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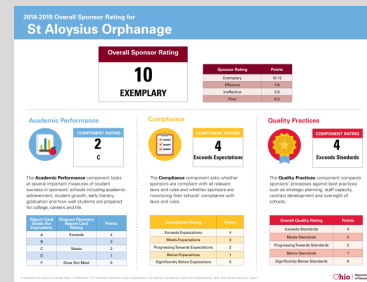
FOR SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY ST ALOYSIUS

December 2019

ST ALOYSIUS ORPHANAGE IS EXEMPLARY!

St. Aloysius Orphanage was rated 'Exemplary' on the most recent [Sponsor Evaluation](#) released by the Ohio Department of Education on November 15, 2019.

Twenty-five sponsors were evaluated, and St. Aloysius was one of only six sponsors to receive the highest rating. St. Aloysius received the maximum score in the areas of "Compliance" and "Quality Practices."



ODE annually evaluates community school sponsors on three components:

1. The academic performance of the community schools they sponsor.
2. Their compliance with all applicable laws and rules.
3. Their adherence to quality sponsoring practices.

Congratulations to all our staff and our schools for their hard work and dedication!



St. Aloysius 2018-2019 Sponsor Annual Report is Now Available!

Community school sponsors must monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance; organization and operation; and legal compliance of each community school it sponsors and submit a written report of the evaluation results to the Ohio Department of Education and parents by November 30th each year.

To view the report click [HERE](#)

Richard Allen Academy Turned F's into B's and C's on State Report Card!



Kudos to Richard Allen Academy who was featured on the local news in October for the major gains they made on this year's report card.

When asked how they did it, they replied that one reason was because students are taught to treat each other like family.

Principal Yolanda Cooper has been focusing on creating a positive, supportive culture and said “When kids feel like they are part of something, when they feel like they are connected, you get more out of them because you build a trust factor with them.”

“I look and I see the joy on their faces,” said Deputy Superintendent Aleta Benson. “I hear the discussions in class. I’m able to see the growth that has not occurred in a while.”

Richard Allen Academy scored F’s in progress, gap closing and overall grade on the 2017-2018 report card. This year it raised those grades to B, B and C.

The school focused on improving reading and comprehension with new teaching tools and online programs designed to adjust to the skills of each individual student.

The school did receive an F this year in achievement, but Ms. Cooper said the report card is proof the school is heading in the right direction. For the full interview click [HERE](#)



How Well Did Your Operator Perform?

[Ohio Law](#) requires the Ohio Department of Education to publish an annual performance report for all operators of community schools.

The Department has posted the 2018-2019 Community School Operator Performance Reports on the Office of Community School homepage (available as an [Excel](#) or [PDF](#)).



Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Charter School Specialists will be hosting professional development on the Comprehensive Needs Assessment on December 9th and 10th at 10:00 am at the following locations:

December 9th - Warrensville Hts, OH
Warrensville Heights Public Library
4415 Northfield Rd, Warrensville Hts, OH 44128

December 10th - Columbus, OH
Northside Library
1423 N High St, Columbus, OH 43201.

If you need assistance please contact Porsche Chisley at pchisley@charterschoolspec.com

Reporting Incidents to the Sponsor

Incidents that occur at the school or elsewhere that could have a material adverse effect on the school should be reported to the governing authority and sponsor as soon as possible.

The community school contract specifies in Section 2.4 that the School Governing Authority shall promptly notify the sponsor upon obtaining knowledge of any event or circumstance that could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the operation, properties, assets, condition (financial or otherwise), prospects or reputation of the school. For example, if an incident occurs that could potentially result in litigation, the sponsor should immediately be notified.

Additionally, if a school is contacted by the media, the sponsor should immediately be notified. We prefer this notification to occur in writing via email. If you have questions or are unsure about reporting an incident, please contact Tammie Osler at tosler@charterschoolspec.com or (614)837-8945 ext. 24.

Graduation Requirements Are Changing

The Ohio Department of Education has released an overview on the Graduation Requirements. State law created new, permanent requirements that were available starting with the class of 2018.

Students in the classes of 2021 and 2022 who have met or are on track to meet one of the original three pathways may continue to use those pathways to satisfy graduation requirements. Students in the classes of 2023 and beyond will be required to meet the permanent requirements in order to graduate.



Students in the class of 2020 will need to satisfy the required coursework and meet one of the following:

1. Three Pathways
2. Modified Additional Graduation Options
3. Permanent Requirements

Students in the classes of 2021 and 2022 will need to satisfy the required coursework and meet one of the following:

1. Three Pathways
2. Permanent Requirements

Students in the class of 2023 and beyond will need to satisfy the required coursework and meet the following:

1. Demonstrate Competency
2. Preparation for College or Careers

For more detailed information please click [HERE](#)



Changes to the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators

The [Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators](#) is the guide for professional conduct for all Ohio educators, including coaches, aides, teachers (including substitutes), principals, superintendents and other licensed individuals serving schools, such as school nurses, counselors and treasurers.

The State Board of Education adopted the current *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators* in September. The Department encourages educators to inform themselves of changes to the [Principles of Professional Conduct](#), including the addition of a new principle: Appropriate and Responsible Use of Technology.

Email questions about the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators to Educator.Conduct@education.ohio.gov.

Decision Framework is Gone...One Plan is on its Way!

The Ohio Department of Education announced at the **Ohio Association of Administrators of State and Federal Programs Fall Conference**, that the Decision Framework **will not be opening** for fiscal year 2021! Andrea Faulkner, Assistant Director, Office for Improvement and Innovation, explained that ODE is creating a "One Plan" that will connect with the new Ed Steps program.



Dr. Faulkner explained that her department will be looking for districts to volunteer to participate in the initial One Plan planning tool for creating the needs assessment and plan. Starting In fiscal year 2022, districts will be assigned to one of three cohorts with cohort 1 using the One Plan. Each following year, a cohort will be assigned to complete their One Plan. The One Plan will be a comprehensive three-year plan that incorporates data, focusing on high-impact items. The One Plan when completed will be sent to the Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan (CCIP). If your school would like to participate in the initial One Plan, please contact Andrea.Faulkner@education.ohio.gov.

Those schools not selected for the pilot One Plan, will complete a comprehensive needs assessment that includes writing needs statements in the following areas:

- Human Resources/Staffing/Professional Development
- High Quality Instruction
- Aligned Curriculum & Assessments
- Family & Community Engagement
- Well-Rounded Education
- Supportive Learning Environment
- Leadership

- Systems of Support

A copy of the Quality Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan Rubric can be found [HERE](#).

Also, new for Fiscal Year 2021 is the review process for the consolidated application. The following departments at ODE will have specific parts of the plan to review prior to approval: State Support Teams, Teacher Equity, Literacy, Office of School Sponsorship and Office for Exceptional Children. The Office of Federal Programs will still be awarding the federal grants.

Schools must include family and community stakeholders in the writing of the school's plan. The planning tool for FY2021 will open mid-January.

INACOL is Now the Aurora Institute

For 15 years the Aurora Institute (formerly INACOL), has evolved to become a leading organization partnering with education professionals creating next generation learning models. It has grown to explore systems change and education innovation, facilitating the future of learning through personalized learning and student-centered approaches.

Charter School Specialist has been a member for many years and attends the conference annually. CSS believes that our schools need to be on the cutting edge of innovation when it comes to engaging in the transformation process and begin redesigning learning experiences for our students.

The Aurora Institute is a place for educators across the world to learn and share in the vision that we all have for our youth. It is truly a place for education innovators, policymakers and education advocates to find common ground for leveraging everyone's strengths to build and guide the education field.

It is recommended that our school's staff, board members, charters school advocates and stakeholders attend this conference to see and engage with other education advocates across country.

When you attend the conference you can expect to see:

- Increased field capacity, leadership and alignment (new people and ways to work together).
- Call-to action for policy makers (a unifying framework for legislators, advocates and others to create the next iterations of federal programs to support higher education and K-12 pathways).
- Evidence infrastructure that uses research and builds trust in student centered learning models, school redesign, and systems change.
- Advocacy for increased capacity for schools to pilot and implement practices and strategies to ensure **all learners are served** to reach their highest potential and are well- prepared for the next phase of their lives.

If you would like to learn more about this organization, please contactt Kerry Jupina, Director of College and Career Readiness Kjupina@charterscholspec.com or (330)518-0841.

Equity in IDEA: Expanding Significant Disproportionality Reporting



The U.S. Department of Education has updated Individuals with Disabilities Education Act regulations to better determine if districts have a disproportionate representation of students from any racial or ethnic group in their special education programs.

The change in federal regulations expands the equity categories states must monitor for disproportionality and requires states to work with stakeholders to adopt a common methodology for identifying disproportionality.

The Ohio Department of Education's implementation of the new regulations will be reflected in Ohio's 2019-2020 district Special Education Profiles, targeted for release in late January 2020. This year's district profile will include a new Disproportionality section showing the district's longitudinal data in each category and notifying the district of any required actions.

For more information on the impact of the revised regulations for Ohio's school districts, click [HERE](#). To read the full article click [HERE](#)

**There is Still Time
to Register for**



the Fifth Annual Ohio PBIS Showcase!

The [Ohio PBIS Showcase](#) is an opportunity for districts and schools implementing the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports framework to highlight best practices and talk about what works in Ohio schools.

Confirm Roster Verification Participation by December 20th

Superintendents at traditional districts, joint vocational and career-technical districts, educational service centers and community schools will receive an email this week requesting they [confirm their participation in value-added roster verification](#) by December 20th.



The Ohio Department of Education, Office of Federal Programs is continuing to offer Regional Trainings in December. You may register for these trainings using your SAFE account.

- 12/2 Northwest Network ESC of Lake Erie West
- 12/2 East Network, Muskingum Valley ESC
- 12/3 Hamilton Area Network, Hamilton Co. ESC
- 12/5 Southeast Network Athens, Meigs ESC
- 12/6 Southwest Network, Montgomery Co. ESC
- 12/6 North Network ESC of Cuyahoga County



If you would like to submit an article on the accomplishments of your school, students or staff members, please send to cskaggs@charterschoolspec.com