

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
4.5 Stars		3.5
4 Stars		3
3.5 Stars		2.5
3 Stars	Meets Standards	2
2.5 Stars		1.5
2 Star		1
1.5 Star(s)		0.5
1 Star	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





2022-2023 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



Overall Sponsor Rating

Academic Performance

Compliance with Laws and Rules

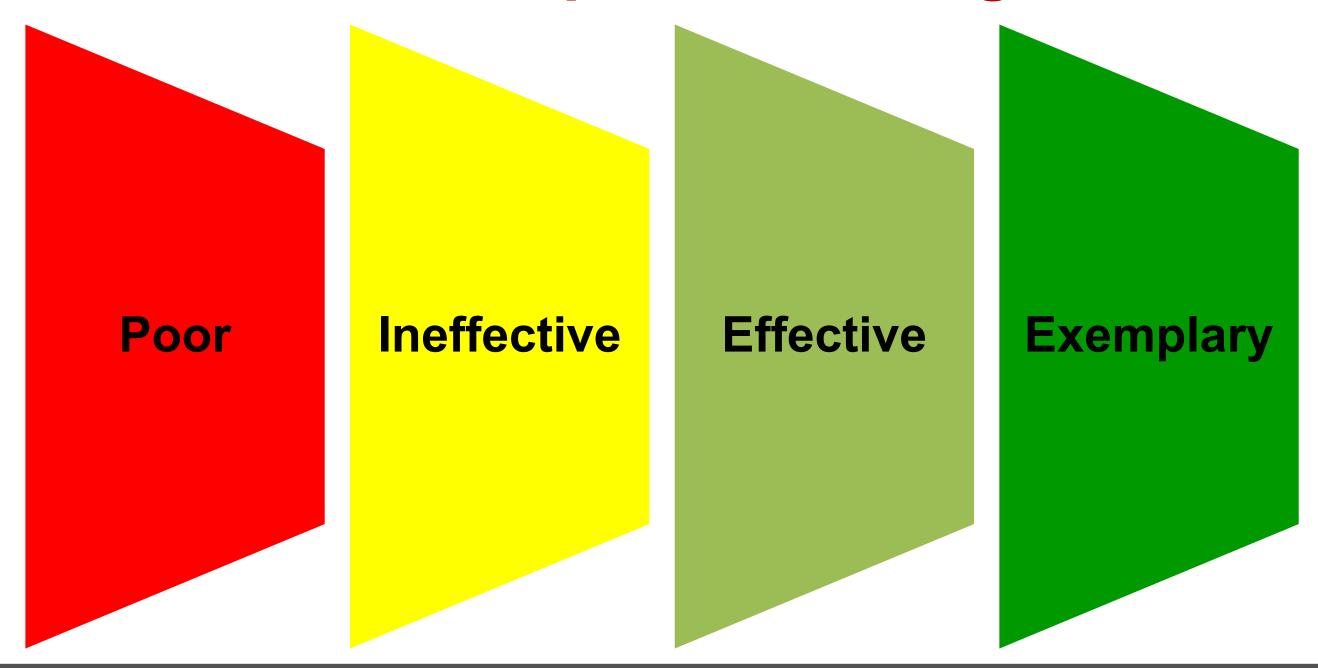


Quality Practices

Sponsor Rating



Overall Sponsor Ratings





Sponsor Adjustment Request Process

Review of Preliminary Academic, Quality and Compliance Results

Uploaded to Epicenter in mid/late September 2023

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 2022-2023 Overall Sponsor Rating

Academic Component

0 – 4 points possible

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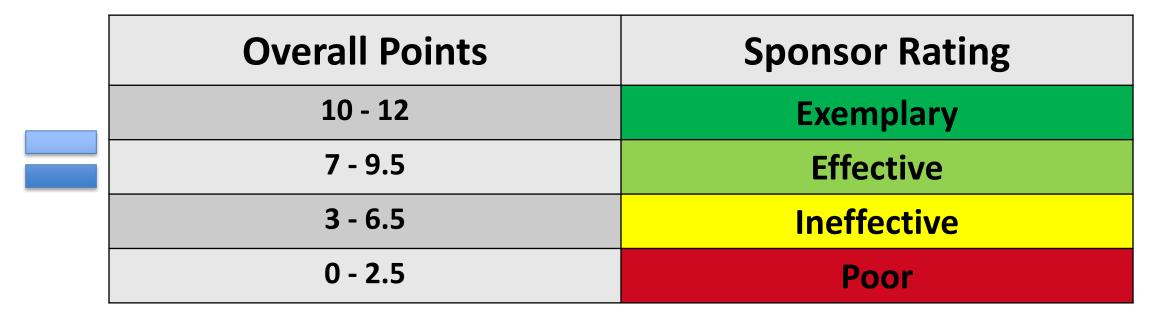
Compliance Component

0 – 4 points possible



Quality PracticesComponent

0 – 4 points possible





Calculating 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 Overall Rating and Score Example 1: Sponsor A

Academic Component		
Traditional Rating	Dropout Prevention and Recovery Rating	Common Scale Points
5 Stars	Exceeds Standards	4
4.5 Stars		3.5
4 Stars		3
3.5 Stars		2.5
3 Stars	Meets Standards	2
2.5 Stars		1.5
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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	

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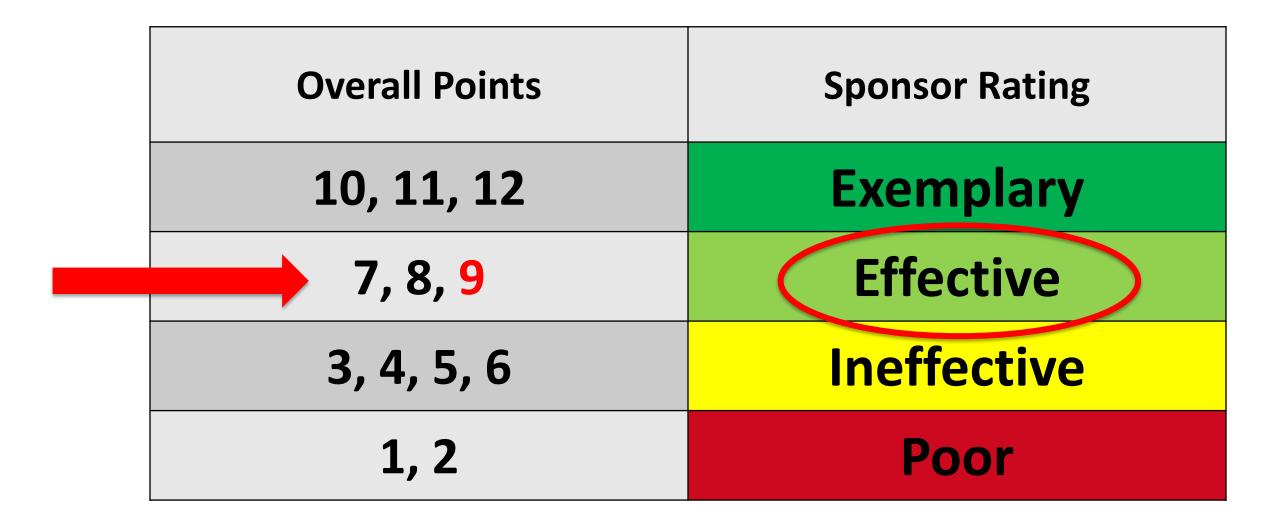
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Calculating 2022-2023 Overall Rating and Score

Example 1: Sponsor A





Calculating 2022-2023 Overall Rating and Score

Example 2: Sponsor B

Has one community school in its portfolio

 Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card rating of "Exceeds Standards"

Compliance rating of "Exceeds Expectations"

Quality practice rating of "Significantly Below Standards"



Calculating 2022-2023 Overall Rating and Score Example 2: Sponsor B

Academic Component		
Traditional Rating	Dropout Prevention and Recovery Rating	Common Scale Points
5 Stars	Exceeds Standards	4
4.5 Stars		3.5
4 Stars		3
3.5 Stars		2.5
3 Stars	Meets Standards	2
2.5 Stars		1.5
2 Star		1
1.5 Star(s)		0.5
1 Star	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

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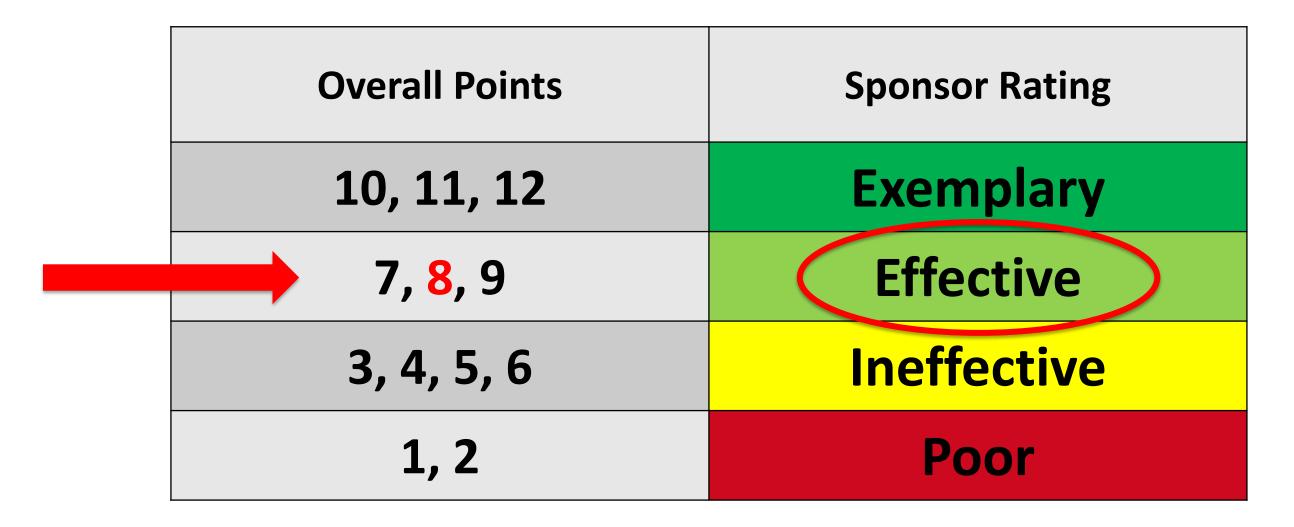
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Calculating 2022-2023 Overall Rating and Score

Example 2: Sponsor B





2022-2023 Sponsor Evaluation Exemptions

Sponsors that received an overall rating of **Exemplary** or **Effective** for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 OR for 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2021-22 are exempt from the 2022-23 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 2022-2023 Sponsor Evaluation Review

For sponsors that are exempt from the sponsor evaluation review for the 2022-2023 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*





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



2022-2023 Sponsor Evaluation Timeline

December 2022:

Epicenter opens for Quality document submission and Compliance worksheet submission

6/30/2023:

Deadline for Submitting Completed Compliance Worksheets

7/24/2023:

Compliance Validation
Document Submission
Window Closes in
Epicenter

Sept/Oct 2023:

- Preliminary Results
- Sponsor Adjustment Requests
- Adjustment Request Reviews



5/26/2023:

Quality Document Submission Window Closes in Epicenter

7/3/2023:

Epicenter Opens for Compliance Validation Document Submission

Summer 2023:

- Optional Quality Interviews
- Compliance School Site Reviews

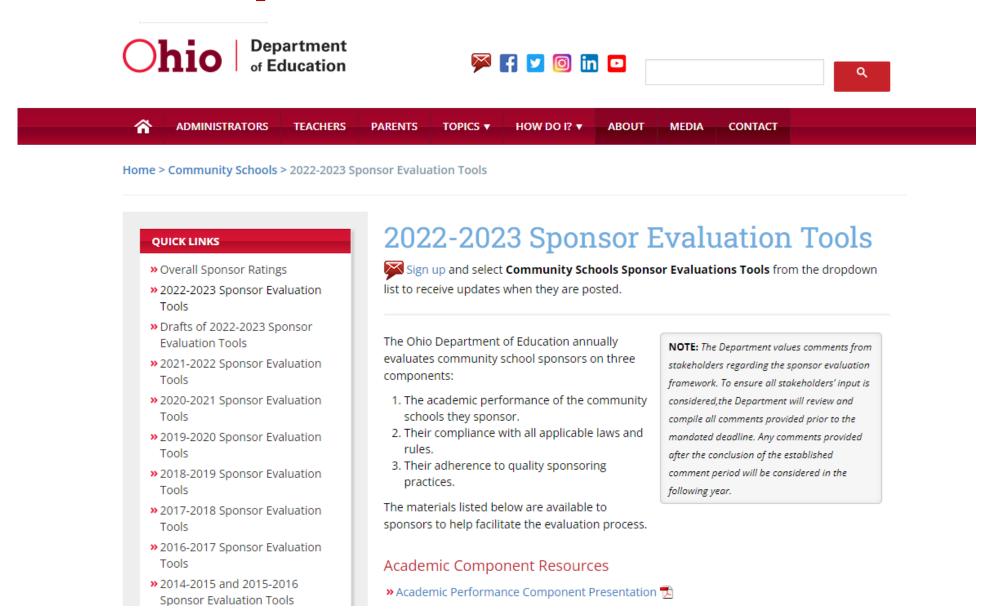
By 11/15/2023:

Final Ratings Published





2022-2023 Sponsor Evaluation Resources



https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Community-Schools/Sponsor-Ratings-and-Tools/2022-2023-Sponsor-Evaluation-Tools



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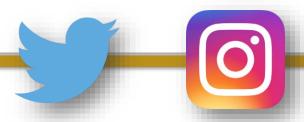


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