

Significantly Expanded Community School Notification For School Year 2020-2021

Pursuant to federal statute and regulation, the Ohio Department of Education is responsible for ensuring that community schools that open for the first time or significantly expand their enrollment receive the proportionate amount of federal formula funds to which they are entitled.

To be considered for reallocation, a community school must meet Ohio's definition of significant expansion (34 C.F.R. 76.787). This means that the community school's sponsor must notify the Department, through Epicenter by Sept. 17, 2020, for the first allocation window and by Feb. 1, 2021, for the second allocation window, that the community school will:

- A. Add one or more grade level(s) -OR- add an educational program(s) in core academic subject areas (i.e., English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, geography and physical education),

-AND-

- B. Plan to significantly increase enrollment.

The definition of significant growth is growth of more than the average community school percentage growth identified for the prior school year. The calculation of significant growth includes only community schools that experienced growth in the most recent school year for which there are final enrollment data. The Department uses enrollment to determine significant growth.

For example, using data from the 2018 school year, the average (mean) growth of community schools was 15.13 percent.

To qualify for the addition of an educational program(s), the community school must provide a rationale and description of each core academic course added. The Department will evaluate each community school that submits a notification of the expansion to make sure the school added the corresponding grade level(s) or education program(s) and met the increase in enrollment to be considered for reallocation as significantly expanded. The Department encourages community schools to submit documentation in Epicenter that supports the rationale and provides additional details on the additional educational program(s).

Significantly Expanded Community School Notification Form

For School Year 2020-2021

The sponsor must submit this form through Epicenter. An updated educational plan and contract amendment should be submitted in Epicenter, if necessary.

Name of school: _____ School's IRN: _____

Name of sponsor: _____ Sponsor's IRN: _____

Effective date of expansion: _____

Type of growth must be one of the following: Check all that apply.

- Addition of one or more grade level(s)
 - Grade level(s) added

- Addition of an educational program(s) in core academic subject areas
 - Provide rationale and description of each course added in core academic subject areas. Submit documentation to support rationale and description, if necessary.

AND

- Plans to significantly increase enrollment by the effective date.

Submitting this notification is not guarantee of funding but is a notification to the Ohio Department of Education about the community school's intention to significantly expand. The Department will make the final determination based on the criteria and exclusions outlined in this form. The significant expansion must occur before Feb.1 of each year.

Note: The sponsor must submit this form to Epicenter by Sept. 17, 2020, for consideration in the first allocation window.

Sponsor and School Affirmations

We, the duly authorized representatives of the above sponsor and community school, are affirming to the Department that the school listed above meets the Ohio definition of significant expansion (34 C.F.R 76.787) with the understanding that the Department will make the final determination. We further affirm that the contract between the sponsor and community school aligns with the information provided. Finally, the school affirms that it will submit accurate, actual enrollment data in EMIS and will maintain these data throughout the 2020-2021 school year and that the sponsor's affirmation is based on information provided by the school. We acknowledge that if the Department determines that the school submitted inaccurate enrollment data, the school may be required to reimburse the Department for excess funds received.

Sponsor's Signature

Print Name

Date

Superintendent's Signature

Print Name

Date