



## Community School ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Ohio is the only state that refers to charter schools as community schools. Richland Academy has provided information on our website ([richlandacademy.com](http://richlandacademy.com), community schools tab) to explain the hierarchy and roles and responsibilities of the Ohio Department of Education, the Sponsor, the Community School Governing Authority and if applicable, the School Operator.

Richland Academy sponsors Columbus Bilingual Academy- North, Cesar Chavez College Preparatory School and Lorian Bilingual Preparatory School.

### Social, Emotional Learning Standards Adopted

Social and emotional learning (SEL) standards were adopted by the State Board last month. The standards were developed through the collaboration of teachers, school counsellors and education personnel and designed for grades kindergarten through twelve. The new standards are broken down into five areas: Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills and Responsible Decision-Making.

The board also voted to adopt the model curriculum for social studies and to raise the third grade reading guarantee promotion cut score to 683.

### Handwriting guidelines now available

To address the instruction of manuscript and cursive writing in Ohio's schools, the Ohio Legislature passed **House Bill 58**, which became effective on July 1, 2019. This legislation required the Ohio Department of Education to provide information on the development of handwriting and include supplemental instructional materials in the English Language Arts Model Curriculum.

Ohio's Model Curriculum for English Language Arts Appendix A: Guidance and Supports for Handwriting now is available on the **Department's website**.



## National Education News

### Dance provides another avenue for cross-curricular lessons

#### Education Dive

Using a fun activity like dance can serve as a cross-curricular gateway to ease students into more intimidating subjects such as coding and math. In Valenzuela's approach linking coding classes to dancing, students were able to learn the basics of the core subject while also getting some physical activity. Typically, dance is used as a component of physical education classes, where students are encouraged to learn other forms of movement, too. But dance can also be a tool to deliver more than just physical awareness. Dance has been used in school settings to teach students how to express emotions, share their feelings, and develop social emotional learning (SEL) skills.

#### Deadlines and dates...

- 7/24-26 | Register for [2019 Project-Based Learning \(PBL\) Ohio Institute](#)
- 7/26 | Priority application deadline for [2019 Chinese Bridge Delegation](#)
- 7/29 | Register for [2019 Career Connections Conference](#)
- 8/6-8/15 | Register for free [regional adolescent literacy meetings](#)

### [Free Safety Assessment and Intervention training coming this fall](#)

Through the Federal STOP School Violence grant program, the Ohio Department of Education is partnering with Sandy Hook Promise to provide Ohio school districts [Safety Assessment and Intervention](#), one of Sandy Hook's proven [Know the Signs](#) programs.

Read more at: <http://education.ohio.gov/Media/Ed-Connection?page=5>

### [Data appeal for 2019 student and assessment data open through July 26](#)

Beginning Thursday, July 18 through Friday, July 26, superintendents can appeal 2019 student and assessment data submitted to EMIS, including assessment data for grades 3-8 and end-of-course tests. These data will affect many measures on the 2018 Ohio Report Cards *and* affect the amount of a district's state funding.

[This is the only opportunity to appeal this data.](#)

#### Reminders...

##### Governing Authority Board Members...

- Complete your annual training for Sunshine Laws and Public Records now
- Complete your annual Conflict of Interest Form now
- It's time for the annual review of certain policies (Health & Safety, Academic Prevention & Intervention)

##### School Administrators...

- Notify your families about hearing and vision screenings prior to August 1 and complete the screenings before November 1, 2019
- Complete your annual training for Sunshine Laws and Public Records now
- Complete all required inspections for the upcoming Opening Assurance site visit

