2023-2024 Community School Sponsor Evaluation: Quality Practices Component

Office of Accountability

July 2023
Quality Component: Ohio Revised Code

3314.016 (B)(3)

The department, in consultation with entities that sponsor community schools, shall prescribe quality practices for community school sponsors and develop an instrument to measure adherence to those quality practices. The quality practices shall be based on standards developed by the national association of charter school authorizers or any other nationally organized community school organization.
Quality Practices Component

Six Critical Areas:

A. Commitment and Capacity

B. Application Process and Decision-Making

C. Performance Contracting

D. Oversight and Evaluation

E. Termination and Renewal Decision-Making

F. Technical Assistance
Changes to Quality Rubric

Rubric Instructions:
No changes to the instructions for the 2023-2024 sponsor evaluation.

Glossary of Definitions:
No changes to the definitions for the 2023-2024 sponsor evaluation.
A. Commitment and Capacity

Seven Standards:

• A.01 – Mission and Strategic Plan
• A.02 – Goals and Self-Evaluation
• A.03 – Roles and Responsibilities
• A.04 – Conflicts of Interest
• A.05 – Staff Expertise
• A.06 – Staff Development
• A.07 – Allocation of Resources
B. Application Process and Decision-Making

Six Standards:

B.01 - Application Process, Timeline and Directions
B.02 - Rigorous Criteria for New Schools
B.03 - Rigorous Criteria for Replicators and Schools Seeking a Change in Sponsor
B.04 - Reviewer Expertise
B.05 - Reviewer Protocols
B.06 - Rigorous Decision-Making
C. Performance Contracting

Three Standards:

• C.01 – Contract Performance Measures

• C.02 – Contract Terms for Renewal and Non-Renewal

• C.03 – Contract Amendment and Updates
D. Oversight and Evaluation

Seven Standards:

• D.01 – Oversight Transparency
• D.02 – Enrollment and Financial Reviews
• D.03 – On-Site Visits
• D.04 – Site Visit Reports
• D.05 – Performance Monitoring
• D.06 – Intervention
• D.07 – Annual Performance Reports
E. Termination and Renewal Decision-Making

Six Standards:

• E.01 – Renewal Application
• E.02 – Renewal and Non-Renewal Decisions
• E.03 – Non-Renewal Notification
• E.04 – Contract Termination
• E.05 – Closure Process
• E.06 – Renewal Reviewer Protocols
F. Technical Assistance

Four Standards:

• F.01 – Ongoing Technical Assistance
• F.02 – Legal and Policy Updates
• F.03 – Professional Development for Schools
• F.04 – Relationships with Schools’ Governing Authorities
Resources

Guidance on Document Submission for the 2023-2024 Sponsor Quality Practices Review

- Combines the Document Submission document and the Quality Document Upload Guidance document into one document
- Provides information on identifying and uploading appropriate documents for the quality practices review
- Provides examples of both relevant and unacceptable documents
- Serves as a guide; the list is not exhaustive
- Submitting examples listed does not guarantee a specific rating on any standard
Resources

Quality Practices
Rubric Change Log

Shows changes made from the 2022-2023 rubric to the 2023-2024 rubric
Not Applicable Standards

• **Entire standard** is NA (sponsor is not scored on any part)

• **Only a portion** of the standard is NA (sponsor not scored on the part that is NA)

• Sponsor must upload a memo with a statement explaining why standard (or portion) is NA

• If no memo is uploaded, sponsor will be rated on the entire standard
Not Applicable Standards

**Entire standard may be NA:**

B.04, B.06, E.02, E.03

**Portion of the standard may be NA:**

B.05, E.04, E.05, E.06
Selected Subset of Schools

• Randomly selected by the evaluator

• Includes at least one of each type of sponsored school for the sponsor (e-schools, dropout prevention and recovery schools)

• Sponsor needs to submit evidence for its selected schools for the standard in question
Selected Subset of Schools

The following note is included on standards for which documentation from a subset of schools is required:

**Note:** The sponsor must submit evidence for a specific set of its sponsored schools that was randomly selected by the vendor. The list includes at least one of each type of sponsored school (e-schools, dropout prevention and recovery schools, etc.). All sponsors received a list of the selected schools and the list is available to sponsors in Epicenter.
Optional for all 33 standards; sponsors are not required to submit narratives.

Sponsors may upload a narrative explanation for 31 of the 33 standards using the Department’s narrative form.

Sponsors may enter a narrative explanation for Standards C.01 and C.02 into the Narrative field in Epicenter.
Narratives

Sponsors electing to submit a narrative for a standard should use the Department’s Narrative Form.
Interviews

• Optional; sponsors are not required to participate in an interview
• Opportunity to help explain documentation (similar to narrative option)
• No additional documents will be collected during or after the interview
• Sponsors should complete the *Interview Intent Form* and upload it into Epicenter by the specified deadline.
• Evaluators will contact sponsors to set up interview.
Calculation of Quality Rating and Score

For each quality standard, sponsors receive between 0 and 4 points (or “NA”).

Rating is calculated using formula of $B/A$

- $A = \text{Number of total possible points for standards that are applicable to the sponsor being reviewed}$
- $B = \text{Total points received for the standards included in A}$
Calculation of Quality Rating and Score

Example:

• Rating = B/A
  
  o A = 132
  
  o B = 121

• $121/132 = 91.7$ percent
# 2023-2024 Quality Rating and Score

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Documents must be uploaded into Epicenter

Required submission types will be listed in the sponsor’s task queue

Use correct submission type

Can use the same document under multiple standards if needed
Memo Template

Sponsors submitting documents that exceed 25 pages should use the Department’s Memo Template.
2023-2024 Document Submission

Sponsors can replace documents in Epicenter (if needed) until the document submission window closes.

Sponsors can reuse documents from a previous evaluation cycle if the same document is applicable for the current cycle.

Once the window closes, documents cannot be added, replaced or removed.
2023-2024 Document Submission

Document submission window

Quality Practices: December 2023 – May 24, 2024
2023-2024 Quality Review Timeline

December 2023:
Epicenter Opens for document submission

5/24/2024:
Deadline to submit documents into Epicenter

Summer 2024:
Optional Interviews Occur

By 11/15/2024:
Final Ratings Published

Sept/Oct 2024:
• Preliminary Results
• Sponsor Adjustment Requests
• Adjustment Request Reviews
Questions?

Submit questions to the Sponsor Evaluation inbox:

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