

GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING

TIMELINE

January 18, 2013	Application Period Ends
January 18-31, 2013	Application Review
February 12, 2013	Board Presentation (Potential Partnering Schools)
February 26, 2013	Final Board Approval

CRITERIA FOR PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT APPLICATION

Applicants must:

- I. Submit a compelling statement that (a) affirms the mission and goals of CMSD's Strategy Map and the guiding vision of CMSD's Academic Transformation Plan, and (b) demonstrate alignment of CMSD's vision and goals with those of the applicant's school. The applicant will be required to submit its school's strategic vision, mission and/or strategy map.
- II. Present a rationale for partnering with CMSD, including a detailed statement of how the partnership would contribute to transforming education and improving the quality of schools in Cleveland.
- III. Meet the following terms to assure quality:
 - A. Adherence to the State of Ohio Community School standards, rules and regulations as outlined in law and as verified by the schools' sponsor
 - B. Public reporting of multiple annual budgets with specific commitment to future reporting on levied dollars
 - C. Student accountability demographic reporting, demonstrating a representation consistent (+/- 5%) with the population of the nearest neighborhood schools in the area of the city in which you serve (i.e., enrollment attrition, gender, ethnicity, IEP, LEP, etc.)
 - D. Academic and enrollment data that will be "rolled up" into the CMSD District data
 - E. Building performance rating of Effective or Excellent (for existing schools with data)
 - F. **NOTE:** New community schools that have yet to receive an academic rating may also be conditionally eligible to access funds if their data verifies student performance comparable to Effective or Excellent standards of performance and/or Above Value-Added growth trajectory.
 - G. Administration of the Conditions for Learning student surveys (tri-annually)
 - H. Attendance at Cleveland Quality Schools Network (twice annually) to network, share best practices and collaborate with CMSD schools

Distribution of Funds:

Dollars will be allocated on a per-pupil basis, in accordance with the number of students of eligible schools that are Cleveland residents for each tax distribution period.

Eligibility:

Applicants must engender approved affirmation and partnership statements.

Applicants must meet the seven assurance terms.

Applicants may be requested to attend an interview session.

Eligibility will be established for a two-year time period, pending an affirmative annual review of assurance terms A through G above.