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Overview of the 2024-2025 Community School Sponsor Evaluation Process

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

JULY 2024



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

Calculating the Weighted Points

School	Report Card Overall Rating	Common Scale Points	Adjusted Enrollment	Sponsor Adjusted Enrollment	Weight	Weighted Points
Community School #1	5 Stars	4	250	1000	$(250/1000) = .250$	$4 \times .250 = 1.000$
Community School #2	2 Stars	1	500	1000	$(500/1000) = .500$	$1 \times .500 = .500$
Dropout Prevention and Recovery School #3	Meets Standards	2	250	1000	$(250/1000) = .250$	$2 \times .250 = .500$
Total Weighted Points						2.000

Determining Average Weighted Points

List A

School	Report Card Overall Rating	Common Scale Points	Adjusted Enrollment	Sponsor Adjusted Enrollment	Weight	Weighted Points
Community School #1	5 Stars	4	250	1000	$(250/1000) = .250$	$4 \times .250 = 1.000$
Community School #2	2 Stars	1	500	1000	$(500/1000) = .500$	$1 \times .500 = .500$
Dropout Prevention and Recovery School #3	Meets Standards	2	250	1000	$(250/1000) = .250$	$2 \times .250 = .500$
Total Weighted Points						2.000

List B

School	Report Card Overall Rating	Common Scale Points	Adjusted Enrollment	Sponsor Adjusted Enrollment	Weight	Weighted Points
Community School #1	5 Stars	4	250	500	$(250/500) = .500$	$4 \times .500 = 2.000$
Dropout Prevention and Recovery School #3	Meets Standards	2	250	500	$(250/500) = .500$	$2 \times .500 = 1.000$
Total Weighted Points						3.000

Average Weighted Points = $(2.000 + 3.000) / 2 = 2.500$

Range of Points to Determine the Academic Component Score

Range of Averaged Weighted Portfolio Points	Final Score on the Academic Component of the Evaluation
3.5 – 4	4
2.5 – 3.49	3
1.5 – 2.49	2
.5 – 1.49	1
0 – .49	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



2024-2025 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

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

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

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

+

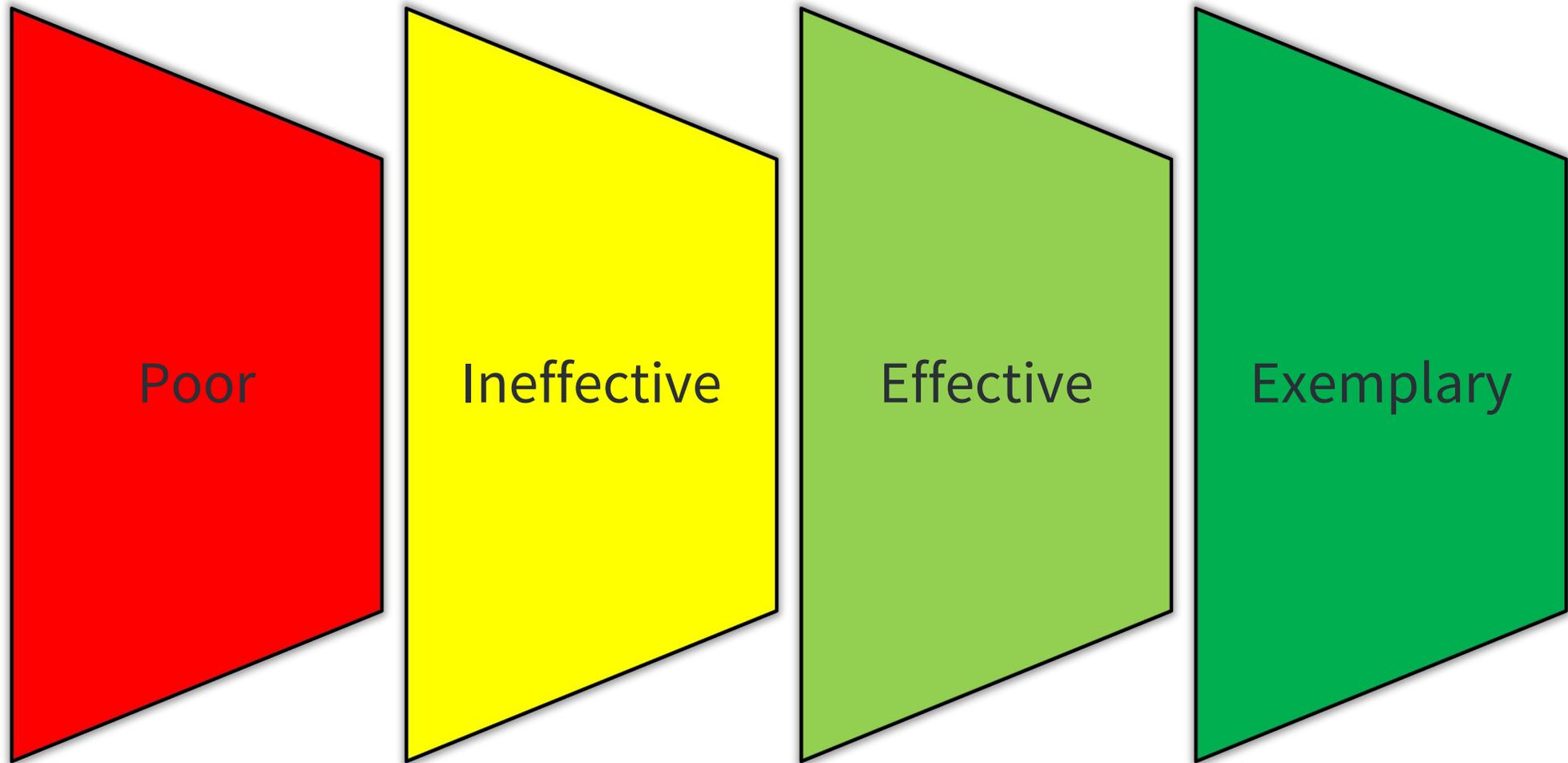
Quality Practices

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Sponsor Rating



Overall Sponsor Ratings





Sponsor Adjustment Request Process

- **Review of Preliminary Academic, Quality and Compliance Results**
 - Uploaded to Epicenter in mid/late September 2025
- **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 2024-2025 Overall Sponsor Rating



Overall Points	Sponsor Rating
10 - 12	Exemplary
7 - 9	Effective
3 - 6	Ineffective
0 - 2	Poor



Calculating 2024-2025 Overall Rating and Score

Example 1: Sponsor A

Has two community schools in its portfolio

Academic performance score of 2 points

Compliance rating of “Exceeds Expectations”

Quality practice rating of “Meets Standards”

Calculating 2024-2025 Overall Rating and Score

Example 1: Sponsor A

Academic Component	
Range of Averaged Weighted Portfolio Points	Points
3.5 – 4	4
2.5 – 3.49	3
1.5 – 2.49	2
.5 – 1.49	1
0 - .49	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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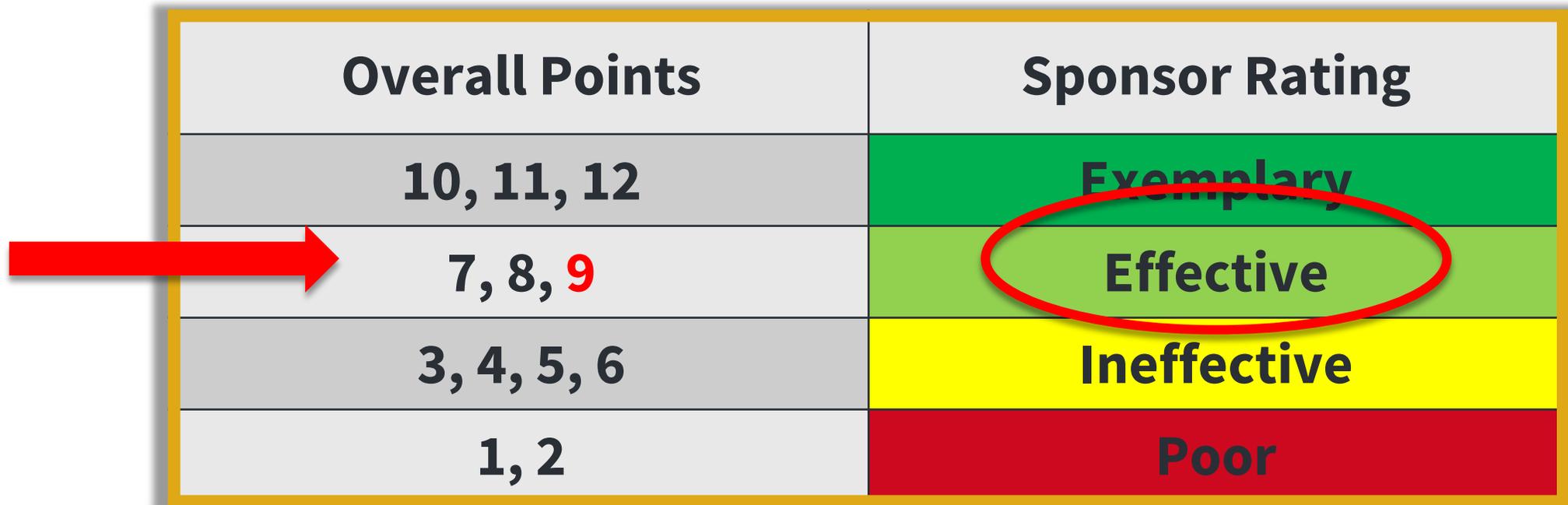
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Calculating 2024-2025 Overall Rating and Score

Example 1: Sponsor A

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





Calculating 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 Overall Rating And Score

Example 2: Sponsor B

Academic Component	
Range of Averaged Weighted Portfolio Points	Points
3.5 – 4	4
2.5 – 3.49	3
1.5 – 2.49	2
.5 – 1.49	1
0 - .49	0

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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

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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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Calculating 2024-2025 Overall Rating and Score

Example 2: Sponsor B

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





Sponsors Being Evaluated for 2024-2025

Senate Bill 168 (135th General Assembly):

...the Department shall not evaluate community school sponsors for the 2024-2025 school year, unless a sponsor elects to be evaluated.

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

2024-2025 Sponsor Evaluation Timeline

December 2024:
Epicenter opens for
Quality document and
Compliance
worksheet submission

6/30/2025:
Deadline for
Submitting
Completed
Compliance
Worksheets

7/22/2025:
Compliance
Validation Document
Submission Window
Closes in Epicenter

Sept/Oct 2025:

- Preliminary Results
- Sponsor Adjustment Requests
- Adjustment Request Reviews

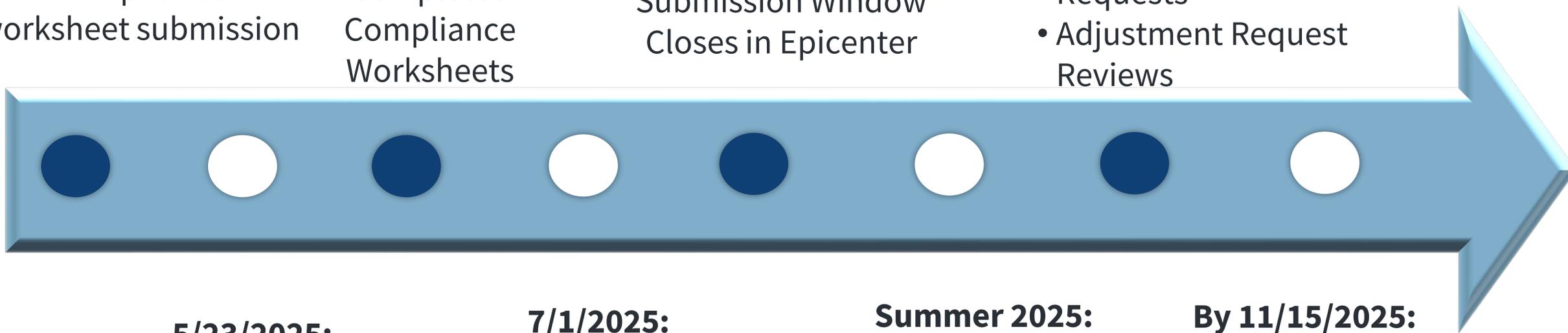
5/23/2025:
Quality Document
Submission Window
Closes in Epicenter

7/1/2025:
Epicenter Opens for
Compliance
Validation Document
Submission

Summer 2025:

- Optional Quality Interviews
- Compliance School Site Reviews

By 11/15/2025:
Final Ratings
Published



2024-2025 Sponsor Evaluation Resources

The screenshot shows the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce website. The header includes the department logo, social media icons, and a search bar. The navigation menu has links for Home, Administrators, Teachers, Parents, Topics, How Do I?, About, Media, and Contact. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Community Schools > 2024-2025 Sponsor Evaluation Tools.

QUICK LINKS

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2024-2025 Sponsor Evaluation Tools

✉ [Sign up](#) and select Community Schools Sponsor Evaluations Tools from the dropdown list to receive updates when they are posted.

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce annually evaluates community school sponsors on three components:

1. The academic performance of the community schools they sponsor.
2. Their compliance with all applicable laws and rules.
3. Their adherence to quality sponsoring practices.

The materials listed below are available to sponsors to help facilitate the evaluation.

NOTE: *The Department values comments from stakeholders regarding the sponsor evaluation framework. To ensure all stakeholders' input is considered, the Department will review and compile all comments provided prior to the mandated deadline. Any comments provided after the conclusion of the established comment period will be*

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Community-Schools/Sponsor-Ratings-and-Tools/2024-2025-Sponsor-Evaluation-Tools>



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Submit questions to the
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