



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-102-04 Sponsorship agreement.

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(A) The duties and responsibilities of a sponsor shall be specified in a sponsorship agreement with the department. In addition to duties of the sponsor specified in the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code, duties and responsibilities to meet the criteria of the sponsorship agreement include the following:

- (1) Attend required training sessions as offered by the department,
- (2) Make written reports of information obtained related to the monitoring of the community school's compliance with laws and rules applicable to the school, and provide written reports to the department upon request.

(B) In addition to the terms required to be included in the sponsorship agreement between the department and the sponsor described in Chapter 3314.015 of the Revised Code, the sponsorship agreement between the department and the sponsor shall include the term of the agreement.

Initially, the conditions and terms of the first sponsorship agreement entered into between the department and a newly approved applicant shall be based upon the entity's capacity as demonstrated in its sponsorship application.

(C) Sponsors may seek to modify their agreement with the department at any time. The department's decisions regarding modification requests may be informed by the rationale provided by the sponsor for expanding the current territory and/or portfolio size, current portfolio size, recent trends in the number of community schools opening, the results of the sponsor evaluation performed in accordance with section 3314.016 of the Revised Code and any additional information submitted by the sponsor. The department shall consider such proposed modifications in a timely manner.

(D) At least one hundred eighty days prior to the expiration of the sponsorship agreement term, the sponsor shall notify the department as to its intent regarding the renewal of its sponsorship



agreement, but nothing in the sponsorship agreement precludes the sponsor from seeking an earlier sponsor agreement renewal decision from the department. In any case when a sponsor becomes unwilling or unable to fulfill the obligations under the sponsorship agreement, a sponsor shall notify the department at least one hundred eighty days prior to any termination of the sponsorship agreement.

(E) Unless otherwise provided by law, a sponsor shall not enter into any new or successor community school contract that has a term exceeding the term of the sponsorship agreement. If the sponsorship agreement is renewed, the department's renewal decision will be based on criteria established in section 3314.015 of the Revised Code. When evaluating these criteria, the department will consider the same information the department would evaluate for modification request established under paragraph (C) of this rule.

(F) Prior to terminating the sponsor agreement as outlined in paragraph (G) of this rule, the department may require actions of the sponsor to correct deficiencies in the sponsor's compliance with its obligations in rule and/or law and may impose restrictions on the conditions of the sponsorship agreement if such deficiencies are not remedied in a reasonable time based on the circumstances.

(G) The department may immediately revoke the sponsor's authority by terminating the sponsorship agreement if the department determines a sponsor is unable or unwilling to remedy conditions or violations of law at a community school that pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's students and/or employees.