



The Sponsor Connection

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Franklinton Preparatory Academy Girls and Boys Basketball Teams Have Outstanding Season!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Franklinton Preparatory Academy Firebirds!

The Lady Firebirds, under Coach Benson and Coach Cailah, clinched the Charter School Athletic Association (CSAA) 2019 league championship on March 24, 2019 against Probe Academy. The boy's team was the runner up in their championship game against Early College Academy.

The school's basketball program is only one part of its 21st Century Grant 5 year program, currently in its first year, that also includes a number of other creative after-school programming events, in addition to a solid focus on improving academic achievement.



Klepinger Community School Awarded 'School of Excellence' by Ohio Coalition of Quality Education (OCQE)

Kudos to Klepinger Community School in Dayton led by the board president, Dave Foubert and the school administrator, Melissa McManaway. The school was presented with a 'School of Excellence' Award on April 25, 2019 by Ron Adler, President of OCQE and Charlotte McGuire, Vice President of the State Board of Education for demonstrating strong student growth in math and reading in their STAR alternative assessment tests.

For nearly 12 years the Board and Imagine schools have striven to provide a safe, nurturing, and values driven education to the children of Dayton. Klepinger is an example of how the community school movement works. St. Aloysius and Charter School Specialists are honored to be a partner of the Board and Imagine Schools.

Revised Transportation Law Allows for Vans to be Used for School Work Programs

Several Pupil Transportation laws (OAC 3301-83) were amended and became effective April 25, 2019. One of the laws regarding routine van usage (OAC 3301-83-19(C)) has been changed to make foster children and students participating in **school work programs** eligible for use of vehicles other than school busses on a routine basis.

In the past, the law regarding transporting students by van was only allowable for routine usage for pre-school, students with special needs, homeless children, children inaccessible to school buses, or students placed in alternative schools.

This change could offer schools with another alternative for providing transportation to high school students needing to get to their work programs/job sites. The school would need to notify the sponsor and ensure that the van and driver meet all the requirements in statute. [See Revised Rule](#)

Bucket List, Bucket Brigade, a Bucket of Bolts, a Drop in the Bucket, and 8 Buckets in Needs Assessment!

The Ohio Department of Education, Office of Federal Programs, released their new requirements for the Needs Assessment in CCIP at the Spring OAASFEP (Ohio Association of Administrators of State & Federal Education Programs) Conference. The Needs Assessment Summary must include data from the "8 Buckets":



8 Buckets of Data for Needs Assessment (Use needs statements instead of narrative)

1. Human Resources/ Staffing/ Professional Development

2. Well-Rounded Education
3. High Quality Instruction
4. Supportive Learning Environment
5. Aligned Curriculum and Assessments
6. Leadership
7. Family and Community Engagement
8. Systems of Support

The Plan in CCIP must also include:

- Smart Goals
- Purposeful Strategies
- Accountable Actions
- Implementation/Monitoring
- Examination

For a more detailed explanation of these requirements, please click [HERE](#)

While you begin thinking about the Fiscal Year 2020 consolidated application, keep in mind that you should remove all references to HQT and update the teacher equity components to reflect this year's data. To save extra time inputting, you should make corrections in this year's plan prior to copying it over to next year. You will also want to align your plan in CCIP with the Community School Improvement Plan you submitted. These two plans should align with each other and, also with the State's Strategic Plan.

If you need assistance or further clarification, please call Nannette Sherman at 614-837-8945 ext 23.

Verification of Residency Requirements

House Bill 21 provisions were incorporated into ORC 3314.11 which require community schools to collect proof of residency documents annually and conduct monthly residency checks. Community schools were required to approve policies that outlined how they will verify students' enrollment annually.

Best practices that are recommended regarding the policy include, but are not limited to:

- Annual verification may include parents' submitting a residency form that highlights verification of residence and has a parent signature section;
- Sharing the policy with the resident districts that your students come from;
- Providing monthly reminders to parents asking them to contact your school if they move;
- Collecting proof of residence as part of your school's re-enrollment process;
- Including in your policy a plan where your school performs regular, monthly residency checks on a sample of enrolled students in addition to other verification procedures.
- Including an agenda item for every board meeting noting residency verification. (if a school meets every other month, two months of verifications should be completed at each board meeting).

Keep in mind the statute requires that governing authorities verify students district of residence annually and also requires a monthly review of residency records of enrolled students. Parents, guardians and emancipated students 18 and older must notify community schools when a change of primary residence occurs.

It is recommended that governing authorities, working with their legal counsel, develop a monthly residency report that is reviewed and approved at every board meeting. The report should include information such as how many new students have enrolled in the school; how many student records have been randomly reviewed including SSID

numbers; how many parents or guardian address updates were provided to the school; disputed residency issues noted and the process that was used to confirm proof of residency was reviewed and meets school policy requirements.

Additional information and guidance documents are available on ODE's website or from Charter School Specialists. Please let us know if we can help make sure your board is complying with this important requirement.

NEW Alianna's Alert Law Requires Stricter Student Absence Notification from Schools

Alianna's Alert became effective April 5, 2019. The new law requires public schools, STEM schools and brick and mortar community schools to notify parents when their children are at least two hours late without an excused absence. The law was passed following the 2017 kidnapping, rape, and murder of 14-year-old Alianna DeFreeze of Cleveland, whose mother never knew she didn't make it to school.

The new law (ORC 3321.141) requires a school's attendance officer or designee to make at least one attempt within two hours of the school being in session, to contact a parent/guardian or other person having care of any student who is absent without legitimate excuse from the school at the beginning of that school day. Schools are permitted to choose from a variety of means of notification, including a telephone call (with verification of call placement), the school's automated student information system, an email, an in-person visit to the student's residence, or any other viable procedure adopted by the district's Board of Education.

The Ohio Department of Education is Seeking Districts to Pilot the 2019- 2020 Revised Draft OTES

Recent Ohio law brought about changes to the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES). The Ohio Department of Education plans an OTES pilot to gather feedback on the draft revisions to the OTES process. The 2019-2020 pilot based on the revised draft OTES is now open to all districts and community schools that want to participate. If your school would like to participate it must submit the [Intent to Participate Forms](#) by June 1.

Participating schools must bring small teams to three regional trainings throughout the 2019-2020 school year. Evaluators and teachers will use the components and forms associated with the revised draft OTES to inform possible changes to the OTES model, as well as help shape training for the 2020-2021 implementation.

Confirm or Submit Your District Profile Link Now for Ohio School Report Cards

The Ohio Department of Education offers school districts, community schools and Career Technical Planning Districts the opportunity to submit a link to a webpage that describes the district's unique qualities and successes.

These district profile links appear on the Ohio School Report Cards and are used by viewers to visit the district's profile page. District profile links now reside in the Ohio Educational Directory System (OEDS). This allows districts to update the web addresses as needed by logging in to OEDS and viewing the Organization Identity Box under the header, District's Profile Page. Superintendents should review their links now to make sure they are correct. Changes can be made in OEDS during the year at any time.

Districts must submit links for the 2019 Ohio School Report Cards by June 30, 2019,

to be included in this year's report cards. Only the web address is needed by June 30. For questions, please email Marianne Mottley or call (614) 995-9944.

Post Audit Conference Reminder

Charter School Specialists and St. Aloysius request a post audit conference with all of our sponsored schools. The Auditor of State offers this opportunity upon completion of all community school audits. We view this as an opportunity to clarify or seek additional information prior to public release of the report on the Auditor of State website. The conferences are generally conducted via conference call.

Please ensure that if you are asked for a post audit conference that you accept, and notify our office so that a representative of St. Aloysius is part of the conference as well (*Contact Frank Stoy at 614.837.8945 ext. 25 or fstoy@charterschoolspec.com*). Participating in the post audit conference is one of several ways that we provide technical assistance and oversight regarding the financial operations of our sponsored schools.

REMINDER



- May 1st** Conflict of Interest/Disclosures due to Sponsor.
- May 1st** Sunshine Law Training verification due to Sponsor.
- May 25th** 5 Year Forecasts due to Sponsor.
- June 1st** [OTES Intent to Participate forms due no later than June 1.](#)
- June 30th** [Submit/confirm your district profile link no later than June 30 through OEDS.](#)
- July 1st** School Safety Plans must be reviewed and certified no later than July 1.