



COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Maysville Local School District Community School Sponsor

Important:
No decision has been made by the Office of Community Schools about the administration of assessments to measure dropout recovery ranking.

On behalf of the Maysville Local School District, I wish everyone at Foxfire Schools a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. As we maintain our partnership, we are confident that Foxfire will continue to serve many of the children who require the intense intervention and services that are unique to your mission. We appreciate your commitment to your students and families.



Legal/Policy Updates Compliance

The state legislature did not move the school funding bill forward as hoped. Although it passed the House with ease, the Senate was unwilling to entertain it during the lame duck session. Therefore, Ohio schools will continue to operate under an extremely flawed financial system that is neither equitable nor fair until changes can be made.

The Senate will have an opportunity to consider SB 376 (Fair School Funding Plan); however, many of the bill's supporters are exiting the legislature due to term limitations. The simulations run for Foxfire were favorable over the six-year phase in period.

Sponsorship Agreement

The Office of Community Schools has provided an sponsorship modified agreement until June 20, 2023 between Ohio Department of Education and Maysville Local School District. The Maysville Local Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to engage in the agreement at its December board meeting. This agreement has been submitted to ODE for countersignatures. Maysville must improve its sponsor rating within that time frame to continue sponsorship. The schools must improve ratings as well since the composite score is what determines overall sponsor rating.

Sponsor Evaluation 2020-2021

The sponsor evaluation requirements have been changed a bit for the 2020-2021 academic year. The compliance requirements will not be identified for Maysville until July 1 and have to be completed by July 23, 2021. This creates a challenge since July is the month when the staff typically is either not scheduled to work or takes vacation.

The corrective action plan will be uploaded by June 30, 2021. Since Maysville was unable to receive a rating this past year, a plan is required again and must include all areas that scored below a proficient score.

Renewal Application Review

Foxfire Intermediate and High Schools' renewal is in process and the updated education plan is much more reflective of both the contract and the operation of the schools. Maysville intends to continue with sponsorship of Foxfire and the contract will be reviewed by both entities with adjustments made to the education plan as submitted by the schools. Due to COVID-19, the interviews will still take place, but not until January.

Special Education Profile

The special education program in a district is the basis of success for students with disabilities. Every year, districts receive a rating on the performance of their special education program, known as their Special Education Rating.* The Ohio Department of Education uses final data that districts submit through the Education Management Information System (EMIS). These data result in one of four ratings — Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention or Needs Substantial Intervention. The primary basis of the 2020 rating is the final special education program data districts submitted through EMIS for the 2018-2019 school year.

The special education profiles were released and indicate that Foxfire High School is rated as "Needs Intervention." Foxfire Intermediate School was ranked as "Meets Requirements." The high school is required to submit a plan and any technical support needed will be provided.