Sponsorship contract found in Ohio Revised Code 3314.03
Sponsorship Contract

Cannot simply repeat Ohio Revised Code

Looking for specificity

Describe and elaborate compliance with sections in 3314.03
Specifications of Contract

Sponsor

Governing Authority
Every contract filed with the Ohio Department of Education’s Superintendent of Public Instruction.
A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 1702.

School shall be established as either of the following:
# Education Program

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Education Program

- Dismissal Procedure
- Attendance Policy
- Meeting Auditor of State Requirements
Requirements

School

Provide learning opportunities to a minimum of 25 students for a minimum of 920 hours per school year.

Governing Authority

Purchase liability insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of the school.
Requirements

**School**
- Provide health care and benefits to employees
- Contract specifications

**Governing Authority**
- Carries out provisions of contract
Adopt Admission Policy

Adopt policy regarding admission of students who reside outside the district where school is located.
STEM School Designation
School Submits a Comprehensive Plan to Sponsor 3314.03(B)
Plan Should Include

1. The process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future

2. The management and administration of the school
Plan Should Include

If the community school is a currently existing public school or educational service center building, alternative arrangements for current public school students who choose not to attend the converted school and for teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after conversion.
Plan Should Include

4. The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school

5. Internal financial controls

When submitting the plan under this division, the school shall also submit copies of all policies and procedures regarding internal financial controls adopted by the governing authority of the school.
Payments
3314.03(C)
Duties of the Sponsor 3314.03(D)

- Monitor compliance
- Evaluate the academic and fiscal performance
- Report the results of the evaluation
Duties of the Sponsor
3314.03(D)

Provide technical assistance

Intervene to correct problems

Have a plan ready for financial issues or early closure
Contracts that say “if applicable”

The contract must be tailored to your specific community school. Blanket statements are not acceptable.
Contracts that copy and paste from the code or checklist

Not Best Practice
Not Best Practice

Submitting unreadable documents to the Department

Poor scanning
Incomplete Documents

Attachments must be included
Example 1: Academic Goals

• This section of the contract must specifically state the academic goals for the particular school

• Ensure that the contract state how these goals will be measured and how these measurements will show progress

• Do the academic goals include the statewide achievement assessments
Example 2: Performance Standards

- Do the performance standards include applicable report card measures that assist in realistically measuring the success of the school?
- Are you looking at student success in statewide testing?
- Do you only have the minimum standards or just attendance?
- Do you have fiscal performance standards in the contract?
- Are you including operational performance standards in your contract?
Example 3: Facilities

An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities to be used that contains at least the following information:

(a) A detailed description of each facility used for instructional purposes;

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility that are paid by or on behalf of the school;

(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments that are paid by the school;

(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the operator, if any.
Example 4: Financial Plan

A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year.
Example 5: Blended Learning

If a school operates using the blended learning model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all of the following information:

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models will be used;

One model might be:

- The Rotation Model:
  Students rotate on a fixed schedule or at the teacher’s discretion between learning methods, at least one of which is online learning. Other methods might include activities such as small-group or full-class instruction, group projects, individual tutoring, and pencil-and-paper assignments.
Example 5: Blended Learning

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will be determined and documented;
• Do you have individualized plans?
• Do you assess the needs of each student?

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level;
• Are you evaluating your students to ensure the students are achieving certain levels of competency before moving forward?
• What methods are you using to promote students? Assessments/tests/competency based learning?
Example 5: Blended Learning

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how the school will document participation in learning opportunities;

• Are you taking attendance for the in school brick and mortar portions of the days
• How are you monitoring the on-line portions of the days? Are there minimum hours per week on-line?
• How are you monitoring the non-classroom time?
Example 5: Blended Learning

(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;

(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;
• How are you protecting the students while they are working on-line?

(g) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers.
• Are you relying on an operator or management company to provide the professional development? If so are you monitoring this time?
Questions?

Submit questions regarding quality improvement plans to:

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