY PROVIDES THAT A TAX EXPENSE OR BENEFIT FROM AN UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION MAY BE RECOGNIZED WHEN IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THE POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION, INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS OF ANY RELATED APPEALS OR LITIGATION PROCESSES, BASED ON THE TECHNICAL MERITS. THE ORGANIZATION HAS NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS RESULTING IN AN ACCRUAL OF TAX EXPENSE OR BENEFIT.



**Schedule I  
(Form 990)**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments and Individuals in the United States**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2013**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ **Attach to Form 990**

▶ **Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

Employer identification number

26-3282250

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . . .  Yes  No
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) EXPLORE CHARTER SCHOOL 655 PARKSIDE AVNEUE BROOKLYN, NY 11226	13-4124616	501(C)(3)	19,692	0	FMV	N/A	GENERAL OPERATING
(2) EXPLORE EMPOWER CHARTER SCHOOL 188 ROCHESTER AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11213	26-4411431	501(C)(3)	15,349	0	FMV	N/A	GENERAL OPERATING
(3) EXPLORE EXCEL CHARTER SCHOOL 1077 REMSEN AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11236	27-4092757	501(C)(3)	13,028	0	FMV	N/A	GENERAL OPERATING
(4) EXPLORE EXCEED CHARTER SCHOOL 433 ST MARKS AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11238	45-2646087	501(C)(3)	10,856	0	FMV	N/A	GENERAL OPERATING

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

<b>(a)</b> Type of grant or assistance	<b>(b)</b> Number of recipients	<b>(c)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(d)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(e)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(f)</b> Description of non-cash assistance

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	THE ORGANIZATION REMITTED GRANTS TO EXPLORE CHARTER SCHOOL, EXPLORE EMPOWER CHARTER SCHOOL, EXPLORE EXCEL CHARTER SCHOOL, AND EXPLORE EXCEED CHARTER SCHOOL THESE AMOUNTS WERE PROCEEDS FROM AN END OF YEAR E-MAIL APPEAL AND GRANTED TO THE SCHOOLS FOR GENERAL OPERATING USE THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC MONITORING OF THE FUND USAGE REQUIRED

**Schedule J  
(Form 990)**

**Compensation Information**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2013**

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.**

▶ **Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

Employer identification number

26-3282250

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

- 1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel            | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account           | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

**b** If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

**4** During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

**Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.**

**5** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

**6** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

**7** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**8** Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>4a</b>		No
<b>4b</b>		No
<b>4c</b>		No
<b>5a</b>		No
<b>5b</b>		No
<b>6a</b>		No
<b>6b</b>		No
<b>7</b>	Yes	
<b>8</b>		No
<b>9</b>		

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
<b>(1)</b> MORTON A BALLE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	(i)	212,660	10,400	0	8,244	7,705	239,009	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>(2)</b> ELIZABETH PAWLSON CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER	(i)	142,432	9,000	0	2,992	5,106	159,530	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>(3)</b> KEN BAUM CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER	(i)	200,993	12,000	0	0	7,584	220,577	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Part III Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II

Also complete this part for any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 7	EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC PAID OUT NON-FIXED PAYMENTS AS BONUS COMPENSATION TO MORTY BALEN, KENNETH BAUM AND ELIZABETH PAWLSON, BASED ON EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE

Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

OMB No 1545-0047

2013

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.

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

Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

Employer identification number

26-3282250

Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

Table with 4 columns: (a) Name of disqualified person, (b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization, (c) Description of transaction, (d) Corrected? (Yes/No)

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 . . . . . \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization . . . . . \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

Table with 9 columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship with organization, (c) Purpose of loan, (d) Loan to or from the organization (To/From), (e) Original principal amount, (f) Balance due, (g) In default? (Yes/No), (h) Approved by board or committee? (Yes/No), (i) Written agreement? (Yes/No)

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization, (c) Amount of assistance, (d) Type of assistance, (e) Purpose of assistance

**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) ELIZABETH PAWLSON	CHIEF OF STRATEGY	36,438	CONSULTING CONTRACT		No

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
SCH L, PART IV EXPLANATION	DURING THE YEAR, ELIZABETH PAWLSON WAS AN OFFICER AND TRANSITIONED TO A CONSULTANT FOR EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

**2013**

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**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**

**▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

**▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

Name of the organization  
EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

**Employer identification number**

26-3282250

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	<p>PRIOR TO ELECTION TO THE BOARD, AND THEREAFTER ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, ALL TRUSTEES ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE, IN WRITING, ANY INTEREST SUCH TRUSTEE MAY HAVE IN ANY CORPORATION, ORGANIZATION, PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER ENTITY WHICH PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR A FEE OR OTHER COMPENSATION, AND ANY INTEREST SUCH TRUSTEE MAY HAVE AS A RESULT OF A POSITION OR OTHER RELATIONSHIP WITH ANY NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION WITH WHICH THE ORGANIZATION HAS AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT OR OTHER BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP (COLLECTIVELY, A "CONFLICT OF INTEREST") ADDITIONALLY, THE ORGANIZATION SHARES ITS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY WITH OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES ANNUALLY, AND THESE EMPLOYEES ARE EXPECTED TO DISCLOSE IF AT ANY POINT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARISES</p>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	<p>THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE DOES A MARKET ANALYSIS TO COMPARE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITION SALARIES IN SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS AND IS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE APPROVAL FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE ORGANIZATION</p>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	<p>THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST</p>
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTING	<p>THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN AUDITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AN AUDIT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SELECTION OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETS WITH THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS TO REVIEW THE RESULT OF THE AUDIT</p>

Form **4562**  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service (99)

**Depreciation and Amortization**  
 (Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172  
**2013**  
 Attachment  
 Sequence No **179**

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC	Business or activity to which this form relates FORM 990 PAGE 10	<b>Identifying number</b>  26-3282250
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**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179**  
*Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.*

<b>1</b> Maximum amount (see instructions)	<b>1</b>	500,000
<b>2</b> Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	<b>3</b>	2,000,000
<b>4</b> Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	<b>5</b>	

<b>6</b>	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
<b>7</b>	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2012 Form 4562	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b>	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	<b>11</b>	
<b>12</b>	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	<b>12</b>	
<b>13</b>	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2014 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	<b>13</b>	

**Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.**

**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)**

<b>14</b> Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Other depreciation (including ACRS)	<b>16</b>	37,513

**Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)**

**Section A**

<b>17</b> MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2013	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2013 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System**

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
<b>19a</b> 3-year property						
<b>b</b> 5-year property						
<b>c</b> 7-year property						
<b>d</b> 10-year property						
<b>e</b> 15-year property						
<b>f</b> 20-year property						
<b>g</b> 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
<b>h</b> Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
<b>i</b> Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

**Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2013 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System**

<b>20a</b> Class life					S/L	
<b>b</b> 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
<b>c</b> 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

**Part IV Summary (see instructions.)**

<b>21</b> Listed property Enter amount from line 28	<b>21</b>	
<b>22 Total.</b> Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	<b>22</b>	37,513
<b>23</b> For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	<b>23</b>	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A-Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? 24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? 25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions) 26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use 27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use 28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1 29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1

Section B-Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles) 31 Total commuting miles driven during the year 32 Total other personal(noncommuting) miles driven 33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32 34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours? 35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person? 36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?

Section C-Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees? 38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners 39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use? 40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of vehicles, and retain the information received? 41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions) Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs (b) Date amortization begins (c) Amortizable amount (d) Code section (e) Amortization period or percentage (f) Amortization for this year 42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2013 tax year (see instructions) 43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2013 tax year 44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report