COMMUNITY SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP QUESTIONS

Who is eligible to apply for sponsorship?

(1) The board of education of the district in which the school is proposed to be located;

(2) The board of education of any joint vocational school district with territory in the county in which is located the majority of the territory of the district in which the school is proposed to be located;

(3) The board of education of any other city, local, or exempted village school district having territory in the same county where the district in which the school is proposed to be located has the major portion of its territory;

(4) The governing board of any educational service center.

(5) The board of trustees of any of the thirteen state universities listed in Section 3345.011 of the Revised Code [University of Akron, Bowling Green State University, Central State University, University of Cincinnati, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Miami University, Ohio University, The Ohio State University, Shawnee State University, University of Toledo, Wright State University, and Youngstown State University], or a sponsoring authority designated by any such board of trustees, as long as a contractually specified mission of the proposed community school will be the practical demonstration of teaching methods, educational technology, or other teaching practices that are included in the university's teacher preparation program approved by the state board;

(6) Any qualified tax-exempt entity under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The entity has been in operation for at least five years prior to the application date;

(b) The entity has assets of at least five hundred thousand dollars and has demonstrated a record of financial responsibility;

(c) The Ohio Department of Education's Office of Community Schools (OCS) has determined that the entity is an education-oriented entity whose mission or operations demonstrate that it fosters education: and

(d) The Department has determined that the entity has successfully implemented educational programs.