

Overview of the 2023-2024 Community School Sponsor Evaluation Process



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Office of Accountability





History of the Sponsor Evaluation System

- **Assist** the Department in its oversight of sponsors
- **Improve** the quality of sponsor practices
- **Improve** community school operations and academic performance

Sponsor Evaluations (ORC 3314.016)

Three Equally-Weighted Components:

**Academic
performance**

**Compliance with
all applicable
laws and rules**

**Adherence to
quality practices**

Academic Performance Component

Includes the academic performance of students at all the sponsor's community schools combined

Uses the overall rating which includes *all* applicable state report card components

Weighted by number of students in each school

Academic performance results do not require actions from sponsors as data is based on Ohio School Report Card data

Academic Component Common Scale

Traditional Report Card Overall Rating	Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card Overall Rating	Equivalent Points on Common Scale
5 Stars	Exceeds Standards	4
4.5 Stars		3.5
4 Stars		3
3.5 Stars		2.5
3 Stars	Meets Standards	2
2.5 Stars		1.5
2 Star		1
1.5 Star(s)		0.5
1 Star	Does Not Meet Standards	0



Compliance Component

- Review of sponsor's adherence to all applicable laws and rules for itself
- Review of sponsor's oversight of its schools' adherence to all applicable laws and rules



2023-2024 Compliance Component

Oversight of Schools*

Percentage	Points
98 – 100%	4
96 – 97.9%	3
94 – 95.9%	2
92 – 93.9%	1
0 – 91.9%	0

*The score for this item is used to determine Compliance Item S-615 for the sponsor-level calculation

Sponsor Level

Percentage	Rating	Points
92 – 100%	Exceeds Expectations	4
87 – 91.9%	Meets Expectations	3
84 – 86.9%	Progressing Toward Expectations	2
80 – 83.9%	Below Expectations	1
0 – 79.9%	Significantly Below Expectations	0

Quality Practices Component

The adherence of a sponsor to follow nationally established quality sponsor practices in six critical areas, which are based on NACSA standards and Ohio law.



Quality Practices Component

Percentage	Rating	Points
90 – 100%	Exceeds Standards	4
75 – 89.9%	Meets Standards	3
55 – 74.9%	Progressing Toward Standards	2
35 – 54.9%	Below Standards	1
0 – 34.9%	Significantly Below Standards	0



Overall Sponsor Rating

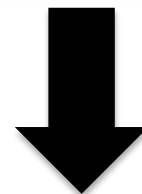
Academic Performance



Compliance with Laws and Rules

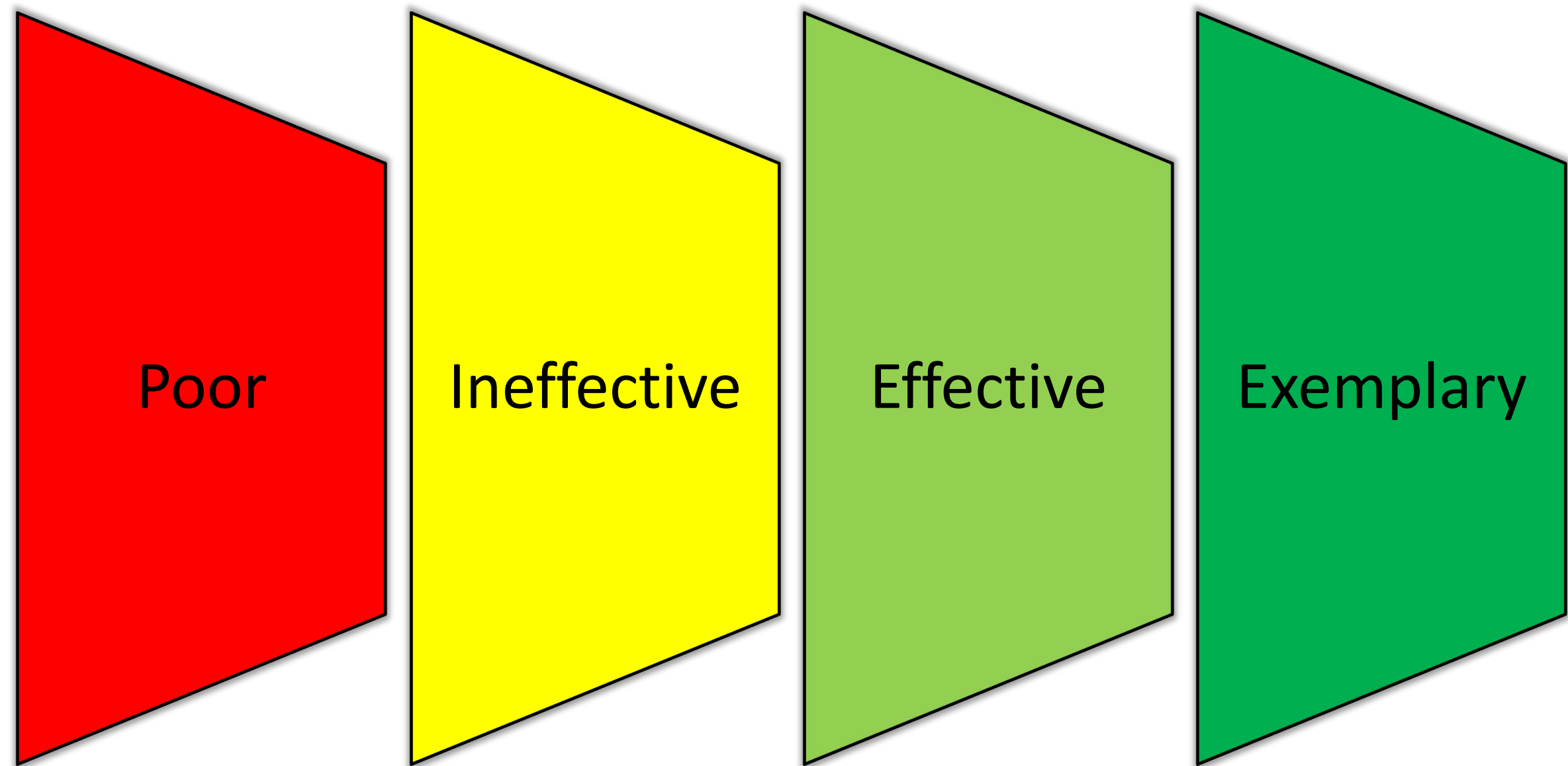


Quality Practices



Sponsor Rating

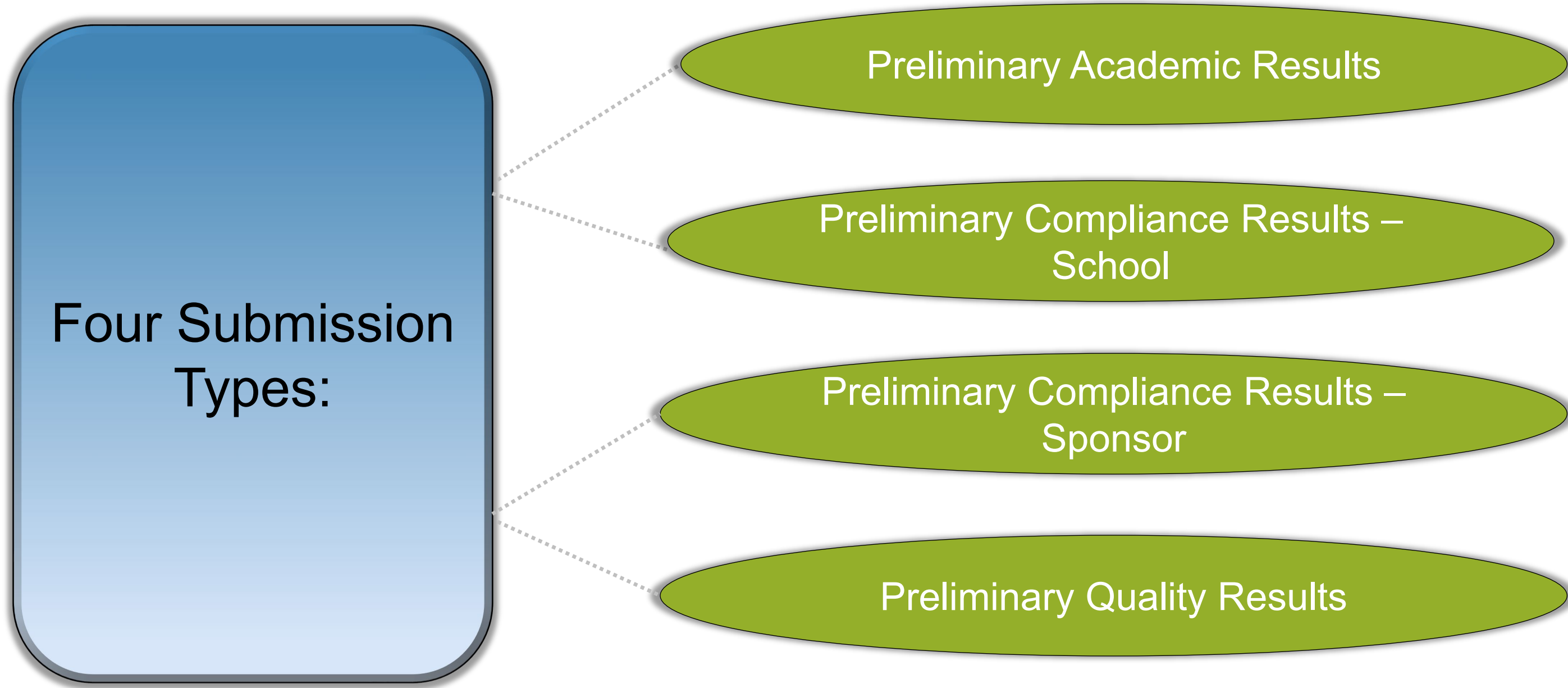
Overall Sponsor Ratings



Sponsor Adjustment Request Process

- **Review of Preliminary Academic, Quality and Compliance Results**
 - Uploaded to Epicenter in mid/late September 2024
- **Sponsor Adjustment Request Period**
 - 10 business days to review preliminary ratings and submit an adjustment request form
- **Review of Sponsor Adjustment Requests**
 - Department staff review the adjustment requests and make any warranted changes to the preliminary scores
- **Final Ratings and Scores**
 - Department staff calculate the academic, quality and compliance scores and ratings

Review of Preliminary Results



Submitting an Adjustment Request

10 business days from when sponsors receive access to preliminary results

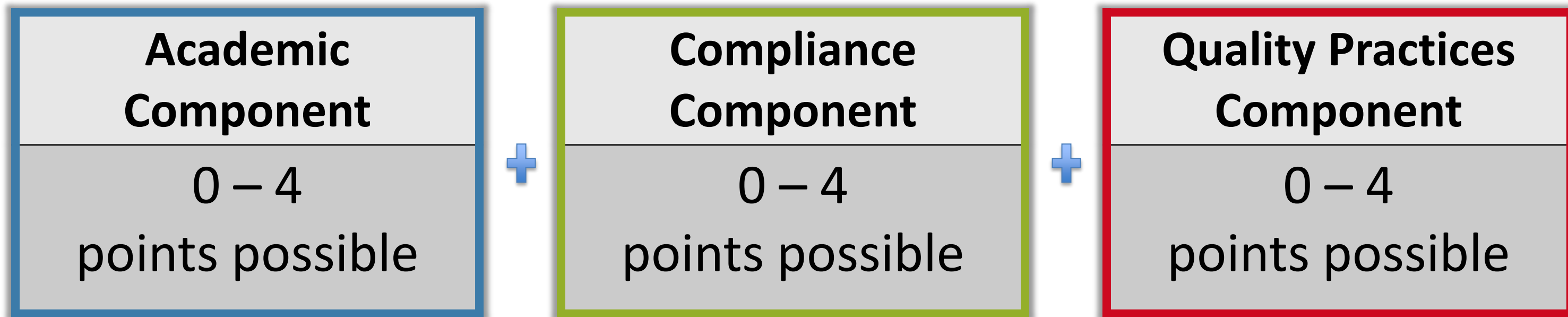
Sponsor Adjustment Request Form

- Submitted in Epicenter
- Contains four tabs:
 - Sponsor Academic
 - Sponsor Quality
 - Sponsor Compliance
 - School Compliance

Review of Sponsor Adjustment Requests

- The Department will review the submitted adjustment request forms and the originally submitted documentation to determine whether the score of a particular compliance item should be changed
- If the Department adjusts any of the scores from the preliminary data, it will recalculate the overall compliance score as well as the overall sponsor rating prior to posting the final evaluation ratings

Combined Components for 2023-2024 Overall Sponsor Rating



Overall Points	Sponsor Rating
10 - 12	Exemplary
7 - 9.5	Effective
3 - 6.5	Ineffective
0 - 2.5	Poor

Calculating 2023-2024 Overall Rating and Score

Example 1: Sponsor A

Has two community schools in its portfolio

Academic performance rating of “3 Stars”

Compliance rating of “Exceeds Expectations”

Quality practice rating of “Meets Standards”

Calculating 2023-2024 Overall Rating and Score

Example 1: Sponsor A

Academic Component		
Traditional Rating	Dropout Prevention and Recovery Rating	Common Scale Points
5 Stars	Exceeds Standards	4
4.5 Stars		3.5
4 Stars		3
3.5 Stars		2.5
3 Stars	Meets Standards	2
2.5 Stars		1.5
2 Star		1
1.5 Star(s)		0.5
1 Star	Does Not Meet Standards	0

2

+

Compliance Component	
Rating	Points
Exceeds Expectations	4
Meets Expectations	3
Progressing Toward Expectations	2
Below Expectations	1
Significantly Below Expectations	0

4

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Quality Practice Component	
Rating	Points
Exceeds Standards	4
Meets Standards	3
Progressing Toward Standards	2
Below Standards	1
Significantly Below Standards	0

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Calculating 2023-2024 Overall Rating and Score

Example 1: Sponsor A

Overall Points	Sponsor Rating
10, 11, 12	Exemplary
7, 8, 9	Effective
3, 4, 5, 6	Ineffective
1, 2	Poor

Calculating 2023-2024 Overall Rating and Score

Example 2: Sponsor B

Has one community school in its portfolio

Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card rating of “Exceeds Standards”

Compliance rating of “Exceeds Expectations”

Quality practice rating of “Significantly Below Standards”

Calculating 2023-2024 Overall Rating and Score

Example 2: Sponsor B

Academic Component		
Traditional Rating	Dropout Prevention and Recovery Rating	Common Scale Points
5 Stars	Exceeds Standards	4
4.5 Stars		3.5
4 Stars		3
3.5 Stars		2.5
3 Stars	Meets Standards	2
2.5 Stars		1.5
2 Star		1
1.5 Star(s)		0.5
1 Star	Does Not Meet Standards	0

Compliance Component	
Rating	Points
Exceeds Expectations	4
Meets Expectations	3
Progressing Toward Expectations	2
Below Expectations	1
Significantly Below Expectations	0

Quality Practice Component	
Rating	Points
Exceeds Standards	4
Meets Standards	3
Progressing Toward Standards	2
Below Standards	1
Significantly Below Standards	0

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Calculating 2023-2024 Overall Rating and Score

Example 2: Sponsor B

Overall Points	Sponsor Rating
10, 11, 12	Exemplary
7, 8, 9	Effective
3, 4, 5, 6	Ineffective
1, 2	Poor

A red arrow points to the '7, 8, 9' row, and the 'Effective' rating is circled in red.



2023-2024 Sponsor Evaluation Exemptions

Sponsors that received an overall rating of **Exemplary** or **Effective** for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 OR for 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2021-22 are exempt from the 2023-24 sponsor evaluation



*Note: No overall sponsor ratings were given for the 2019-2020 sponsor evaluation. In addition, while sponsors received an overall rating for 2020-2021, the rating did not count toward any penalties or incentives.

Community School Sponsors Exempt from 2023-2024 Sponsor Evaluation Review

For sponsors that are exempt from the sponsor evaluation review for the 2023-2024 review cycle per [ORC 3314.016\(B\)\(7\)\(b\)](#), documentation must be maintained as required by law for audit purposes and to fulfill their legal responsibilities for their sponsored schools.

Community school sponsors must ensure their schools are adhering to **ALL** applicable laws and rules regardless of their participation status in the sponsor evaluation review process.

Sponsor Evaluation Outcomes



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Outcomes of Sponsor Evaluation Ratings

- **Determines eligibility to sponsor any new or additional community schools**
- **Impacts Department decisions about:**
 - Renewal of sponsorship agreements;
 - Sponsorship application and approval; and
 - Revocation of sponsorship.

Exemplary Rating Outcomes

May sponsor new or additional community schools

Sponsored community schools may be eligible to apply for a Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant*

**Additional risk and eligibility factors may apply*

Exemplary Rating Outcomes

Exemplary for two or more consecutive years

Sponsor may participate in the following incentives:

- Renewal of sponsorship agreement with the Department
- Ability to extend contract term with school beyond the term included in agreement with the Department
- Exemption from preliminary agreement and contract adoption and execution deadline requirements

Exemplary Rating Outcomes

Exemplary for two or more consecutive years

- Exemption from automatic contract expiration requirement if a new school fails to open by Sept. 30 of the year in which the contract is executed
- No limit on the number of community schools sponsored
- No territorial restrictions on sponsorship*

**May be subject to other statutory provisions*

Effective Rating Outcomes

May sponsor new or additional community schools

Sponsored community schools may be eligible to apply for a Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant*

**Additional risk and eligibility factors may apply*

Rating of Exemplary or Effective for At Least Three Consecutive Years

- Sponsors evaluated by the Department once every three years

Ineffective Rating Outcomes

Cannot sponsor any new or additional community schools

Must develop a quality improvement plan with the Department

Ineffective Rating Outcomes

Ineffective for three consecutive years

- Sponsorship revocation
- Sponsor may appeal the revocation within 30 days of receiving the rating
- Revocation will not occur until the appeal process is finished

Poor Rating Outcomes

Sponsorship revocation

Sponsor may appeal the revocation within 30 days of receiving the rating

Revocation will not occur until the appeal process is finished

Sponsorship Revocation

- Schools are assumed by the Office of Ohio School Sponsorship (OSS) at the Department for the remainder of the school year
- OSS may continue to sponsor the schools for up to two years from the sponsor's revocation or until schools find a new sponsor, whichever comes first

2023-2024 Sponsor Evaluation Timeline

December 2023:

Epicenter opens for Quality document submission and Compliance worksheet submission

6/30/2024:

Deadline for Submitting Completed Compliance Worksheets

7/22/2024:

Compliance Validation Document Submission Window Closes in Epicenter

Sept/Oct 2024:

- Preliminary Results
- Sponsor Adjustment Requests
- Adjustment Request Reviews

5/24/2024:

Quality Document Submission Window Closes in Epicenter

7/1/2024:

Epicenter Opens for Compliance Validation Document Submission

Summer 2024:

- Optional Quality Interviews
- Compliance School Site Reviews

By 11/15/2024:

Final Ratings Published

2023-2024 Sponsor Evaluation Resources

The screenshot shows the Ohio Department of Education website. At the top left is the Ohio Department of Education logo. To the right are social media icons for email, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube, followed by a search bar. A dark red navigation bar contains links for Home, Administrators, Teachers, Parents, Topics, How Do I?, About, Media, and Contact. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Community Schools > 2023-2024 Sponsor Evaluation Tools. The main content area features a 'QUICK LINKS' sidebar on the left with links to overall sponsor ratings, 2023-2024 sponsor evaluation tools, frequently asked questions, and drafts of 2023-2024 sponsor evaluation tools, along with links for previous years (2022-2023, 2021-2022, 2020-2021, 2019-2020, 2018-2019, and 2017-2018). The main heading is '2023-2024 Sponsor Evaluation Tools'. Below the heading is a sign-up button with an envelope icon and the text 'Sign up and select Community Schools Sponsor Evaluations Tools from the dropdown list to receive updates when they are posted.' The main text explains that the Ohio Department of Education 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, and 3. Their adherence to quality sponsoring practices. A note in a grey box states: 'NOTE: The Department values comments from stakeholders regarding the sponsor evaluation framework. To ensure all stakeholders' input is considered, the Department will review and compile all comments provided prior to the mandated deadline. Any comments provided after the conclusion of the established comment period will be considered in the following year.' The materials listed below are available to sponsors to help facilitate the evaluation process.

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Community-Schools/Sponsor-Ratings-and-Tools/2023-2024-Sponsor-Evaluation-Tools>



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