



COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Maysville Local School District Community School Sponsor

Important:
Contract revision
Quality Practices Documents
Compliance Documents

Legal/Policy Updates Compliance-Dropout Recovery Assessments

Please note that Ohio law requires community schools to administer all required assessments each school year. There is no law or rule to waive that requirement. Therefore, if a school decides not to administer a test or does not administer a test the number of times the test is required to be administered, then the school will be found to be “not compliant” for any items on the Compliance Oversight of Schools Worksheet that pertain to ensuring that schools are in compliance with all assessment requirements.

The state expects schools issued the dropout prevention and recovery report card to administer all required assessments and submit the required data to the Department (Item 309).

It is understood that with the unique circumstances of this school year, and the recent transition to a new assessment, there is concern regarding participation rates. While participation rates will not factor into the accountability system (report cards) this year, the state expects schools to aim to test as many students as possible in all required administrations of the assessments. The compliance item is not reviewing the participation rate of students testing. Instead, the state is ensuring that tests were administered, and each school made a good faith effort to test as many students as possible. For any student that the schools test, the Department will receive that test data, verifying that the schools have made a good faith effort.

Per House Bill 409, the report cards will be published in Fall 2021 with all available data to be used for review and improvement planning, but there will be no ratings for those schools receiving the dropout prevention and recovery report card. The demotion for test participation that is applied to the Progress Component will not apply this year in the absence of ratings.

Role of the Sponsor

Sponsors ensure that schools adhere to their contracts, and they make important decisions, such as whether to renew contracts with community schools. They also provide oversight and technical assistance. The contracts between sponsors and schools include provisions required by law and may include specific terms negotiated between the sponsor and the school.

Maysville did receive the authorization to sponsor Foxfire High School and Foxfire Intermediate School for 2 more years (through June 30, 2023). The contracts will require approval from both governing boards and the Maysville Board of Education. The contracts are expected to be completed and voted on by Maysville at the May 13, 2021 board meeting. Both of the Foxfire governing boards will also need to place the contracts on their respective agendas as well. The sponsor will work with the community school superintendent to update the contracts.

The specific areas that required attention have been updated by the schools and will be considered in the appendices to ensure compliance for both quality practices and compliance documentation by the sponsor.

Planning for Quality Practices Submission

The deadline for our submissions for Quality Practices by the sponsor is May 28, 2021. This requires months of work and weeks of uploading documents. Therefore, attention to deadlines for necessary documents is critical. Communication is key to ensuring that we meet all deadlines, as none are extended for any reason.

Testing Windows

The results from the test (STAR) will be used to calculate student growth from this school year and, more importantly, will provide baseline performance data for teachers to use to support students. This data will also inform growth measures in future years.

To accomplish this goal, the Ohio Department of Education has worked with Renaissance Learning to establish two windows for testing students:

1st Window

February 16th through March 26th

2nd Window

April 12th through May 28th



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