



2019-2020 SPONSOR ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS) is a statewide community school sponsor with a mission of being a student-centered organization, advocating excellence in education through strategic partnerships. During the 2019-2020 school year, OCCS sponsored 47 schools with a combined enrollment of over 30,000 students. With over 20 years of experience to draw upon, OCCS understands the importance of its role as a sponsor in monitoring academic, financial, organization and operational performance, and legal compliance, while promoting quality, transparency, and accountability among all schools.

OCCS uses various methods to evaluate the school's performance including published tests and other academic scores such as the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Local Report Card (LRC) and supporting data. OCCS regional representatives visit our partner schools regularly ensuring compliance with federal, state, and contractual requirements.

The OCCS Sponsor Annual Report evaluates and summarizes 2019-2020 performance and compliance of sponsored schools in four categories: Academic Performance, Financial Performance, Organization and Operational Performance, and Legal Compliance. The results of this monitoring for the 2019-2020 school year are published in the 2019-2020 OCCS Annual Report herein, also available after November 30 at www.ohioschools.org. The Annual Report fulfills the statutory reporting requirements of Ohio Law.

PERFORMANCE RATINGS

OCCS provides rigorous oversight, monitoring, and technical assistance to our sponsored schools. Our processes and protocols align to the standards set forth in the Ohio Community School Sponsor Evaluation. In the 2019-2020 school year, OCCS received ratings of Exceeds Expectations for both Compliance and Quality Practices categories.

Each contract executed by OCCS contains a Performance and Accountability Plan which sets out the performance standards and/or performance requirements to be measured annually in the four categories. Using the Performance and Accountability Plan as a guide for measures and goals, OCCS collects information monthly to determine how each school is performing in the four categories. OCCS Regional Representatives and other staff gather necessary data through a variety of activities and reports, including:

- Monthly on-site visits to schools, including two comprehensive site visits, and thorough tri-annual walk-throughs;

- Attendance at community school governing authority meetings, where Regional Reps report on compliance status and the findings during the school visits;
- Monthly financial reviews;
- Ongoing reviews of assessment data highlighting student achievement and growth;
- Ongoing reviews of state and federal law compliance, including special education, academics, operations, and finance;
- Ongoing technical assistance delivered by trained and experienced staff;
- Reviews of compliance documents electronically submitted to the OCCS compliance tracking database; and,
- Reviews of monthly reports from school leaders which detail student enrollment and withdrawals, number of students receiving special education services, suspensions, expulsions, staff changes, school events, and other data points.

OCCS uses the criteria described below to determine whether a school *Exceeds, Meets, or Did Not Meet* the expected performance level in each of the four required areas.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

OCCS rated each school's academic performance using information based on the following:

1. Objective and overall academic scores/ratings;
2. Comparison data; and/or,
3. Determinations of presence on state-mandated closure watch list due to academic underperformance.

Exceeds: The school receives this rating if the school's scores do not place it on the closure watch list and it meets the requirements in goal one for two consecutive years or receives a B or better in a given year.

Meets: The school receives this rating if the school's scores do not place it on the closure watch list and it meets the requirements in goal one or two for the current year.

Did Not Meet: The school receives this rating if the school's scores place it on the closure watch list or if it fails to meet the requirements in goals one and two for the current year.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

OCCS rated each school's financial performance using information from the following indicator areas:

1. Total margin (operating within available revenue resources);
2. Assets to liabilities;
3. Unplanned decrease in enrollment;

4. Five-year forecast review; and,
5. Audit results.

Exceeds: The school receives this rating if it meets the requirements for four out of five of the financial performance indicators for two consecutive years.

Meets: The school receives this rating if it meets the requirements for a majority of the financial performance indicators.

Did Not Meet: The school receives this rating if it fails to meet the requirements for a majority of the financial performance indicators.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION PERFORMANCE

OCCS rated the school's organization and operational performance based on combined information showing how successfully the governing authority executed its governance duties in the following indicator areas:

1. Conducted the required number of meetings;
2. Maintained the required number of members;
3. Fulfilled member training requirements;
4. Filed conflict of interest statements for all members annually; and,
5. Successfully completed the school mission-specific goal or the governing authority goal.

Exceeds: The school receives this rating if it meets the requirements in all five of the indicator areas for two consecutive years.

Meets: The school receives this rating if it meets the requirements in four of the five indicator areas.

Did Not Meet: The school receives this rating if it fails to meet the requirements in four of the five indicator areas.

LEGAL COMPLIANCE

OCCS rated the school's legal compliance based on how well the governing authority and school adhered to state and federal statutes and the community school contract using the following indicators:

1. A substantiated compliance rate of at least 96% as outlined by the Ohio Department of Education on the Community School Sponsor Evaluation;
2. A compliance rate of 96% for all applicable laws and rules as outlined by the Ohio Department of Education and OCCS.
3. Submission of the school's Annual Report by October 31;

4. Receiving a rating of “Needs Assistance” or better on Ohio’s Local Education Agency Special Education Performance Determination; and,
5. School safety plan and blueprint is appropriately submitted and filed with the Ohio Attorney General.

Meets: The school receives this rating if it meets the compliance rate for indicators one and two AND met the requirements of two of the last three indicators.

Did Not Meet: The school receives this rating if it fails to meet the compliance rate for indicators one OR two or fails to meet the requirements of two of the last three indicators.

SUMMARY

During the 2019-2020 school year, OCCS sponsored 47 community schools. OCCS is pleased to report that:

- 47 schools received a rating of *Meets* or better in four areas;
- 47 schools received a rating of *Meets* or better in three or more areas; and,
- 43 schools received a rating of *Exceeds* in at least one area.

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| School and IRN | Grade Levels | Academic Performance | Fiscal Performance | Organization and Operation | Legal Compliance |
|--|--------------|----------------------|--|---|------------------|
| Akron Preparatory School 013254 | K-8 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Alternative Education Academy 143396 | K-12 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Arts and College Preparatory Academy 143610 | 7-12 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Canton College Preparatory School 013255 | K-8 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Canton Harbor High School 000525 | 9-12 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Cascade Career Prep High School 008063 | 9-12 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Meets | Meets |
| Central Academy of Ohio 009164 | K-7 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Clay Avenue Community School 009181 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Meets | Meets |
| Cleveland Arts and Social Sciences Academy 007995 | K-8 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Cleveland College Preparatory School 012010 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Meets | Meets |

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| Cleveland Preparatory Academy 013199 | K-12 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Columbus Arts and Technology Academy 000557 | K-12 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Columbus Humanities, Arts and Technology Academy 000553 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Columbus Performance Academy 012011 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Columbus Preparatory Academy 000558 | K-12 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Columbus Preparatory and Fitness Academy 000952 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Dayton SMART Elementary School 014149 | K-6 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Foundation Academy 009192 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Global Ambassadors Language Academy 015737 | K-4 | Meets | Meets | Meets | Meets |

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| Great River Connections Academy 017233 | K-12 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Hope Academy Northwest Campus 000575 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| iLead Spring Meadows 015736 | K-8 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Lake Erie College Preparatory School 013132 | K-8 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Middletown Preparatory and Fitness Academy 143214 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Montgomery Preparatory Academy 017259 | K-8 | Meets | Meets | Meets | Meets |
| Mt. Healthy Preparatory and Fitness Academy 000953 | K-8 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School 011923 | K-12 | Meets | Meets | Meets | Meets |
| Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy 000511 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Ohio College Preparatory School 013253 | K-8 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |

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| Ohio Connections Academy, Inc. 000236 | K-12 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Ohio Digital Learning School 17643 | 9-12 | Meets | Meets | Meets | Meets |
| Ohio Virtual Academy 142950 | K-12 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Performance Academy of Eastland 010182 | K-8 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Riverside Academy 133678 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Skyway Career Prep High School 149302 | 9-12 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| South Scioto Academy 008281 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Southside Academy 012105 | K-8 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Springfield Preparatory and Fitness Academy 000510 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Stark High School 142901 | 9-12 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met all goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |

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| STEAM Academy of Warrensville Heights 013147 | K-8 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Stepstone Academy 013148 | K-3 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| SunBridge Schools 013175 | K-6 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Toledo Preparatory and Fitness Academy 000951 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Trotwood Preparatory and Fitness Academy 143206 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| University of Cleveland Preparatory School 012541 | K-8 | Meets | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Whitehall Preparatory and Fitness Academy 000509 | K-8 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |
| Wildwood Environmental Academy 000222 | K-12 | Meets | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Exceeds (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years) | Meets |