



# 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 school year, OCCS sponsored 46 schools with enrollment of over 30,000 students. With 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.

The OCCS Sponsor Annual Report evaluates and summarizes the 2018-2019 performance and compliance of sponsored schools in four categories: Academic Performance, Financial Performance, Organization and Operational Performance, and Legal Compliance. 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 with processes and protocols aligned to standards outlined in the Ohio Community School Sponsor Evaluation. In 2018-2019, OCCS received an overall rating of *Effective* on the evaluation.

OCCS collects information monthly to determine how each school is performing in the four performance 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 thorough tri-annual walkthroughs, with findings reported to the governing authority during the schools' public meetings;
- Attendance at community school governing authority meetings;
- 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;
- Reviews of monthly reports from school leaders submitted through the OCCS website, by detailing 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 exceeded, met, or did not meet the expected performance level in each of the four required areas.

## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

OCCS determined a school’s rating using multiple measures of academic performance and the school’s performance on the Local Report Card issued by the Ohio Department of Education.

OCCS rated each school’s academic performance by using an objective score and comparing the school’s performance with a designated comparison group. The comparison group is comprised of the local district school, two local district schools, and a group of three nearby community schools. Virtual schools and dropout prevention and recovery schools were compared with the other statewide virtual schools and drop-out prevention and recovery schools, respectively.

## RATINGS FOR GENERAL EDUCATION AND VIRTUAL SCHOOLS:

A school *Exceeds* the expected performance level if the school satisfied one of the following:

1. Received a C or better on the Overall School Grade for two consecutive years; or,
2. Received a B or better for the rating year.

A school *Meets* the expected performance level if the school satisfied one of the following:

1. Received a D or better in the School Grade;
2. Received a C or better in at least half of all applicable Local Report Card (LRC) components and measures of student performance; or,
3. When comparing all applicable LRC measures of student performance, the school was not outperformed by 50% of the comparison group in 50% of those graded areas.

A school *Did Not Meet* the expected performance level if:

1. Academic performance was below the standards; or,
2. LRC scores caused the school to close; or,
3. LRC scores caused the school to be on the Watch List for closure.

## RATINGS FOR DROP-OUT PREVENTION AND RECOVERY SCHOOLS

A school *Exceeds* the expected performance level if the school satisfied one of the following:

1. Received an overall rating of *Meets Standards* or better for three consecutive years; or,
2. Achieved an overall rating of *Exceeds Standards* for two consecutive years.

A school *Meets* the expected performance level if the school satisfied one of the following:

1. Received a School Rating of *Meets Standards*;
2. Received a School Rating of *Meets Standards* or better in at least half of the component areas; or,
3. When comparing all applicable LRC measures of student performance, the school was not outperformed by 50% of the Comparison Group in 50% of those areas.

A school *Did Not Meet* the expected performance level if:

1. The academic performance was below the standards; or,
2. LRC scores caused the school to close; or,
3. LRC scores caused the school to be on the Watch List for closure.

## RATINGS FOR FISCAL PERFORMANCE

OCCS rated each school's Fiscal Performance using information from the following Measurement Standards:

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.

A school *Exceeds* the expected performance level if it meets the OCCS Measurement Standards (above) in four of the five areas for more two consecutive years.

A school *Meets* the expected performance level if it meets the OCCS Measurement Standards in a majority of the areas.

A school *Did Not Meet* the expected performance level if it did not meet the OCCS Measurement Standards in a majority of the areas.

## RATINGS FOR ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

OCCS rated the school's organization and operational performance based on combined information showing how successfully the governing authority executed its governance duties under the contract. OCCS considered whether the governing authority:

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.

A school *Exceeds* the expected performance level if its governing authority executes its governance duties in all five indicator areas for two consecutive years.

A school *Meets* the expected performance level if its governing authority executes its governance duties in four of the five indicators.

A school *Did Not Meet* the expected performance level if its governing authority fails to meet the standards.

## RATINGS FOR LEGAL COMPLIANCE

OCCS rated the school's legal compliance based on adherence to the following:

1. State and federal law;
2. Community school contract; and,
3. Compliance requirements from the Sponsor Evaluation.

A school will have met expectations if it achieves the following:

1. 96% compliance rate with all applicable laws and rules identified by the Ohio Department of Education as outlined in the Community School Sponsor Evaluation.
2. 96% compliance rate on all applicable laws and rules as outlined by ODE 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.

A school *Meets* the expected performance level if it meets the compliance rate for indicators one and two AND met the requirements of two of the last three indicators.

A school is rated *Did Not Meet* expectations if it fails to meet the standard.

## SUMMARY

During the 2018-2019 school year, OCCS sponsored 46 community schools. OCCS is pleased to report that:

36 schools received a rating of *Meets* or better in all four areas; and,

46 schools received a rating of *Meets* or better in three or more areas.

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School and IRN	Grade Levels	Academic Performance	Fiscal Performance	Organization and Operation	Legal Compliance
Akron Preparatory School 013254	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Alternative Education Academy 143396	K-12	<b>Did Not Meet</b> (Closure Watch List)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Arts and College Preparatory Academy 143610	9-12	<b>Exceeds</b> (C or better for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Canton College Preparatory School 013255	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Canton Harbor High School 000525	9-12	<b>Did Not Meet</b> (Closure Watch List)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Cascade Career Prep High School (fka Life Skills Center of North Akron) 008063	9-12	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Central Academy of Ohio 009164	K-6	<b>Did Not Meet</b> (Report Card Data and Comparison Group)	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>
Clay Avenue Community School 009181	K-8	<b>Did Not Meet</b> (Closure Watch List)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>
Cleveland Arts and Social Sciences Academy 007995	K-8	<b>Did Not Meet</b> (Closure Watch List)	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>

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Cleveland College Preparatory School 012010	K-8	<b>Exceeds</b> (C or better for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>
Cleveland Preparatory Academy 013199	K-12	<b>Did Not Meet</b> (Closure Watch List)	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Columbus Arts and Technology Academy 000557	K-12	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Columbus Humanities, Arts and Technology Academy 000553	K-8	<b>Exceeds</b> (C or better for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Columbus Performance Academy 012011	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Columbus Preparatory Academy 000558	K-12	<b>Exceeds</b> (B or better)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Columbus Preparatory and Fitness Academy 000952	K-8	<b>Exceeds</b> (C or better for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Dayton SMART Elementary School 014149	K-5	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Foundation Academy 009192	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>

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Global Ambassadors Language Academy 015737	K-2	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>
Great River Connections Academy 017233	K-12	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>
Hope Academy Northwest Campus 000575	K-8	<b>Exceeds</b> (C or better for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>
iLead Spring Meadows 015736	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>
Lake Erie College Preparatory School 013132	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Middletown Preparatory and Fitness Academy 143214	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Montgomery Preparatory Academy 017259	K-8	<b>Did Not Meet</b> (Report Card Data and Comparison Group)	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>
Mt. Healthy Preparatory and Fitness Academy 000953	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School 011923	K-12	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>



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Northland Preparatory and Fitness Academy 000511	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Ohio College Preparatory School 013253	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Ohio Connections Academy 000236	K-12	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Ohio Virtual Academy 142950	K-12	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Performance Academy of Eastland 010182	K-8	<b>Exceeds</b> (B or better)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Riverside Academy 133678	K-8	<b>Did Not Meet</b> (Report Card Data and Comparison Group)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Skyway Career Prep High School (fka Life Skills Center of Toledo) 149302	9-12	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
South Scioto Academy 008281	K-8	<b>Exceeds</b> (C or better for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Southside Academy 012105	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>

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Springfield Preparatory and Fitness Academy 000510	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Stark High School (fka Stark College & Career High School) 142901	9-12	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
STEAM Academy of Warrensville Heights 013147	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Stepstone Academy 013148	K-2	<b>Exceeds</b> (B or better)	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
SunBridge Schools 013175	K-6	<b>Did Not Meet</b> (Closure Watch List)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Toledo Preparatory and Fitness Academy 000951	K-8	<b>Exceeds</b> (B or better)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Trotwood Preparatory and Fitness Academy 143206	K-8	<b>Exceeds</b> (B or better)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
University of Cleveland Preparatory School 012541	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Did Not Meet</b> (Operating outside revenue; Enrollment; Liabilities > Assets)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>

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Whitehall Preparatory and Fitness Academy 000509	K-8	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>
Wildwood Environmental Academy 000222	K-12	<b>Meets</b>	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met 4 of 5 goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Exceeds</b> (Met all goals for two consecutive years)	<b>Meets</b>