

**RICHLAND ACADEMY OF THE ARTS
CONTRACT BETWEEN SPONSOR AND GOVERNING AUTHORITY POLICY**

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Revisited

POLICY: SPONSOR CONTRACTS WITH GOVERNING
AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP DUTIES

PURPOSE: TO ENSURE CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO WITH
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COMPLY WITH ODE
REQUIREMENTS

STATUORY

REQUIREMENT: OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 3314:03
Specifications of contract between sponsor and governing
authority - specifications of comprehensive plan.
AND
OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, Chapter 3301-102
Community Schools

PROCEDURES

Richland Academy of the Arts (RAA) will sponsor Community Schools with the approval from Ohio Department of Education (ODE) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 3314 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS in accordance with and as set forth in the sponsorship agreement with ODE pursuant to 3301-102-04 Sponsorship agreement.

CONTRACTS BETWEEN SPONSORS AND ODE

The number of preliminary agreements and community school contracts that RAA may enter into shall be specified in the sponsorship agreement based upon RAA capacity as demonstrated in its sponsorship application. RAA may seek to modify its agreement with ODE to increase the number of sponsored schools. ODE shall consider such proposed modifications in a timely manner.

- The sponsorship agreement shall specify the geographic area in which RAA shall have authority to sponsor community schools in order to have the capacity to provide necessary and proper monitoring and technical assistance

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in accordance with the requirements as set forth in Sponsor Rules 3301-102-04. RAA may seek to modify its agreement with ODE to increase the geographic area of sponsorship. ODE shall consider such proposed modifications in a timely manner.

- The term of the sponsorship agreement shall be specified in the sponsorship agreement based upon RAA's capacity as demonstrated in the sponsorship application. Where RAA has demonstrated sufficient capacity in its application to the satisfaction of ODE, the customary term of the agreement shall be 5 years. At least 180 days prior to the expiration of the sponsorship agreement term, the sponsor shall notify ODE as to its intent regarding the renewal of its sponsorship agreement. In any case, if RAA becomes unwilling or unable to fulfill the obligations under the sponsorship agreement, RAA shall notify ODE at least 180 days prior to any termination of the agreement.
- RAA shall not enter into any new or successor community school contract which has a term exceeding the term of the sponsorship agreement. If RAA's sponsorship agreement is renewed, a new term shall be specified in the renewed sponsorship agreement based upon RAA's capacity and its effectiveness as a sponsor during the original term of the sponsorship agreement.
- RAA shall respond in a timely manner to reasonable requests from ODE for information, data, and documents.

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- RAA will accept and consider applications from both startup and existing schools through fair, equitable and thorough a transparent process. As such, given a disparity in the possible availability of concrete information for startup schools versus existing schools, RAA developed separate applications processes for each. Applications for startup schools must be submitted on or before October 31 of the academic year prior to proposed opening of the school. Applications for existing startup schools must be submitted by April 15 of the academic year. All required application elements must be submitted for consideration. Each

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application and evaluation rubric is posted on RAA's website-

- **Contract Student Performance Measures**

RAA contracts will specify student performance measures including, but not limited to:

- Proficiency rates on state assessments,
- Student academic growth,
- Graduation rates,
- Attendance,
- Post-secondary enrollment after high school, and
- Student performance on other valid and reliable assessments
- Metrics and targets are specific and rigorous.
- Targets include all students and subgroups of students.
- At a minimum, targets are set that compare the school's student performance to the state, schools serving similar populations and/or schools in the same geographical area.
- Mission-specific academic goals may be included; such goals include specific metrics and targets.

High-stakes review

A high-stakes review will take place prior to a contract renewal at least every 5 years for extended contracts.

Conditions for renewal

Conditions for renewal are clearly defined and details for performance standards and criteria are included in the contract.

Consequences

The contract will include clearly defined and detailed consequences for meeting or the consequences for not meeting standards and conditions.

General conditions for amendment or modifications

The contract will include general conditions for amendment or modifications.

Updating existing contracts

The contract will include permission to update its existing contracts to reflect changes made in the template it uses for new schools.

Permission to assess contract language

The contract will include permission to regularly assess contract language to ensure consistency with changes in state and/or federal law.

Permission to regularly update

The contract will include permission to regularly update its performance framework to support higher achievement or to ensure better compliance.

