

Significantly Expanded Community School Notification For School Year 2017-2018

Pursuant to federal statute and regulation, the Ohio Department of Education is responsible for ensuring that community schools that open for the first time or significantly expand their enrollment receive the proportionate amount of federal formula funds to which they are entitled.

To be considered for reallocation, a community school must meet Ohio's definition of Significant Expansion (34 C.F.R. 76.787). This means that the community school's sponsor must notify the Department through EpiCenter by Sept. 1, 2017, that the community school will:

A. Add one or more grade level(s) -OR- add an educational program(s) in core academic subject areas,

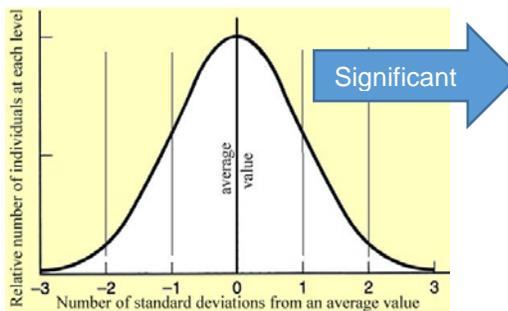
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B. Plan to significantly increase enrollment.

The definition of significant growth is growth of more than one standard deviation above the average community school percentage growth identified for the prior school year.

For example, the average (mean) growth of community schools in the 2016 school year was 14.4 percent, with a standard deviation of 19.2 percentage points. One standard deviation above the mean equates to growth of 33.6 percent. By this standard, 18 community schools experienced significant growth in enrollment in the 2015-2016 school year.

**The calculation of significant growth includes only community schools that experienced growth in the most recent school year for which there are final enrollment data. The Department uses final enrollment FTE to determine significant growth.*



Core academic subject areas include English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, geography and physical education [Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-01 (B)(13)].

To qualify for the addition of an educational program(s), the community school must provide a rationale and description of each course added. The Department will evaluate each community school that submits a notification of the expansion to make sure the school added the corresponding grade level(s) or education program(s) and met the increase in enrollment to be considered for reallocation as Significantly Expanded. The Department encourages community schools to submit documentation in EpiCenter that supports the rationale and provides additional details on the additional educational program(s).

The addition of one or more grade level(s) must not be due to the normal progression of existing students to qualify for Significantly Expanded. The addition of one or more grade levels includes the addition of a preschool or kindergarten class.



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In addition to this form, the community school must submit an updated educational plan through EpiCenter.

Name of school: _____ School's IRN: _____

Name of sponsor: _____ Sponsor's IRN: _____

Effective date of expansion: _____

Type of growth must be one of the following: Check all that apply.

- Addition of one or more grade level(s)
 - Grade level(s) added

- Addition of an educational program(s) in core academic subject areas
 - Provide rationale and description of each course added in core academic subject areas. Submit documentation to support rationale and description, if necessary.

AND

- Plans to significantly increase enrollment by the effective date.

Submitting this notification is not guarantee of funding but is a notification to the Ohio Department of Education about the community school's intention to significantly expand and requests that the Significant Expansion Committee does a data review. The significant expansion must occur before Feb.1 of each year.

Note: The sponsor must submit this form to EpiCenter by Sept. 1, 2017. Forms submitted by Sept. 1, 2017, will be considered in the first allocation window. Forms received after that date will be reviewed in the second allocation window.

Sponsor and School Affirmations

We, representatives of the above sponsor and community school, are affirming to the Department that the school listed above meets the Ohio definition of Significant Expansion (34 C.F.R 76.787). We further affirm that the contract between the sponsor and community school aligns with the information provided. Finally, we affirm that we will submit accurate, actual enrollment data in EMIS and will maintain these data throughout the 2017-2018 school year. We acknowledge that if the school submits inflated enrollment, the school may be required to reimburse the Department for excess funds received.

Sponsor's Signature

Print Name

Date

Superintendent's Signature

Print Name

Date