



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3301-102-09 Approving applications for new internet-or computer-based community schools.

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(A) An "internet-or computer-based community school" is defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code. "Online community school" and "eschool" have the same meaning as an internet-or computer-based community school.

(B) The department of education and workforce shall publish on its website the department of education and workforce's processes for submitting and approving applications for new online community schools. The department also shall maintain on its website a list of applications received and their status.

(C) The application shall require an applicant to provide the following:

(1) The sponsor's experience with online schools, including:

(a) The number of years and number of online schools for which the sponsor provided monitoring and technical assistance since the inception of such activities;

(b) The degree to which the online schools met Ohio's operating standards for online schools, which the department of education and workforce shall make available on the department's website; and

(c) Any full-time equivalency determinations issued by a state education agency for a school for which the sponsor was responsible for oversight;

(2) The operator's experience with online schools, including:

(a) The operator's experience in managing the daily operations of an online school or providing programmatic oversight and support to an online school since the inception of such activities;

(b) The degree to which the online schools met Ohio's operating standards for online schools; and



(c) Any full-time equivalency determination issued by a state education agency for a school for which the operator managed the daily operations;

(3) The sponsor's schools' records of academic performance in all years under its sponsorship including:

(a) Assessment of the sponsor's schools' student performance, as aligned with the evaluation system described in section 3314.016 of the Revised Code; and

(b) Report cards and performance ratings issued for the sponsor's community schools under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(4) The operator's schools' records of academic performance in all years under its operation as measured by the following:

(a) Report cards and performance ratings issued for the sponsor's community schools under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code; and

(b) Comparable performance ratings of out-of-state schools with which the operator has experience; and

(5) The extent of the operator's previous experience in Ohio.

(D) In determining the experience and quality of applicants, the director of the department of education and workforce or the director's designee shall consider the measures included in paragraph (C) of this rule.

(E) No later than the first of July of each year, the department shall notify applicants as to the determination regarding their applications.