



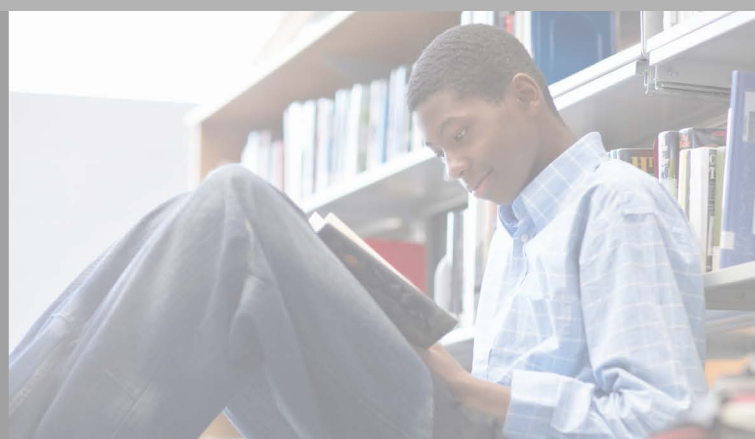
## Annual Report on

# OFFICE OF SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

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Office of School Sponsorship



**Ohio**

Department  
of Education



# Office of School Sponsorship Annual Report

This report is pursuant to Ohio Revised Code [3314.029](#), which states:

*Not later than December 31, 2012, and annually thereafter, the department shall issue a report on the program, including information about the number of community schools participating in the program and their compliance with the provisions of this chapter. ... Each report shall be provided to the general assembly, in accordance with section [101.68](#) of the Revised Code, and to the governor.*

## Introduction to the Office of School Sponsorship

The Office of School Sponsorship is established through [ORC 3314.029](#) to perform the sponsorship duties for community schools sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education. The office may take applications for new schools, continue to sponsor existing schools and assume schools at any time throughout the school year as a matter of law. During the 2017-2018 school year, the Office of School Sponsorship sponsored 34 schools of which 13 schools were assumed during the school year. Due to the significant increase in the number of sponsored schools, the Office of School Sponsorship did not accept applications for new schools and focused on its portfolio of 34 schools.

During the spring of 2018, the Office of School Sponsorship began reviewing its mission to ensure it aligned with Ohio's strategic plan for education, [Each Child, Our Future](#). As a result, the office amended its mission and took steps to align the internal processes and procedures with the four learning domains of the strategic plan. This was an important step in reassessing the office's performance as the portfolio of schools continued to increase and schools were assumed throughout the year.

The office learned that many of the schools assumed from other sponsors needed operational, as well as academic support. As a result, the office decided to look deeper into the performance of each school from an operational and academic perspective, provide more in-depth technical assistance to schools and improve the overall communications to schools. Many of the new reports, meetings, trainings and extensive technical assistance will be seen in the upcoming years.

It is the mission of the  
**Office of School Sponsorship**  
to be an innovative and resourceful  
partner to schools, using a holistic  
approach to support the continuous  
improvement of the schools the  
office sponsors.



## Demographics and Portfolio

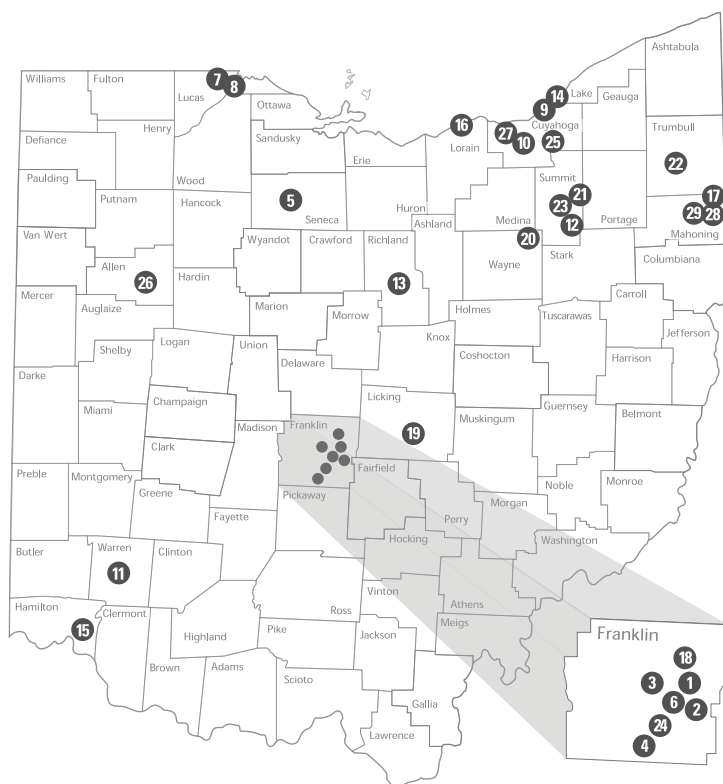
The Office of School Sponsorship sponsors community schools across the state of Ohio.

Many of the schools were assumed as a result of sponsors losing their sponsorship authority through poor performance on sponsor evaluations. Other schools applied to the Department for sponsorship several years ago. In recent years, the Department has not accepted applications for new community schools or for schools looking for a change in sponsorship.

**Assumed schools:** When a school is assumed by the Department pursuant to [ORC 3314.015](#) or [3314.016](#), the office is tasked with onboarding the school and evaluating the specific needs of the school. The onboarding process takes up to 24 months as the office reviews and provides technical assistance and guidance regarding operations of the school, compliance matters and building staff capacity.

As part of the office's quality sponsorship goals, the Office of School Sponsorship began evaluating schools' academic programs, implementation of curriculum across grade bands and ensuring that schools implement any academic improvement plans with fidelity. Another area of focus for the office is ensuring schools are providing support and appropriate education to students with disabilities. During the 2017-2018 school year, approximately one in five students taught in the portfolio of schools was a student with a disability. Aligned to Ohio's strategic plan for education, *Each Child, Our Future*, the office's overarching quality sponsorship goal is for all students to be challenged, prepared and empowered.

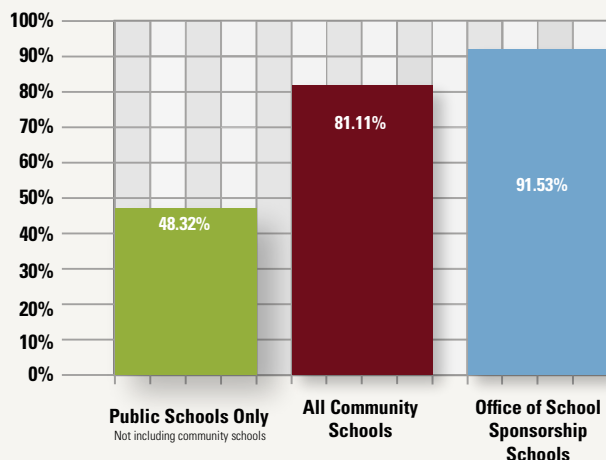
## Map of Schools Sponsored by Office of School Sponsorship



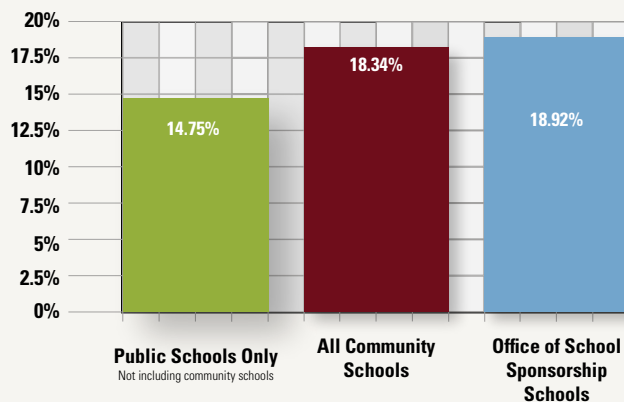
- 1 **A+ Arts Academy**  
270 S. Napoleon Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43213
- 2 **A+ Arts Academy**  
2633 Maybury Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43232
- 3 **A+ Arts Academy**  
1395 Fair Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43205
- 4 **A+ Children's Academy**  
114 Obetz Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43207
- 5 **Bridges Community Academy**  
190 S. Francis Ave.  
Tiffin, OH 44883
- 6 **Brookwood Academy**  
2685 E. Livingston Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43209
- 7 **Discovery Academy**  
2740 W. Central Ave.  
Toledo, OH 43606
- 8 **Eagle Learning Center**  
2665 Navarre Ave. #C  
Oregon, OH 43616
- 9 **East Academy**  
15720 Kipling  
Cleveland, OH 44110
- 10 **Global Village Academy**  
5720 State Rd. #1  
Parma, OH 44134
- 11 **Greater Ohio Virtual School**  
1879 Deerfield Rd.  
Lebanon, OH 45036
- 12 **Greater Summit County Early Learning Center**  
1651 Massillon Rd.  
Akron, OH 44312
- 13 **Interactive Media and Construction**  
455 Bowman St.  
Mansfield, OH 44903
- 14 **Lakeshore Intergenerational School**  
18025 Marcella Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44119
- 15 **Lighthouse Community School**  
6100 Desmond St.  
Cincinnati, OH 45227
- 16 **Lorain K-12 Digital Academy**  
401 Broadway Ave.  
Lorain, OH 44052
- 17 **Mahoning County High School**  
940 Bryn Mawr Ave.  
Youngstown, OH 44505
- 18 **Ohio Construction Academy**  
1725 Jetway  
Columbus, OH 43219
- 19 **Par Excellence**  
1350 Granville Rd.  
Newark, OH 43055
- 20 **Rittman Academy**  
75 North Main St.  
Rittman, OH 44270
- 21 **Schnee Learning Center**  
2222 Issaquah St.  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221
- 22 **STEAM Academy of Warren**  
261 Elm Rd, NE  
Warren, OH 44483
- 23 **Steel Academy**  
1570 Creighton Ave.  
Akron, OH 44310
- 24 **Summit Academy Transition HS-Columbus**  
2521 Fairwood Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43207
- 25 **T2 Honors Academy**  
18450 S. Miles Rd.  
Warrensville, OH 44128
- 26 **West Central Learning Academy II**  
522 W. North St.  
Lima, OH 45801
- 27 **West Park Academy**  
12913 Bennington Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44135
- 28 **Youngstown Academy of Excellence**  
1408 Rigby St.  
Youngstown, OH 44502
- 29 **Youngstown Community School**  
50 Esses St.  
Youngstown, OH 44502

## Student Demographics

Percentage of Economically Disadvantaged Statewide



Percentage of Students with Disabilities Statewide



## Diversity of Portfolio

The Department sponsors a diverse portfolio of schools. The portfolio consists of elementary schools, high schools, and dropout prevention and recovery schools. Each school fills a need in the community as evidenced by the specific mission of each school.

The Department also sponsors many types of schools. During the 2017-2018 school year, the Department sponsored four online schools and 30 brick-and-mortar schools. Of the 30 brick-and-mortar schools, five schools used a blended learning model.

**Innovation:** Schools provide innovative learning experiences for all students, whether through an academic program, individualized learning or planning for postsecondary schools.

**Literacy:** Schools find new and exciting ways to integrate literacy through all courses and programs. From the use of key words in all core subjects to beginning each day with a 90-minute reading program, the Office of School Sponsorship's schools are working to help all students succeed.

**Arts and Humanities:** Students' creativity is a focus in schools, including performing arts and public speaking. Students are taught to use the arts and humanities to showcase their talents and passions.

**Social-Emotional Supports:** Every child's social and emotional well-being is important, and these schools are established to meet the needs of the whole child. This includes providing safe, welcoming schools where students understand the importance of social interaction and personal feelings. These skills help children to be resilient and persistent in life.

**Postsecondary Planning:** Students are exposed to career-technical education, certificate programs and may obtain the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal on their diplomas. The high schools sponsored by the Office of School Sponsorship focus on ensuring students are prepared for future success.

**A+ Arts Academy:** This Columbus elementary school actively promotes academics through the infusion of the arts and encourages all students to strive for excellence in all aspects of life.

**A+ Children's Academy:** Serving elementary students, A+ Children's Academy cultivates a passion for learning in all students by engaging in a standards-based, integrated curriculum that addresses students' social, emotional, academic and cognitive needs.

**Akron Digital Academy:** Akron Digital Academy was an internet-based community school that primarily served at-risk students in the Akron area. The school voluntarily closed June 30, 2018.

**Bridges Community Academy:** An elementary and high school serving students in the Fostoria and Tiffin area, the school focuses on individual learning and building the bridge between parents, students, the community and technology.

**Brookwood Academy:** Serving Columbus-area students in grades 4-12, Brookwood Academy primarily focuses on special education students and meeting their individual social and emotional needs.

**Cincinnati Learning Center (Carpe Diem):** This school was assumed in February 2018 and voluntarily closed June 30, 2018.



**Discovery Academy:** An elementary school in the Toledo area, Discovery Academy focuses on project-based learning and taking its classrooms outdoors through the use of community gardens.

**Eagle Learning Center:** A high school serving at-risk dropout prevention and recovery students in the Oregon and Toledo area, Eagle Learning Center focuses on engaging its students by offering day and evening hours during which students earn credits and their high school diplomas.

**East Academy:** Serving Cleveland elementary students, East Academy focuses on pursuing academic excellence, celebrating individuals, developing character and building community.

**Global Village Academy:** An elementary school with one of the highest rated report cards in the state, Global Village Academy primarily serves migrant families in Parma with a focus on academic excellence and student achievement.

**Greater Ohio Virtual School:** Serving at-risk youth through a virtual curriculum that may be accessed any time, Greater Ohio Virtual School focuses on student achievement and community partnerships to provide a variety of post-high school options for students.

**Greater Summit County Early Learning Center:** An elementary school that focuses on student achievement and individualized learning, students at Greater Summit County Early Learning Center are challenged to present their lessons to their parents and community throughout the school year.

**Interactive Media and Construction (IMAC):** A dropout prevention and recovery high school, Interactive Media and Construction serves at-risk students in the Mansfield area and provides a career-technical focus for students.

**Lakeshore Intergenerational School:** With a goal of creating lifelong learners, Lakeshore Intergenerational School in Cleveland helps students learn at their own pace, as well as work together in groups to master skills.

**Lighthouse Community School:** (School assumed in February 2018) This Cincinnati school serves foster children in grades 7-12. Using a unique urban gardening backdrop, Lighthouse Community School bridges the gap between community and school and allows students to learn both indoors and outdoors.

**Lorain K-12 Digital Academy:** This online school served students in the Lorain area. The school voluntarily closed in September 2018.

**Mahoning County High School:** Situated in Youngstown, Mahoning County High School primarily serves at-risk students who have been involved in the juvenile justice system. The school strives to create a safe culture and climate for students while providing post-high school options.

**Mahoning Valley Opportunity Center:** The school was assumed July 1, 2017, and voluntarily closed in September 2017.

**Ohio Construction Academy:** Located in Columbus, this unique dropout prevention and recovery high school provides students with a career-technical education focused on the construction trades, plumbing and HVAC. Students receive a quality education and training for post-high school careers.

**Par Excellence Academy:** (School assumed June 29, 2018) Situated in Newark, this elementary school starts each day with 90 minutes of reading and literacy. The school's unique approach to individualized and outdoor learning has contributed to it becoming one of the fastest growing community schools in the area.

**Richard Allen Academy I:** The Office of School Sponsorship no longer sponsors this school.

**Richard Allen Academy II:** The Office of School Sponsorship no longer sponsors this school.

**Richard Allen Academy III:** The Office of School Sponsorship no longer sponsors this school.

**Richard Allen Prep Academy:** The Office of School Sponsorship no longer sponsors this school.

**Rittman Academy:** A small high school serving at-risk students in a rural setting, Rittman Academy is a dropout prevention and recovery high school assisting students with credit recovery and earning their high school diplomas.

**Schnee Learning Center:** (School assumed May 1, 2018) A small dropout prevention and recovery high school in Cuyahoga Falls, Schnee Learning Center assists students with recovering credits and earning their high school diplomas. Schnee Learning Center shows students they can succeed in postsecondary education or military service.

**STEAM Academy of Warren:** An elementary school in northeast Ohio, STEAM Academy of Warren focuses on academic excellence through individualized learning goals for each student. The school provides a safe learning environment for students to achieve academic success, as seen through the school's continuous academic improvement.

**Steel Academy:** An elementary school primarily serving students with disabilities, Steel Academy incorporates steel drumming into its curriculum.

**Summit Academy Transition High School – Columbus:** Primarily serving high school students with disabilities, Summit Academy Transition High School focuses on individualized learning and martial arts.

**T2 (squared) Honors Academy:** Focused on individualized learning and college preparation, T2 Honors Academy requires students to understand social issues that impact their community while providing a rigorous curriculum.

**Virtual Community School:** This school voluntarily closed in September 2017.

**West Central Learning Academy II:** Serving high school students, West Central Learning Academy II focuses on providing a safe, flexible, blended learning environment for students to learn at their own pace.

**West Park Academy:** Serving elementary grades, West Park Academy focuses on pursuing academic excellence, celebrating the individual, developing character and building community.

**Youngstown Academy of Excellence:** Serving elementary grades, Youngstown Academy of Excellence focuses on preparing students for high school and beyond. Youngstown Academy of Excellence brings together students, families and the community to promote learning and academic excellence.

**Youngstown Community School:** Focused on academics and community involvement, Youngstown Community School truly is embedded in the community. The school works to achieve academic excellence while preparing students for high school.

## Accountability

Ohio law requires the Office of School Sponsorship to oversee each school's [compliance with all applicable laws and rules](#). The office reviews each school's policies and procedures throughout the school year and ensures the governing authority of each school reviews policies as needed. In the spring of 2018, the office began to restructure the review of school compliance. The office is implementing new methods to ensure schools have sufficient policies and procedures in place and the schools are following them with fidelity. During the 2017-2018 school year, the Office of School Sponsorship was rated "Compliant" for its schools' compliance with all laws and rules as measured by the Department's community [school sponsor evaluation](#).