eSchool Application Process

The versions of the eSchool Process, Form and Rubric documents posted on ODE's website and emailed to all sponsors and community schools on May 31, 2013 are final versions. The final version of the eSchool Application Form for a new eSchool must be used and submitted to the ODE, Office of Community Schools' mailbox (Community.Schools@education.ohio.gov) by 11:59 P.M on June 14, 2013 for the eSchool Application to be reviewed for approval.

Summary Points:

- Rules adopted May 14 – webinar and draft application posted May 17 – rule effective date May 24
- 2 week eSchool application submission window (May 31 – June 14)
- ODE will not review any application which arrives after 11:59 PM on June 14, 2013
- Multiple applications submitted from the same operator and sponsor with the same/similar approach will be considered as one application. The operator and sponsor should decide/select which application they want to submit
- Points assigned to the 5 application sections will be based on a scale of 100 points distributed to each section as follows:

  I. The sponsor's experience with online schools – (20)

  II. The operator's experience with online schools – (20)

  III. The sponsor's schools' records of academic performance – (25)

  IV. The operator's affiliated schools' records of academic performance– (25)

  V. A preference for operators with previous experience in Ohio– (10)

In addition to the above, the superintendent of public instruction will review sponsor and operator experience in terms of statutory compliance.

Timeline:

- May 17 – eSchool Applicant Webinar
- May 17 – draft eSchool Application Process, Form and Rubric documents posted and emailed to sponsors and community schools
- May 31 –the final versions of the Application Process, Form and Rubric posted on ODE's website and emailed to sponsors and community schools. The final version of the eSchool Application Form must be used for submission to ODE.
- May 31 – application process opens from May 31 through **June 14 at 11:59 PM** (for 2 weeks)

- June 14 – **application deadline**. Applications must be emailed to the Office of Community Schools mailbox at (Community.Schools@education.ohio.gov) by 11:59 P.M on June 14, 2013

- June 17 – application review process begins

- Each application will be rated using the rubric scales and receive a final score by adding the scores from each of the 5 application sections.

- Each applicant's awarded point value for each of the five measures, the composite score and the sponsor and operator experience in terms of statutory compliance will be considered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in making decisions regarding the experience and quality of the applicant per Section 3314.013 of the Ohio Revised Code.

- The Superintendent of Public Instruction may approve up to five applications for new eSchools to open for the 2013-14 school-year.

- July – notify all applicants and include newsletter articles in the July newsletter and EdConnection on the 5 new eSchools approved for the 2013-14 school year

- Sponsors notify OCS of the execution of a new eSchool contract within 24 hours.

- Sponsors electronically submit new contracts to Office of Community Schools mailbox at (Community.Schools@education.ohio.gov) within 10 days of execution of the new eSchool contract.

- October – consultants visit new eSchools

- October – solicit sponsor and operator comments on the eSchool Application Process, Application and Rubric

Note: Sponsors and operators are required to sign the application form and provide contact information in the spaces provided at the end of the eSchool Application Form.