Overview of the 2016-2017 Community School Sponsor Evaluation Process

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Sponsor Evaluation Process

Purpose

- Assist the Department in providing oversight and technical assistance to sponsors
- Improve the quality of sponsor practices
- Improve community school operations and academic performance

Sponsor Evaluations (ORC 3314.016)

Three Equally-Weighted Components

- Academic performance
- Compliance with all laws and rules
- Adherence to quality practices

2016-2017 Sponsor Evaluations

Which sponsors are being evaluated?

- Any sponsor that is currently sponsoring a school

2016-2017 Sponsor Evaluations

Differences from the 2015-2016 sponsor evaluations:

- Academic Performance
  - No differences

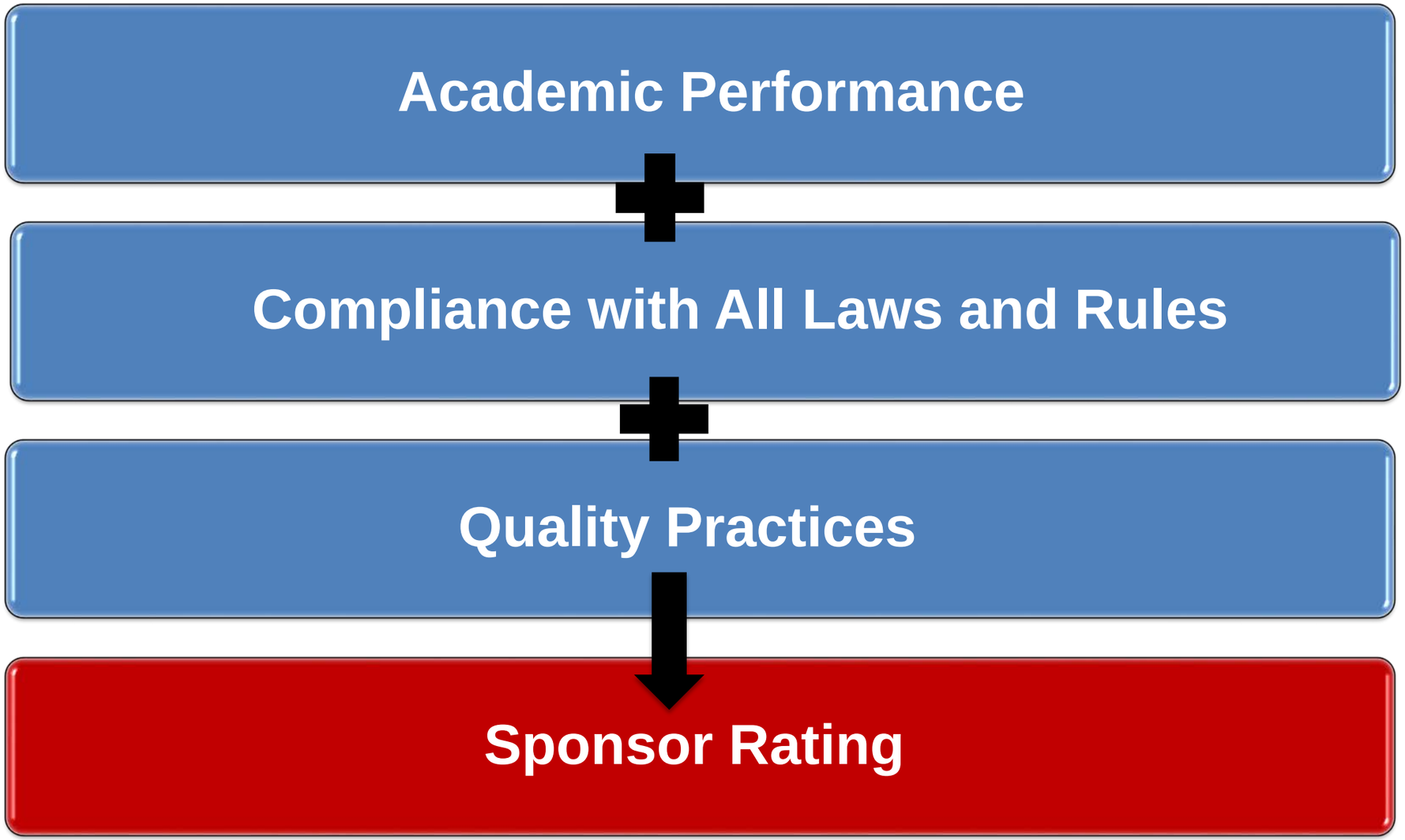
- Compliance with all laws and rules
  - Updated spreadsheet for ease of use

2016-2017 Sponsor Evaluations

Differences from the 2015-2016 sponsor evaluations (continued):

- Quality Practices
  - Updated and streamlined the quality rubric
  - Improved the document upload process in Epicenter

Overall Sponsor Rating

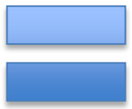


Combined Components for 2016-2017 Overall Sponsor Rating

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE		
Report Card Grade (or Equivalent)	Dropout Recovery Report Card Rating	Points
A	Exceeds	4
B		3
C	Meets	2
D		1
F	Does Not Meet	0

COMPLIANCE	
Compliance Rating	Points
Exemplary	4
Effective	2
Ineffective	0

QUALITY PRACTICE	
Overall Quality Rating	Points
Exceeds Standards	4
Meets Standards	3
Progressing Toward Standards	2
Below Standards	1
Significantly Below Standards	0



Overall Points	Sponsor Rating
10, 11, 12	Exemplary
7, 8, 9	Effective
3, 4, 5, 6	Ineffective
0, 1, 2	Poor

Overall Sponsor Rating for 2016-2017

Overall Points	Sponsor Rating
10, 11, 12	**Exemplary**
7, 8, 9	**Effective**
3, 4, 5, 6	**Ineffective**
0, 1, 2	**Poor**

Overall Sponsor Rating for 2016-2017

- If the sponsor scores 0 points on one of the three components, then the overall rating cannot be better than “Ineffective”

- If the sponsor scores 0 points on two of the three components, then the overall rating cannot be better than “Poor”

Calculating 2016-2017 Overall Rating & Score

Example 1: Sponsor A

- Has 3 community schools in its portfolio
- Academic performance rating of “C”
- Compliance rating of “Exemplary”
- Quality practice rating of “Meets Standards”

Calculating 2016-2017 Overall Rating & Score

Sponsor A

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE	
Rating	Points
A	4
B	3
C	2
D	1
F	0

COMPLIANCE	
Rating	Points
Exemplary	4
Effective	2
Ineffective	0

QUALITY PRACTICE	
Overall Quality Rating	Points
Exceeds Standards	4
Meets Standards	3
Progressing Toward Standards	2
Below Standards	1
Significantly Below Standards	0

2 + 4 + 3

Calculating 2016-2017 Overall Rating & Score

Sponsor A

Overall Points	Sponsor Rating
10, 11, 12	Exemplary
7, 8, **9**	Effective
3, 4, 5, 6	Ineffective
0, 1, 2	Poor

Calculating 2016-2017 Overall Rating & Score

Example 2: Sponsor B

- Has 5 community schools in its portfolio
- Academic performance rating of “B”
- Compliance rating of “Exemplary”
- Quality practice rating of “Significantly Below Standards”

Calculating 2016-2017 Overall Rating & Score

Sponsor B

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE	
Rating	Points
A	4
B	3
C	2
D	1
F	0

COMPLIANCE	
Rating	Points
Exemplary	4
Effective	2
Ineffective	0

QUALITY PRACTICE	
Rating	Points
Exceeds Standards	4
Meets Standards	3
Progressing Toward Standards	2
Below Standards	1
Significantly Below Standards	0

3 + 4 + 0

Calculating 2016-2017 Overall Rating & Score

Sponsor B

Overall Points	Sponsor Rating
10, 11, 12	Exemplary
7, 8, 9	~~Effective~~
3, 4, 5, 6	Ineffective
0, 1, 2	Poor

Sponsor Evaluation Outcomes

Outcomes of Sponsor Evaluation Ratings

- **Determines eligibility to sponsor any new or additional community schools**

- **Impacts Department decisions about:**
    - Renewal of sponsorship agreements;
    - Sponsorship application and approval; and
    - Revocation of sponsorship.

Overall Sponsor Evaluation Performance Ratings

- Exemplary
- Effective
- Ineffective
- Poor

Outcomes for an Exemplary Rating

- May sponsor new or additional community schools
- Sponsored community schools may apply for a Charter School Program (CSP) Grant*

*Additional risk factors may apply

Outcomes for an Exemplary Rating

Exemplary for two or more consecutive years

Sponsor may participate in the following incentives:

- Renewal of sponsorship agreement with the Department
- Ability to extend contract term with school beyond the term included in agreement with the Department
- Exemption from preliminary agreement and contract adoption and execution deadline requirements

Outcomes for an Exemplary Rating

Exemplary for two or more consecutive years (continued)

- Exemption from automatic contract expiration requirement if a new school fails to open by Sept. 30 of the year in which the contract is executed
- No limit on the number of community schools sponsored
- No territorial restrictions on sponsorship*

*May be subject to other statutory provisions

Outcomes for an Effective Rating

- May sponsor new or additional community schools
- Sponsored community schools may apply for a Charter School Program (CSP) Grant*

*Additional risk factors may apply

Outcomes for an Ineffective Rating

- Cannot sponsor any new or additional community schools

- Must develop a quality improvement plan with the Department

Outcomes for an Ineffective Rating

Ineffective for three consecutive years

- Sponsorship revocation
- Sponsor may appeal the revocation within 30 days of receiving the rating
- Revocation will not occur until the appeal process is finished

Outcomes for a Poor Rating

- Sponsorship revocation
- Sponsor may appeal the revocation within 30 days of receiving the rating
- Revocation will not occur until the appeal process is finished

Sponsorship Revocation

- Schools are assumed by the Office of School Sponsorship (OSS) at the Department for the remainder of the school year

- OSS may continue to sponsor the schools for up to two years from sponsor revocation or until the schools find a new sponsor, whichever comes first

2016-2017 Sponsor Evaluation Results

Available on the Department website between **October 1** and **October 15, 2017**

Submitting Documentation for the Sponsor Evaluation

Document Submission

- Documents must be uploaded into Epicenter
- Required submission types will be listed in the sponsor's task queue
- Use correct submission type

*A submission type is the title given to a request for documentation within the Department's online platform, Epicenter.

Document Submission

Document submission windows:

- Academic Performance: None
- Compliance: February 3 – June 30
- Quality Practice: February 3 – April 30

Document Submission

Sponsors can replace documents in Epicenter (if needed) until the document submission window closes

Once the window closes, documents cannot be added, replaced, or removed

Document Submission

Please make sure that:

- All confidential, personally identifiable information (e.g. address, phone number, SSN, etc.) is removed or redacted prior to uploading
- Student and parent names are removed or redacted
- No school safety plans are uploaded
- Uploaded files can be opened and are easy to read

2016-2017 Sponsor Evaluations

- Maintain the rigor of the 2015-2016 process while streamlining the evaluation tools and improving ease of use

- Updated evaluation tools and process based on public comments and stakeholder feedback

Technical Assistance

Contact your assigned evaluation consultant at the Department if you have any questions regarding the sponsor evaluation process

Accessing the Sponsor Evaluations

Accessing Sponsor Evaluations

- Through Ohio Department of Education website
- Through Epicenter

Accessing Sponsor Evaluations

1) Through Ohio Department of Education website

- On home page, enter “sponsor ratings” in the Search box and click the Search button
- Click on the first link listed under Search Results
- You should now be on the **Overall Sponsor Ratings** page
- Scroll down the page and click on your sponsor name to access your sponsor evaluation information

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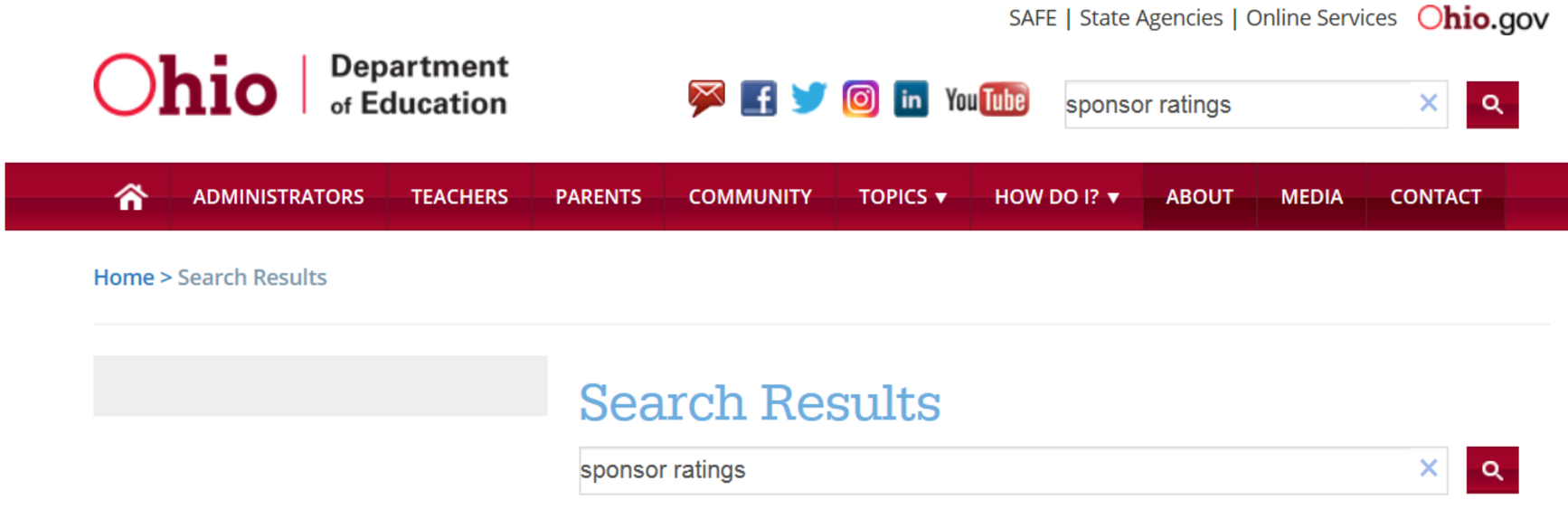

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QUICK LINKS

» Overall Sponsor Ratings
» Sponsor Rules
» Sponsor Evaluation Tools

Overall Sponsor Ratings

The Ohio Department of Education, with input from the stakeholders, the National Association of Charter School Authorizers and an impartial panel of experts, has created one of the most comprehensive sponsor evaluation systems in the country—which will lead to more high-quality options for Ohio students. The evaluation system, and other measures in Ohio's charter school reform law, significantly strengthen the accountability structures that govern Ohio's charter schools, state oversight of sponsors and operator transparency.

The three components of the framework are:

» Alignment of academic performance to Ohio's report card;
» Compliance with laws and administrative rules; and
» Adherence to quality sponsor practice

What's a Sponsor? - A sponsor has the authority (ability) to establish a community school. Sponsors ensure that schools adhere to their contracts, and they make important decisions, such as whether to renew contracts with community schools. They also provide oversight and technical assistance.

What's a Community School? - Community schools, which are often called charter schools nationally and in other states, are public schools created in Ohio law; are independent of any school district; and are part of the state's education program. Community schools are public schools of choice and are state and federally funded.

Accessing Sponsor Evaluations

Summary Result Files

COMPONENT	SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015	SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016
Overall Rating	Results	Results
Academic Performance	Results	Results
Compliance	Sponsor Compliance Summary	• Sponsor Compliance Summary • Sponsor Compliance Detail • Sampled Schools Compliance Summary • Sampled Schools Compliance Detail • Report Only Schools Compliance Summary • Report Only Schools Compliance Detail
Quality Practices	Results	Results

Details regarding how the evaluation scores were calculated

SCHOOLS EXCLUDED FROM ACADEMIC CALCULATION FILES

» **2014-2015:** Schools Not Open More Than Two Years | Schools Statutorily Excluded from

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Sponsor Results

Who sponsored my school in: 2014-2015 | 2015-2016

- Auglaize County ESC
- Barnesville Exempted Village
- Bowling Green State University
- Buckeye Community Hope Foundation
- Buckeye Local
- Cardington-Lincoln Local
- Cincinnati City
- Cleveland Municipal
- Coshocton City
- Cuyahoga Falls City
- Dayton City
- Educational Resource Consultants of Ohio
- ESC of Central Ohio
- ESC of Lake Erie West
- Fairborn City
- Field Local
- Findlay City
- Franklin Local
- Groveport Madison Local
- Hamilton Local
- Jackson City
- Jefferson County ESC
- Kids Count of Dayton, Inc.
- Mercer County ESC
- Miamisburg City
- Mid-Ohio ESC
- Montgomery County ESC
- Mount Gilead Exempted Village
- New Philadelphia City
- Newark City
- North Central Ohio ESC
- Northmont City
- Norwood City
- Office of School Sponsorship
- Ohio Council of Community Schools
- Oregon City
- Pickerington Local
- Pleasant Local
- Reynoldsburg City
- Richland Academy
- Ridgedale Local
- Rittman Exempted Village
- Rolling Hills Local
- Scioto County Career Technical Center
- Southwest Licking Local
- St. Aloysius Orphanage

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2) Through Epicenter

- Sign into your Epicenter account
- Click the **Document Center** link
- On the Document Center Search page, enter the submission type into the Search box
- Click the Search button
- The selected sponsor evaluation documents should now be showing

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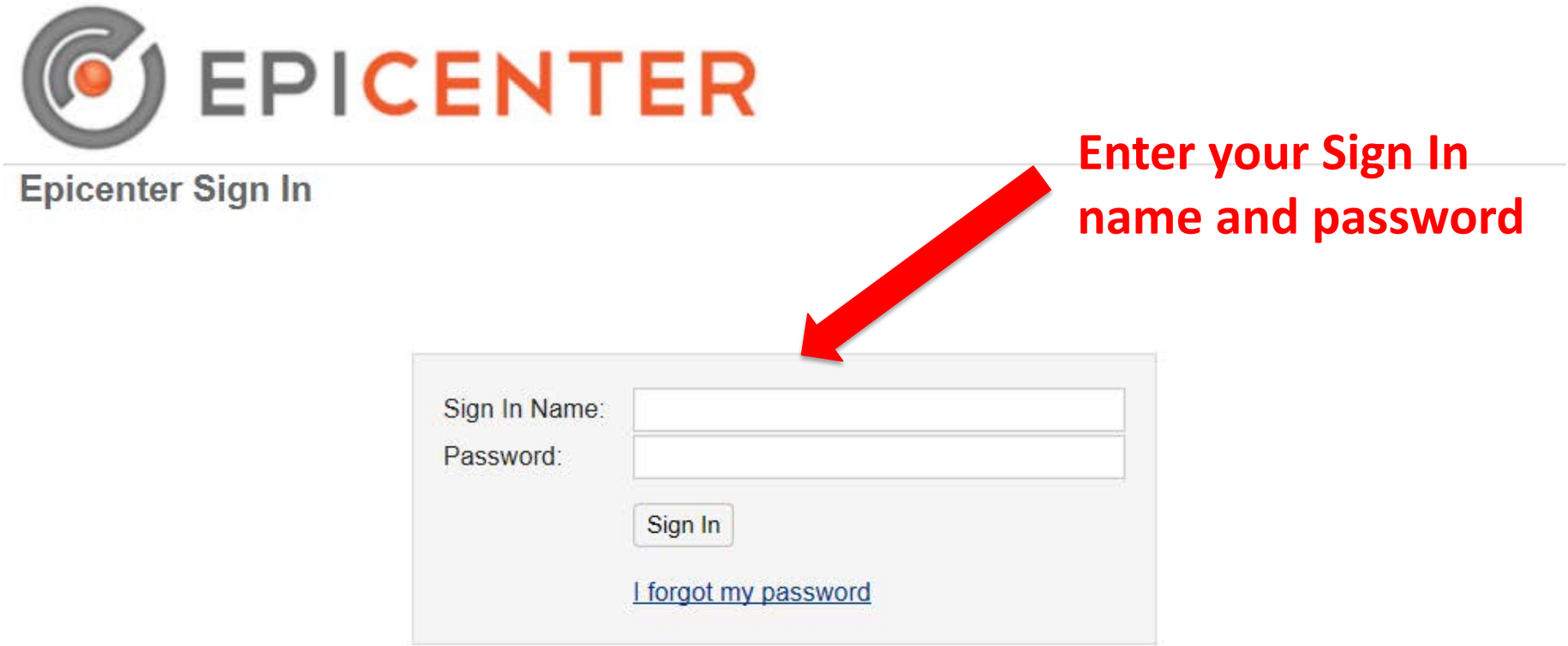

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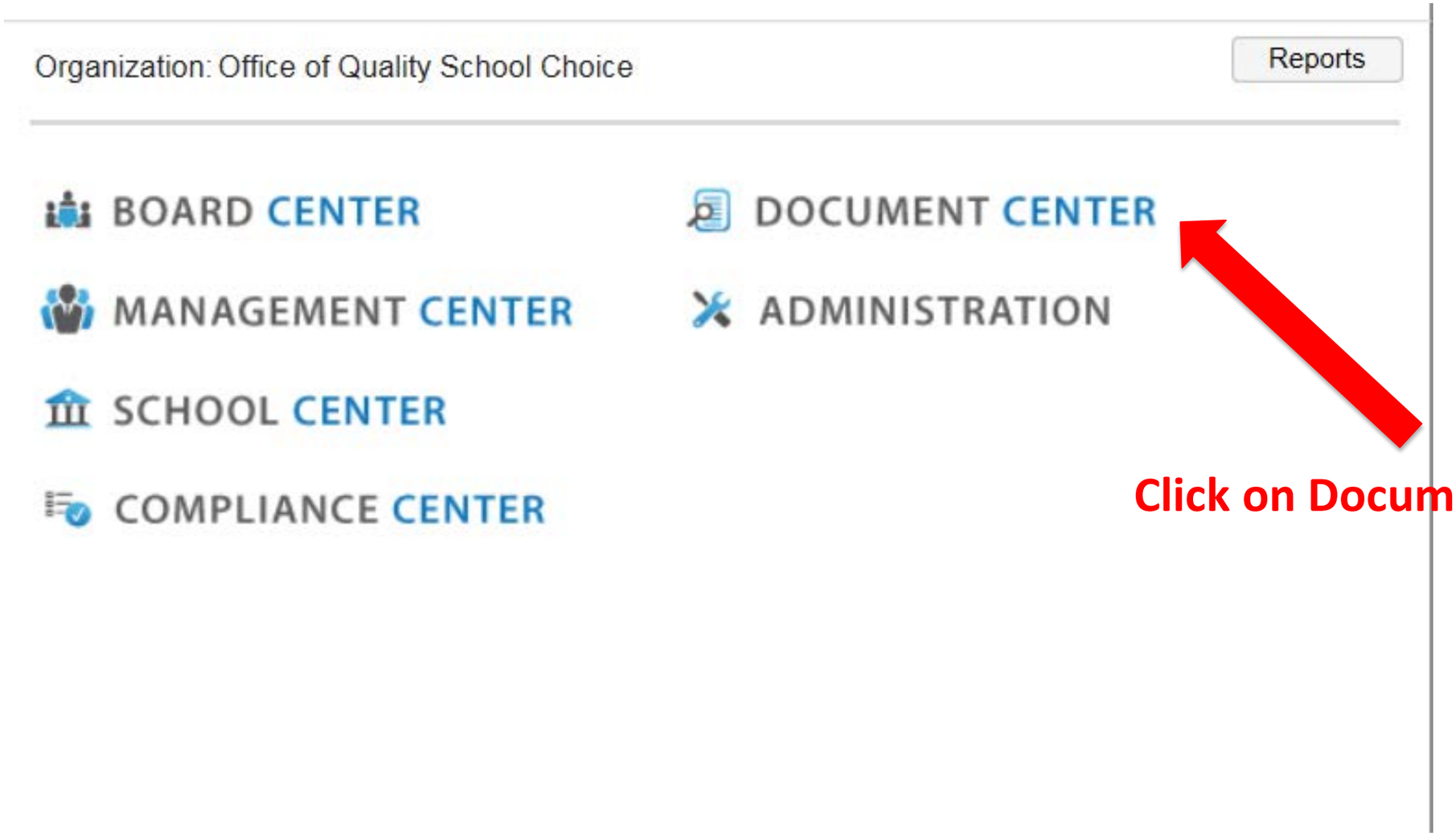

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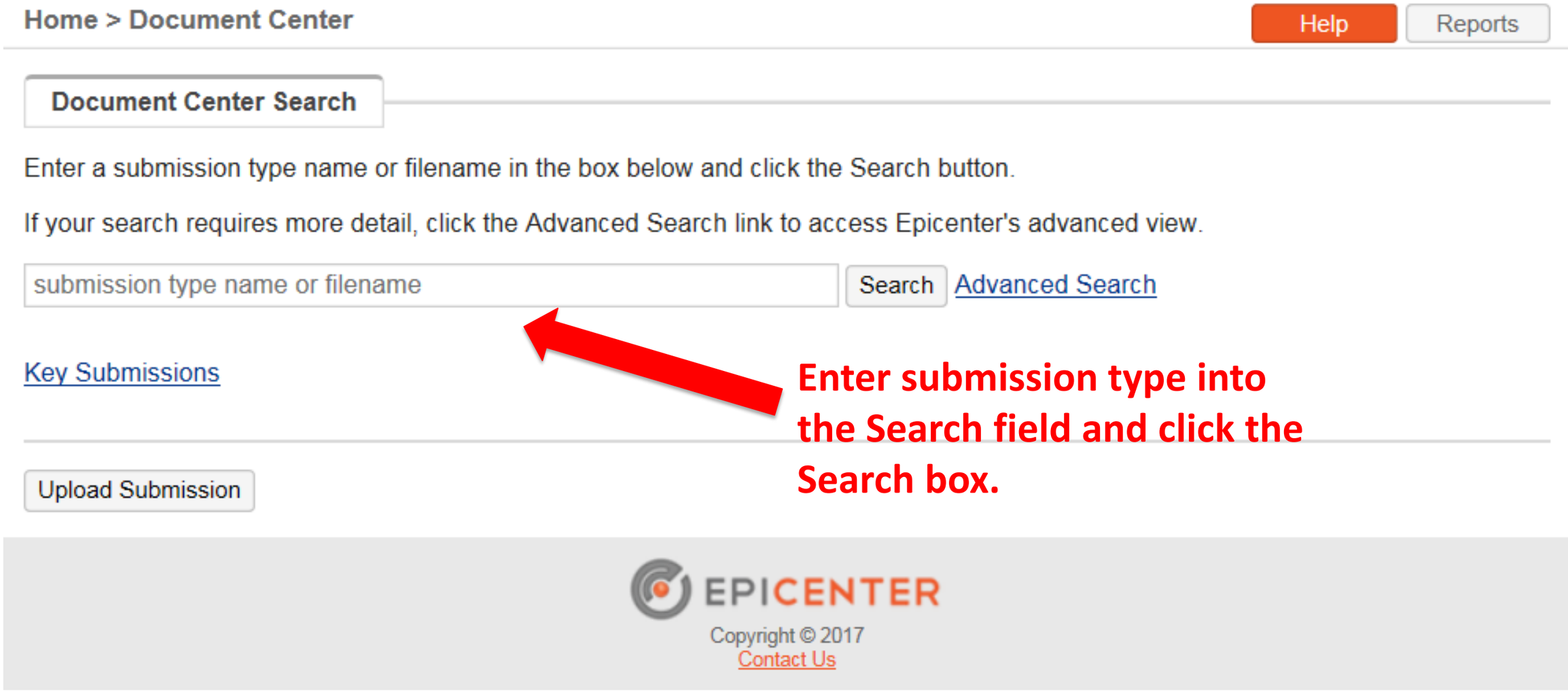

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Submission Types for Sponsor Evaluations

- Sponsor Rating
- Sponsor Evaluation Letter
- Quality Practices Rubric
- Compliance Component Results - Sponsor

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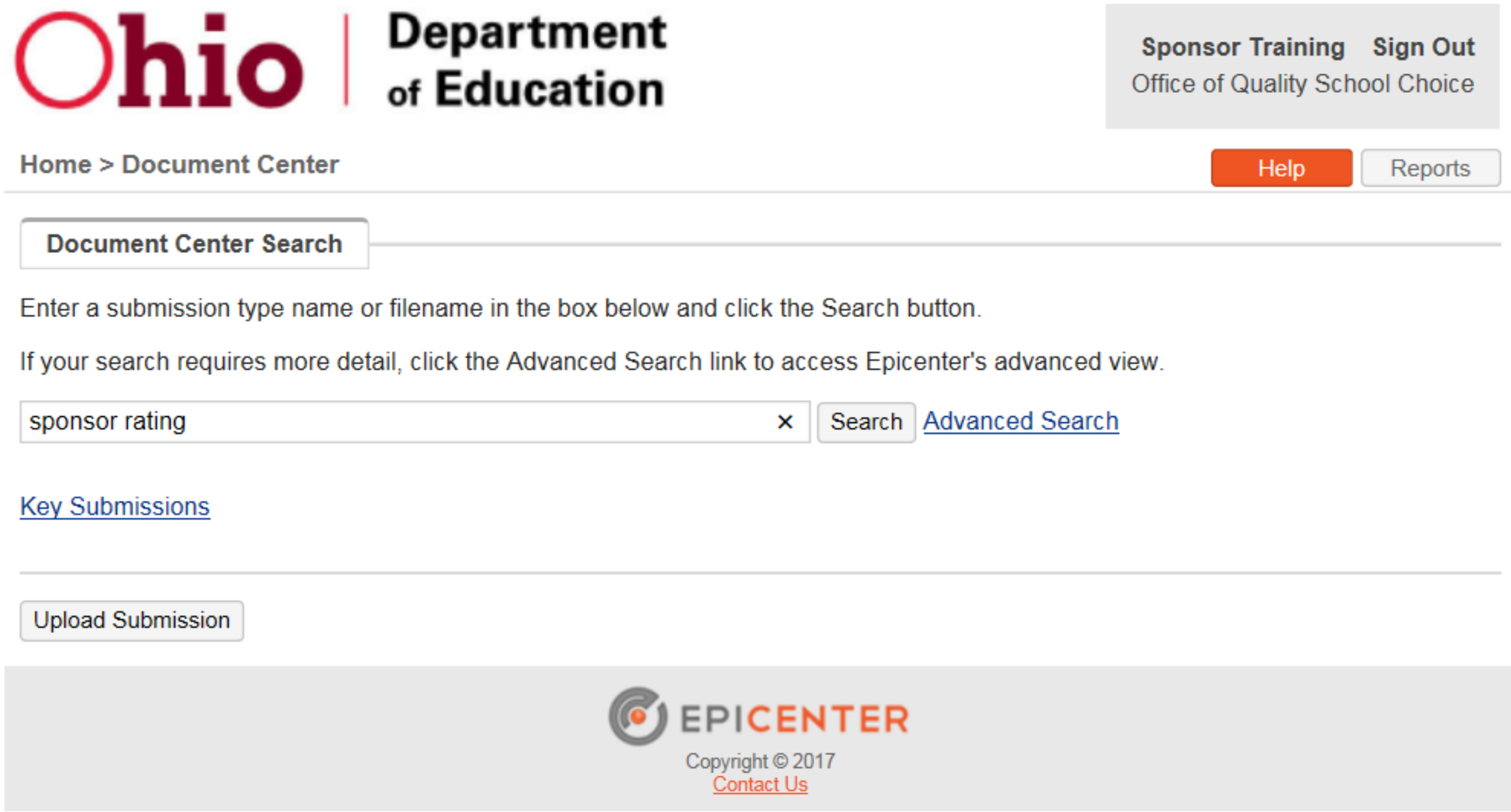

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