



Request for Proposal

Ohio Council of Community Schools

Contract Effective Date: July 1, 2026

School Opening Date: Fall 2026



OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP

Dear Prospective Partner:

Thank you for expressing interest in sponsorship with the Ohio Council of Community Schools (Council). Submission of this proposal is the first step in the application process. The deadline for submitting a proposal is July 1, 2025, although we strongly encourage you to complete and return it as soon as possible. When complete, please submit this document to the Council's Associate Executive Director of Development, Jason Wall (jason@ohioschools.org), who will follow-up.

Our chartering priority is to develop a robust portfolio of innovative, high-performing schools throughout the state. Our 2025-2026 new school development priority is to target and potentially open high schools with a career technical focus. We envision partnerships with organizations that effectively implement a variety of academic programs critical for meeting the unique needs of a variety of students.

The Council strives to be a leader in the national charter school movement, sponsoring 49 schools across Ohio. Additionally, the Council seeks opportunities to work with partners offering unique choices to students and families. This is why the Council is a proud sponsor of schools implementing a range of educational programs, including those with an emphasis on fitness, environmental studies, college preparatory academics, and project-based learning. The models are implemented through traditional bricks-and-mortar facilities, five statewide virtual schools, and dropout recovery and prevention programs intended to reach Ohio's most at-risk youth.

As the Council's lead contact for contract applications, please feel free to contact me through email at jason@ohioschools.org or by phone at (614) 545-8592. Thank you in advance for your time and interest in our sponsorship. We look forward learning more about your proposed school!

Best regards,

Jason Wall
Associate Executive Director of Development
Ohio Council of Community Schools 3131 Executive Parkway, Suite 306
Toledo, OH 43606



PROPOSAL – OPENING FALL 2026

Applicant Information

Lead Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Brief Biography:
(Not to exceed
250 words)

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Governing Authority Chairman Information

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Brief Biography:
(Not to exceed
250 words)

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Have you filed with the Ohio Secretary of State as a nonprofit corp?

Yes

No

Have you started IRS documents to become federally exempt?

Yes

No



Application history: Have you (or another member of the school's founding group) ever applied to another sponsor to open this proposed school or another charter school? Yes No

If so, have you had a charter application denied? Yes No

If so, which state and authorizer? State: _____ Authorizer: _____

Can you provide clean background checks? Yes No

Proposed School Information

School Name: _____

Opening Date: _____

Traditional District: _____

School Address: _____

Management Company Information

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Other Questions and Information

A. Number of Schools

How many schools are you proposing to open?

B. Mission

Describe the school's mission.

C. Model

Describe the proposed model (Bricks-and-mortar; virtual school; blended learning).



D. Grade Levels and Target Enrollment

Proposed Grades:	2026-2027:	2029-2030:
	2027-2028:	2030-2031:
	2028-2029:	
Target Enrollment:	2026-2027:	2029-2030:
	2027-2028:	2030-2031:
	2028-2029:	

E. School Overview

Provide a brief (500 words or less) description of the school model, especially innovative design elements that might require specific expertise to evaluate during the review process.

F. Student Population

Provide a brief description of the school's target population, and a needs assessment of the community the school intends to serve (e.g., Why are you proposing this school in this specific location? What is the existing school landscape in this community like?).

G. Quality

How do you define "quality"?

Existing Models

A. Replication

Is the proposed school a replication of an existing school model?

If yes, please continue with this section.

B. Track Record

List current schools operating in Ohio, including the sponsor(s).

List current schools operating in other states, including the authorizer(s).



Provide a brief description (250 words) of the achievement and academic growth of your current schools.

Has a school in your network ever been deemed unauditale, or had any findings for recovery? If yes, please describe.

Have you ever had a charter revoked, non-renewed, or had any disciplinary action (probation, corrective action plans) from your authorizer? If yes, please describe.

Provide website(s) of your management group, school network, and/or existing school(s).

Financial Information

A. Capacity

Describe the financial resources available for opening the school.

Have you, anyone in the management group, school network, and/or one of the existing school(s) ever filed for bankruptcy? If yes, please describe.