

3301-102-02**Definitions.**

The following terms are defined as they are used in the rules in this chapter:

- (A) “Capacity” means possessing the leadership, professional expertise, human capital management, financial resources, strategic planning and commitment necessary to provide oversight, monitoring and technical assistance, consistent with sponsor duties defined in division (D) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.
- (B) “Chief administrator” or chief administrative officer” means the individual assigned the role of superintendent in the Ohio educational directory system (OEDS) or its successor system.
- (C) “Community school” means a public school created under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, independent of any school district and part of the state's program of education.
- (D) “Community school contract” means a written agreement, and any amendments or modifications thereto, between a sponsor and a governing authority of a community school that outlines the duties, rights, and responsibilities of both parties as required under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.
- (E) “Department” means the Ohio department of education.
- (F) “Education-oriented entity” means an organization that:
- (1) Has been granted tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This will be demonstrated through evidence of tax-exemption status by the applicant or a parent organization of the applicant; and
 - (2) Supports, promotes or provides services and/or programs, associated with educational systems demonstrated through submission of evidence as part of the application outlined in Ohio Administrative Code 3301-102-03.
- (G) “Eligible entity” means an entity described under section 3314.02(C)(1) of the Revised Code :
- (H) “EMIS” (education management information system) The education management information system provides the architecture and standards for reporting data to the Ohio department of education. EMIS is the statewide data collection system for Ohio’s primary and secondary education system. Staff, student, district, building, and financial data are collected through this system. The source data for Ohio’s accountability and funding systems are the EMIS data files. In addition, these files are utilized for many other state and federal requirements.

- (I) "Governing authority" means a group of individuals who are charged with the responsibility of establishing policies and procedures for the operation and management of a new start-up or conversion community school and responsible for carrying out all of the provisions of a community school contract.
- (J) "Learning opportunity" means classroom-based or non-classroom-based supervised instructional and educational activities that are defined in the community school's contract and are
- (1) Provided by or supervised by a licensed teacher;
 - (2) Goal oriented; and
 - (3) Certified by a licensed teacher as meeting the criteria established for completing the learning opportunity.
- (K) "Preliminary agreement" means a written agreement and any amendments thereto, between a proposing person or group and a sponsor that sets forth the intention of both parties to negotiate in good faith towards the execution of a community school contract in accordance with Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.
- (L) "Site visit" means a visit in person, or virtually, by a representative of the sponsor, or of the department, on-site at the location of the school with the school administrator, fiscal officer, and/or member(s) of the governing authority to review and verify contractual, local, state and federal compliance as to the following matters, including, but not limited to: health and safety, educational program, including provision of student learning opportunities as referenced in division (A)(23) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code and as defined in paragraph (J) of this rule, student state-required academic assessment(s), fiscal operations, governance and administration, and other assessment and accountability measures, as defined in the community school's contract.
- (M) "SOES" (School options enrollment system) The SOES or its successor system is the EMIS subsystem that drives funding for students in community schools and STEM Schools. This web application is used to enter and review student enrollment and demographic data to form the basis for the flow of funds to community schools and STEM schools. School personnel enter data in the SOES and traditional public school personnel review, verify, or challenge that data.
- (N) "Sponsorship agreement" means a written agreement, and any amendments thereto, between the department and a sponsor which establishes the duties, rights and responsibilities of both parties in accordance with all sections of the Revised Code and all rules of the Administrative Code that are applicable to sponsors .

(O) "State board" means the state board of education.

(P) "Technical assistance" means the provision of targeted and customized supports by professionals with subject matter expertise relevant to the operations of a community school toward successfully fulfilling its obligations under applicable rules, laws and the terms of applicable contract.

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