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# 2024-2025 Community School Sponsor Evaluation: Quality Practices Component

**OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY**

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# 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 2024-2025 sponsor evaluation



**Glossary of  
Definitions**

No changes to the definitions for the 2024-2025 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



# Critical Area A Standards with Changes for 2024-2025:

- A.03 – Roles and Responsibilities
- A.04 – Conflicts of Interest
- A.05 – Staff Expertise
- A.07 – Allocation of Resources

\*Refer to the 2024-2025 Quality Practices Rubric or the 2024-2025 Quality Change Log for specific changes to these standards



# Critical Area A Standards with Changes for 2024-2025:

- A.03 – Roles and Responsibilities
  - Changes to the standard statement
  - Changes to the key indicators
  - Changes to the failure statement
  - Changes to all point requirements

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# Critical Area A Standards with Changes for 2024-2025:

- A.04 – Conflicts of Interest
  - Changes to the standard statement
  - Changes to key indicators
  - Changes to the 3-point and 4-point requirements
- A.05 – Staff Expertise
  - Changes to second key indicator

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# Critical Area A Standards with Changes for 2024-2025:

- A.07 – Allocation of Resources
  - Changes to first key indicator
  - Changes to the 3-point requirements

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## 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



# Critical Area B Standards with Changes for 2024-2025:

- B.03 – Rigorous Criteria for Replicators and Schools Seeking a Change in Sponsor
  - Note added
- B.04 – Reviewer Expertise
  - Changes to 2-point and 3-point requirements

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# Standard B.03 Change

Following note added:

*Changes in sponsor occurring after the document submission deadline will be part of the following year's evaluation. The list of changes will be provided by the Office of Community Schools*

# 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



# Critical Area C Standards with Changes for 2024-2025:

- C.01 – Contract Performance Measures
  - Changes to language in the 3-point requirements

\*Refer to the 2024-2025 Quality Practices Rubric or the 2024-2025 Quality Change Log for specific changes to this standard

# 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



# Critical Area D Standards with Changes for 2024-2025:

- D.03 – On-Site Visits
  - Changed the word “review” to “visit” throughout the standard and removed Note 2
- D.04 – Site Visit Reports
  - Changed the word “review” to “visit” throughout the standard and removed Note 2

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# 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

# Critical Area E Standards with Changes for 2024-2025:

- E.06 – Renewal Reviewer Protocols
  - Changes to language in the failure statement
  - Changes to language in the 1-point requirements
  - Changes to language in the 2-point requirements

\*Refer to the 2024-2025 Quality Practices Rubric or the 2024-2025 Quality Change Log for specific changes to this standard



# 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 2024-2025 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 2023-2024 rubric to the 2024-2025 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.*



# Narratives

Optional for all 33 standards; sponsors are not required to submit narratives

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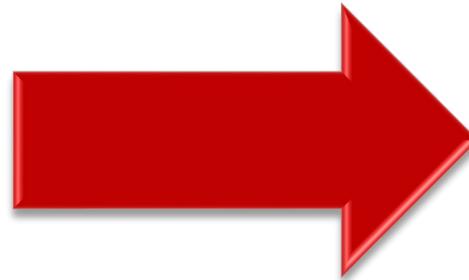
Sponsors may upload a narrative explanation for 31 of the 33 standards using the Department's narrative form

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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.



**OPTIONAL Narrative Evidence in Support of Submitted Documentation for the Quality Component of the Sponsor Evaluation**

School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

*The sponsor may submit a narrative explanation of how the submitted documents support the sponsor's practice as it pertains to this standard. Evaluators may use narrative explanations in the scoring process if they are substantiated by documentary evidence. Sponsors that choose to submit a narrative should use this form.*

Standard Number \_\_\_\_\_ Standard Title \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: A narrative can be no more than a two-page, single-sided document. Sponsors that choose to submit a narrative should use this form. Evaluators will only consider the first two pages of narrative explanations that go beyond the two-page limit. No changes to font or margin size are permitted.

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# 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 = Number of total possible points for standards that are applicable to the sponsor being reviewed**
- **B = Total points received for the standards included in A**



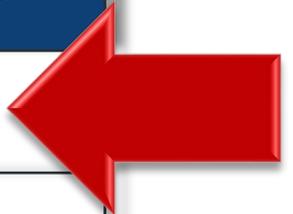
# Calculation Of Quality Rating and Score

## Example:

- Rating =  $B/A$ 
  - $A = 132$
  - $B = 121$
- $121/132 = 91.7$  percent

# 2024-2025 Quality Rating And Score

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





# 2024-2025 Document Submission

Documents must be uploaded into Epicenter

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

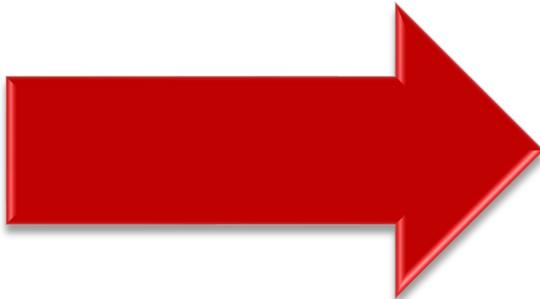
Use correct submission type

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.



**Memo for Document Submission for the Quality Review**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor IRN: \_\_\_\_\_

Quality Standard: \_\_\_\_\_

Document/File Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Page numbers in this document to be reviewed for this standard:

Quality Document Submission Memo



# 2024-2025 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.**



# 2024-2025 Document Submission



## Document submission window

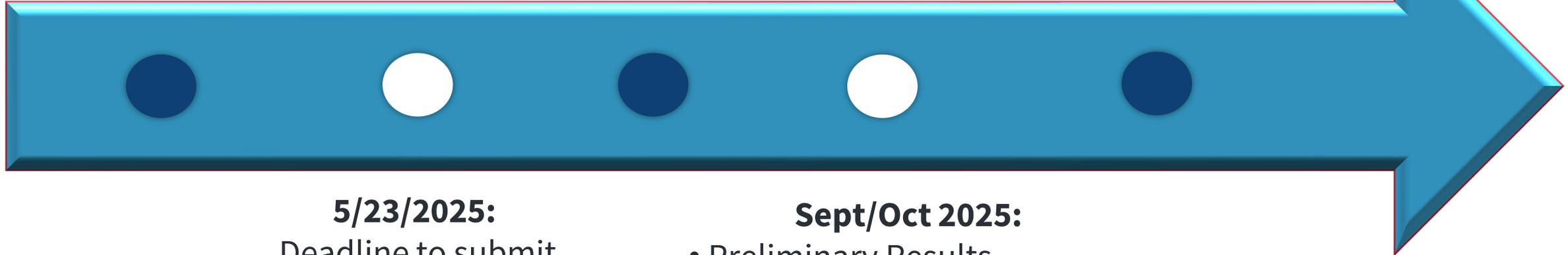
Quality Practices: December 2024 – May 23, 2025

# 2024-2025 Quality Review Timeline

**December 2024:**  
Epicenter Opens for  
document submission

**Summer 2025:**  
Optional  
Interviews Occur

**By 11/15/2025:**  
Final Ratings Published



**5/23/2025:**  
Deadline to submit  
documents into Epicenter

- Sept/Oct 2025:**
- Preliminary Results
  - Sponsor Adjustment Requests
  - Adjustment Request Reviews

# QUESTIONS?

Submit questions to the  
Sponsor Evaluation inbox:

[sponsor.evaluation@education.ohio.gov](mailto:sponsor.evaluation@education.ohio.gov)



# QUESTIONS?

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