



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3314.023 Monitoring, oversight, and technical assistance; school closure.

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A sponsor shall provide monitoring, oversight, and technical assistance to each school that it sponsors. In order to provide monitoring, oversight, and technical assistance, a representative of the sponsor of a community school shall meet with the governing authority or fiscal officer of the school and shall review the financial and enrollment records of the school at least once every month. Not later than ten days after each review, the sponsor shall provide the governing authority and fiscal officer with a written report regarding the review. Copies of those financial and enrollment records shall be furnished to the community school sponsor and operator, members of the governing authority, and the fiscal officer designated in section 3314.011 of the Revised Code on a monthly basis.

If a community school closes or is permanently closed, the designated fiscal officer shall deliver all financial and enrollment records to the school's sponsor within thirty days of the school's closure. If the fiscal officer fails to provide the records in a timely manner, or fails to faithfully perform any of the fiscal officer's other duties, the sponsor has the right of action against the fiscal officer to compel delivery of all financial and enrollment records of the school and shall, if necessary, seek recovery of any funds owed as a result of any finding of recovery by the auditor of state against the fiscal officer.

For purposes of this chapter, "monitoring, oversight, and technical assistance" shall include the following:

(A) Monitoring the community school's compliance with all laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the contract;

(B) Monitoring and evaluating the academic and fiscal performance and the organization and operation of the community school on at least an annual basis. The evaluation of a school's academic and fiscal performance shall be based on the performance requirements specified in the contract between the sponsor and the governing authority under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code, the



state report cards issued for the school under section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, and any other analysis conducted by the department of education.

(C) Reporting on an annual basis the results of the evaluation conducted under division (D)(2) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code to the department of education and to the parents of students enrolled in the community school;

(D) Providing technical assistance to the community school in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the contract;

(E) Taking steps to intervene in the school's operation to correct problems in the school's overall performance, declaring the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspending the operation of the school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or terminating the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor;

(F) Having in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the event the community school experiences financial difficulties or closes prior to the end of a school year.

(G) Other activities designed to specifically benefit the community school the entity sponsors.