

Overview of the 2021-2022 Community School Sponsor Evaluation Process



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History of the Sponsor Evaluation System

- **Assist** the Department in its oversight of sponsors
- **Improve** the quality of sponsor practices
- **Improve** community school operations and academic performance



Sponsor Evaluations (ORC 3314.016)

Three Equally-Weighted Components

- Academic performance
- Compliance with all applicable laws and rules
- Adherence to quality practices



Academic Performance Component

Includes the academic performance of students at all the sponsor's community schools combined

Uses the overall rating which includes *all* applicable state report card components

Weighted by number of students in each school

Academic performance results do not require actions from sponsors as data is based on Ohio School Report Card data



Academic Component Common Scale

Traditional Report Card Overall Rating	Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card Overall Rating	Equivalent Points on Common Scale
5 Stars	Exceeds Standards	4
4 – 4.5 Stars		3
3 – 3.5 Stars	Meets Standards	2
2 – 2.5 Stars		1
1 – 1.5 Star(s)	Does Not Meet Standards	0

Compliance Component

- Review of sponsor's adherence to all applicable laws and rules for itself
- Review of sponsor's oversight of its schools' adherence to all applicable laws and rules



2021-2022 Compliance Component

Oversight of Schools*

Percentage	Points
98 – 100%	4
96 – 97.9%	3
94 – 95.9%	2
92 – 93.9%	1
0 – 91.9%	0

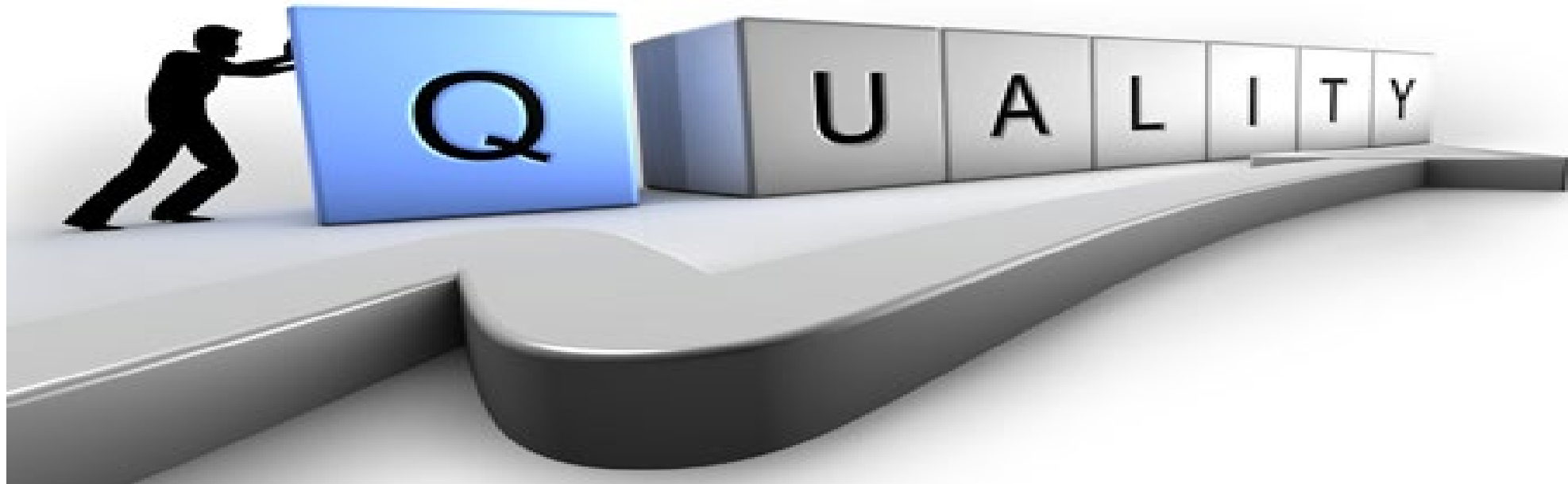
*The score for this item is used to determine Compliance Item S-615 for the sponsor-level calculation

Sponsor Level

Percentage	Rating	Points
92 – 100%	Exceeds Expectations	4
87 – 91.9%	Meets Expectations	3
84 – 86.9%	Progressing Toward Expectations	2
80 – 83.9%	Below Expectations	1
0 – 79.9%	Significantly Below Expectations	0

Quality Practices Component

The adherence of a sponsor to follow nationally established quality sponsor practices in six critical areas, which are based on NACSA standards and Ohio law.





Quality Practices Component

Percentage	Rating	Points
90 – 100%	Exceeds Standards	4
75 – 89.9%	Meets Standards	3
55 – 74.9%	Progressing Toward Standards	2
35 – 54.9%	Below Standards	1
0 – 34.9%	Significantly Below Standards	0



Sponsor Adjustment Request Process

- **Review of Preliminary Academic, Quality and Compliance Results**
 - Uploaded to Epicenter in mid/late September 2022
- **Sponsor Adjustment Request Period**
 - 10 business days to review preliminary ratings and submit an adjustment request form
- **Review of Sponsor Adjustment Requests**
 - Department staff review the adjustment requests and make any warranted changes to the preliminary scores
- **Final Ratings and Scores**
 - Department staff calculate the academic, quality and compliance scores and ratings



Review of Preliminary Results

Four Submission Types:

- Preliminary Academic Results
- Preliminary Compliance Results – School
- Preliminary Compliance Results – Sponsor
- Preliminary Quality Results



Submitting an Adjustment Request

10 business days from when sponsors receive access to preliminary results

Sponsor Adjustment Request Form

- Submitted in Epicenter
- Contains four tabs:
 - Sponsor Academic
 - Sponsor Quality
 - Sponsor Compliance
 - School Compliance

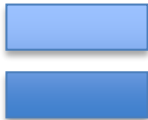
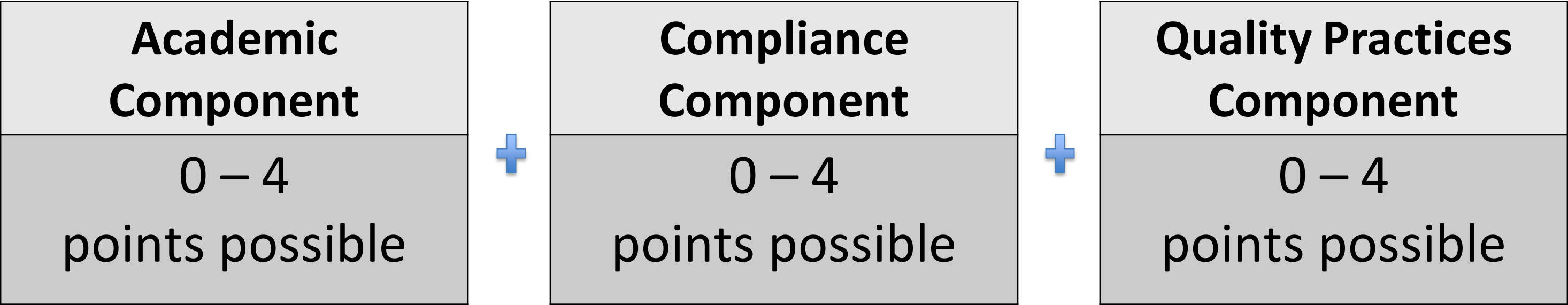


Review of Sponsor Adjustment Requests

- The Department will review the submitted adjustment request forms and the originally submitted documentation to determine whether the score of a particular compliance item should be changed
- If the Department adjusts any of the scores from the preliminary data, it will recalculate the overall compliance score as well as the overall sponsor rating prior to posting the final evaluation ratings



Combined Components for 2021-2022 Overall Sponsor Rating



Overall Points	Sponsor Rating
10, 11, 12	Exemplary
7, 8, 9	Effective
3, 4, 5, 6	Ineffective
0, 1, 2	Poor



Overall Sponsor Rating for 2021-2022

- If the sponsor scores 0 points on one of the three components, then the overall rating cannot be higher than “Ineffective.”
- If the sponsor scores 0 points on two of the three components, then the overall rating cannot be higher than “Poor.”



Calculating 2021-2022 Overall Rating and Score

Example 1: Sponsor A

- Has two community schools in its portfolio
- Academic performance rating of “3 Stars”
- Compliance rating of “Exceeds Expectations”
- Quality practice rating of “Meets Standards”

Calculating 2021-2022 Overall Rating and Score

Sponsor A

Academic Component		
Traditional Report Card Overall Rating	Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card Overall Rating	Equivalent Points on Common Scale
5 Stars	Exceeds Standards	4
4 – 4.5 Stars		3
3 – 3.5 Stars	Meets Standards	2
2 – 2.5 Stars		1
1 – 1.5 Star(s)	Does Not Meet Standards	0

Compliance Component	
Rating	Points
Exceeds Expectations	4
Meets Expectations	3
Progressing Toward Expectations	2
Below Expectations	1
Significantly Below Expectations	0


Quality Practice Component	
Rating	Points
Exceeds Standards	4
Meets Standards	3
Progressing Toward Standards	2
Below Standards	1
Significantly Below Standards	0

2 + 4 + 3



Calculating 2021-2022 Overall Rating and Score

Sponsor A

Overall Points	Sponsor Rating
10, 11, 12	Exemplary
 7, 8, 9	Effective
3, 4, 5, 6	Ineffective
0, 1, 2	Poor



Calculating 2021-2022 Overall Rating and Score

Example 2: Sponsor B

- Has one community school in its portfolio
- Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card rating of “Exceeds Expectations”
- Compliance rating of “Exceeds Expectations”
- Quality practice rating of “Significantly Below Standards”

Calculating 2021-2022 Overall Rating and Score

Sponsor B

Academic Component		
Traditional Report Card Overall Rating	Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card Overall Rating	Equivalent Points on Common Scale
5 Stars	Exceeds Standards	4
4 – 4.5 Stars		3
3 – 3.5 Stars	Meets Standards	2
2 – 2.5 Stars		1
1 – 1.5 Star(s)	Does Not Meet Standards	0

Compliance Component	
Rating	Points
Exceeds Expectations	4
Meets Expectations	3
Progressing Toward Expectations	2
Below Expectations	1
Significantly Below Expectations	0

Quality Practice Component	
Rating	Points
Exceeds Standards	4
Meets Standards	3
Progressing Toward Standards	2
Below Standards	1
Significantly Below Standards	0

$$4 + 4 + 0$$



Calculating 2021-2022 Overall Rating and Score

Sponsor B

Overall Points	Sponsor Rating
10, 11, 12	Exemplary
7, 8, 9	Effective
3, 4, 5, 6	Ineffective
0, 1, 2	Poor



2021-2022 Sponsor Evaluation Exemptions

Sponsors that received an overall rating of **Exemplary** or **Effective** for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 are exempt from the 2021-22 sponsor evaluation



*Note: No overall sponsor ratings were given for the 2019-2020 sponsor evaluation. In addition, while sponsors received an overall rating for 2020-2021, the rating did not count toward any penalties or incentives.



Community School Sponsors Exempt from 2021-2022 Sponsor Evaluation Review

For sponsors that are exempt from the sponsor evaluation review for the 2021-2022 review cycle per [ORC 3314.016\(B\)\(7\)\(b\)](#), documentation must be maintained as required by law for audit purposes and to fulfill their legal responsibilities for their sponsored schools.

Community school sponsors must ensure their schools are adhering to **ALL** applicable laws and rules regardless of their participation status in the sponsor evaluation review process.

Sponsor Evaluation Outcomes





Outcomes of Sponsor Evaluation Ratings

- **Determines eligibility to sponsor any new or additional community schools**
- **Impacts Department decisions about:**
 - Renewal of sponsorship agreements;
 - Sponsorship application and approval; and
 - Revocation of sponsorship.



Exemplary Rating Outcomes

- May sponsor new or additional community schools
- Sponsored community schools may be eligible to apply for a Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant*

**Additional risk and eligibility factors may apply*



Exemplary Rating Outcomes

Exemplary for two or more consecutive years

Sponsor may participate in the following incentives:

- Renewal of sponsorship agreement with the Department
- Ability to extend contract term with school beyond the term included in agreement with the Department
- Exemption from preliminary agreement and contract adoption and execution deadline requirements



Exemplary Rating Outcomes

Exemplary for two or more consecutive years

- Exemption from automatic contract expiration requirement if a new school fails to open by Sept. 30 of the year in which the contract is executed
- No limit on the number of community schools sponsored
- No territorial restrictions on sponsorship*

**May be subject to other statutory provisions*



Effective Rating Outcomes

- May sponsor new or additional community schools
- Sponsored community schools may be eligible to apply for a Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant*

**Additional risk and eligibility factors may apply*



Rating of Exemplary or Effective for At Least Three Consecutive Years

- Sponsors evaluated by the Department once every three years



Ineffective Rating Outcomes

- Cannot sponsor any new or additional community schools
- Must develop a quality improvement plan with the Department



Ineffective Rating Outcomes

Ineffective for three consecutive years

- Sponsorship revocation
- Sponsor may appeal the revocation within 30 days of receiving the rating
- Revocation will not occur until the appeal process is finished



Poor Rating Outcomes

- Sponsorship revocation
- Sponsor may appeal the revocation within 30 days of receiving the rating
- Revocation will not occur until the appeal process is finished



Sponsorship Revocation

- Schools are assumed by the Office of Ohio School Sponsorship (OSS) at the Department for the remainder of the school year
- OSS may continue to sponsor the schools for up to two years from the sponsor's revocation or until schools find a new sponsor, whichever comes first

2021-2022 Sponsor Evaluation Timeline

December 2021:
Epicenter Opens for
Quality document
Submission

6/30/2022:
Deadline for Submitting
Completed Compliance
Worksheets

7/22/2022:
Compliance Validation
Document Submission
Window Closes in
Epicenter

Sept/Oct 2022:

- Preliminary Results
- Sponsor Adjustment Requests
- Adjustment Request Reviews

5/27/2022:
Quality Document
Submission Window
Closes in Epicenter

7/1/2022:
Epicenter Opens for
Compliance Validation
Document Submission

Summer 2022:

- Optional Quality Interviews
- Compliance School Site
Reviews

By 11/15/2022:
Final Ratings Published

2021-2022 Sponsor Evaluation Resources

Community Schools | Ohio Department of Education

education.ohio.gov/Topics/Community-Schools

Ohio Department of Education

Community Schools

Home > Community Schools

HOW DO IT?

- » Find a directory of community schools and sponsors?
- » View annual reports?
- » View Community School Sponsor Ratings?
- » Find information on community school legislation and history?

Contact Information

OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION
(P) 614-466-7058
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General Information

Ohio's community schools offer additional choices for families seeking nontraditional, K-12 public educational settings for their children. Tuition-free for Ohio students, these learning institutions are public, nonprofit, nonreligious schools that receive state and federal funds but are independent of traditional school districts.

- » Directory of Schools, Sponsors and Operators
- » Community School Annual Report
- » Community Schools FAQ
- » Charter School Program (CSP) Grant

Parents

Parents in Ohio are empowered with multiple education options that allow them to make informed decisions to best meet their children's individual needs. This supports the idea that one size doesn't fit all and Ohio's children deserve a high-quality education that is tailored to their needs.

- » Family Overview
- » Community School Report Cards
- » FAQs - Families Affected Community School Closures
- » Dropout Recovery Report Cards
- » Ohio School Options

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Community-Schools>



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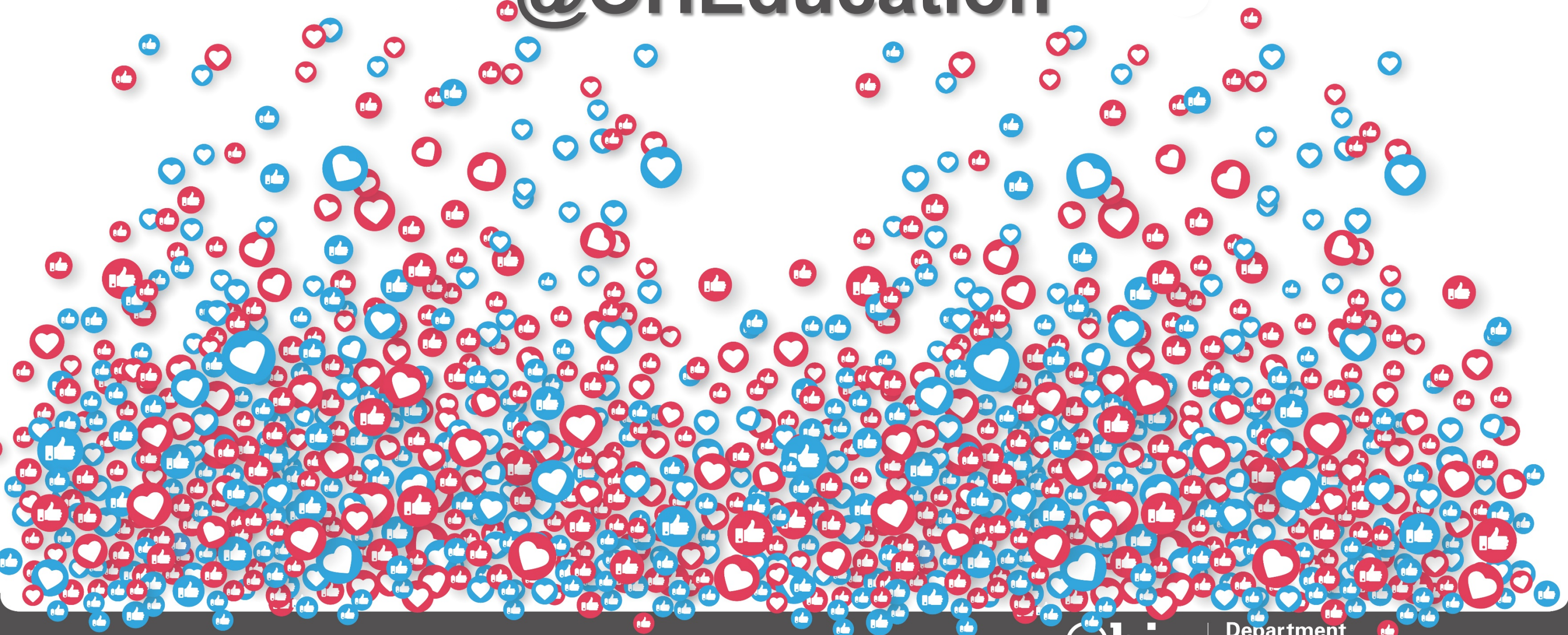
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