

High-Quality Schools List for Charter School Program (CSP) Expansion

Explanation of Criteria Used

April 2022

High-Quality Community School Criteria

(Note: Due to the cancellation of Spring 2020 assessments in response to the COVID pandemic, the Department will utilize academic data from the 2018-2019 and 2020-2021 report cards to determine 2022 eligibility).

1. ACADEMIC CRITERIA

1. Has been in operation by the 2017-2018 school year or prior.
2. Received a C or higher for the Overall school grade based on the results of the 2018-2019 Ohio School Report Card;
3. Has no reported findings for safety, financial concerns (as expressed through most recent complete audit from the Auditor of state) or compliance issues from the most recent Compliance worksheet submitted as part of the 18-19 Sponsor Evaluation;
4. For the 2018-2019 school year, received a C or better on the Progress Measure as well as a C or better for the Overall Value-Added Grade. In addition, for the economically disadvantaged students, minority students, students with disabilities and English learner students, the school cannot have a D or F in the Value-Added progress measure and cannot have a D or F letter grade for the 4-year Graduation Rate; and
5. For the 2017-2018 school year, received a C or better on the Progress Measure as well as a C or better for the Overall Value-Added Grade.
6. For the 20-21 school year, has a higher Performance Index Score than the traditional public district in which the community school is physically located.

2. GOOD STANDING CRITERIA REQUIRED OF ALL SCHOOLS

In order to be in “good standing,” a community school must demonstrate:

- The school is not currently on probation;
- The school is not in receipt of a notice of intent to suspend operation from its sponsor;
- The school has not been required by its sponsor to suspend operation; and
- The school is not in receipt of a notice of termination from its sponsor.
- The school has no unresolved corrective action plans from the prior year Oversight of School Compliance worksheet submitted as part of the Sponsor Evaluation

3. FINANCIAL CRITERIA

A community school must demonstrate that the school meets acceptable standards of accounting and fiscal condition. Specifically, a school must demonstrate:

- The school has not been determined unauditably by the Auditor of State;
- The school has no unresolved findings for recovery;

- The school has not received an opinion other than an unqualified opinion on the most recently released annual fiscal audit; and
- The school demonstrates no other significant issues related to fiscal condition, for example going concern comments in multiple audit reports, material misstatements in the financial statements and/or findings for financial matters related to internal controls or oversight of federal funds.

4. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

- A school that is no longer in operation or has merged into another community school and no longer exists as a separate legal entity shall be removed from the list of high-quality community school