2024-2025
SPONSOR ANNUAL
PERFORMANCE REPORT

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Mission Statement

As a Sponsor of Community Schools, Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center's Mission is to establish strong public community schools by adhering to quality authorizing practices and oversight in accordance with the role of a sponsor, and to provide quality educational opportunities for students who may not otherwise participate successfully in a regular public school setting.

Sponsor Performance Evaluation

It is the goal of the Mid-Ohio ESC to adhere as closely as possible to the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) Principles & Standards for Quality School Authorizing. Established in 2004, it is widely considered the national standard for the work of charter school sponsorship.

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) utilizes the annual Sponsor Performance Evaluation, which is aligned with NACSA standards and Ohio-specific requirements. Community school sponsors are evaluated on three components: the academic performance of sponsored community schools; compliance with all applicable laws and rules; and adherence to quality sponsoring practices.

ODEW completed its Sponsor Performance Evaluation for the 2018-2019 school year and released the rating in November 2019. Mid-Ohio ESC received an overall rating of "Exemplary." The component ratings were as follows: Academic Performance – "A"; Compliance – "Exceeds Expectations"; and Quality Practices – "Meets Standards".

Mid-Ohio ESC accepted the incentive of maintaining its "Exemplary" rating while being exempt from the formal evaluation process. This incentive provides highly rated sponsors the opportunity to be evaluated once every three years (Exemptions were given for 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 school years due to the Covid-19 Pandemic).

Mid-Ohio ESC Sponsored Community Schools

GOAL Digital Academy	890 West Fourth Street Mansfield, OH 44906
The Tomorrow Center	3700 County Road 168 Cardington, OH 43315
Findlay Digital Academy	1219 West Main Cross Suite 101 Findlay, OH 45840

Please consider this letter the fulfillment of the requirement for community school sponsors to submit the Sponsor Annual School Performance Report for the 2024-2025 school year.

Annual Performance Report

GOAL Digital Academy

Description of the School

GOAL Digital Academy is a public online community school, serving students in grades K-12, with a curriculum written to the Ohio Academic Content Standards. GOAL Digital Academy takes pride in creating flexible and innovative individual educational plans that support their students as they work to achieve their educational goals.

GOAL Digital Academy offers an array of educational services and programs for its students. Special education services and intervention classes are provided based on the students' goals identified in their Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Licensed teachers instruct GOAL Digital Academy's high school students, enabling them to earn flex credits, credentials, and an accredited high school diploma. Advanced placement courses and college credit are available. In addition to its standard curriculum, GOAL Digital Academy offers credit flexibility to its high school students. GOAL Digital Academy provides educational opportunities for students up to 21 years of age and up to 22 years of age when the student is on an IEP.

Licensed teachers instruct GOAL Digital Academy's elementary and middle school students (K-8), while parents provide support from home. GOAL Digital Academy's reading and math intervention programs help elementary and middle school students make multiple-year gains. Teachers act as partners with parents, who work with the students on a daily basis. Tutoring services at GOAL Digital Academy's learning labs are also available for all students.

There are seven physical locations/labs: Cardington, Delaware, Galion, Mansfield, Marion, Mt. Vernon, and Newark.

Vision and Mission

GOAL Digital Academy ignites students with the desire to achieve positive accomplishments, explore the world around them, and obtain a quality education.

GOAL Digital Academy (IRN-149047)

Mid-Ohio ESC has indicated below whether GOAL Digital Academy Exceeds, Meets, or Did Not Meet the expected performance in the areas of Academic Performance, Fiscal Performance, and Organization and Operation. In the area of Legal Compliance, Mid-Ohio ESC is required to provide a rating of Meets or Did Not Meet.

Mid-Ohio ESC rates GOAL Digital Academy in these areas as follows:

1. Academic Performance – Meets

As an Ohio community school sponsor, Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center has a duty to monitor and provide oversight and technical assistance to all sponsored schools, which includes an assessment of each sponsored school's academic performance on an annual basis.

GOAL Digital Academy is a Dropout Prevention and Recovery Community School (majority of students enrolled in the school are between the ages of 16 and 21). On the 2024-2025 State Report Card, the school "Meets Standards" under the Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card Model.

Schools that receive the Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card receive ratings on the following four components: Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, and Graduation Rate.

GOAL Digital Academy received a "Meets Standards" in the **Achievement** component, previously called the High School Test Passage Rate Component, which represents the number of students who meet applicable criteria on assessments that are required for graduation.

GOAL Digital Academy earned a "Meets Standards" in the **Progress** component, which looks closely at the growth that all students are making during the school year.

GOAL Digital Academy received a "Meets Standards" in the **Gap Closing** component, which shows how well they are improving or meeting the performance expectations for all students in English language arts, math, graduation, and English language proficiency.

Finally, GOAL Digital Academy obtained an "Exceeds Standards" in their **Graduation Rate** component, which looks at the percent of students who are successfully finishing high school with a diploma in four, five, six, seven, or eight years. When comparing GOAL Digital Academy to all other Dropout Prevention and Recovery Programs in Ohio, GOAL Digital Academy compares favorably in all categories except the 5-year graduation rate. See the chart below.

Graduation Rates	4 Year	5 Year	6 Year	7 Year	8 Year	Combined Rates
Goal Digital Academy	54.7%	57.7%	53.2%	49.0%	50.8%	53.1%
All DOPR Schools	44.3%	48.3	49.4	48.9%	48.0%	47.6%

The following mission goals are included in the Performance Framework for GOAL Digital Academy (students are surveyed to obtain results):

- Students develop good work habits such as being responsible, on time, and disciplined.
- Students develop values of hard work, honesty, and tolerance of others.
- Students use technology to find, organize, and present information.
- Students establish both personal and career goals.
- Would you recommend your school to others?

In each of the five mission goals, GOAL Digital Academy received an "Exceeds Standards" based on the criteria that 50% or more of the students "agree" or "strongly agree" with each statement (four ratings available: Exceeds Standards, Meets Standards, Approaching Standards, or Falls Far Below Standards).

2. Fiscal Performance – Meets

The fiscal office of Mid-Ohio ESC prides itself on being a critical component of the organization in support of the ESC's mission: "to lead education through collaboration, customization and creativity." High standards of performance are set on all services provided by Mid-Ohio ESC.

Fiscal performance is measured by solid work practices, accurate and timely financial reporting, sound internal controls, and accountability. As a sponsor of GOAL Digital Academy, Mid-Ohio ESC expects this same level of excellence in financial reporting and compliance from the school.

For the 2024-2025 school year, GOAL Digital Academy met the expected performance level for fiscal performance as follows:

Auditor of State audits – GOAL Digital Academy has a history of receiving excellent audit reports, which illustrates strong evidence of sound internal controls and accountability. The most recent State audit included an unqualified opinion was issued for 2023-2024, including no citations or findings for recovery.

GOAL Digital Academy's Governing Board approved financial reports – The GOAL Digital Academy's Governing Board of Directors approve all monthly financial reports.

- At each official meeting of the Board, the GOAL Digital Academy's treasurer provides the following: current financial statements (budget vs. actual), bank reconciliation statement, cash summary report, detailed check payment report, credit card account activity statement, and an updated 5-year forecast (when appropriate) for approval. All financial reports presented for the 2024-2025 year were unanimously approved.

Financial Performance for the 2024-2025 school year

- Revenue
  - Anticipated: $7,480,000
  - Actual: $8,288,339
    - Variance: 11%
- Expenditures
  - Anticipated: $7,480,000
  - Actual: $7,730,535
    - Variance: -3%
- Liquidity/Ending Cash Balance:
  - June 30, 2025 = $1,510,340
  - Equivalent to 82 days of operation, falling within the state's standard of acceptable reserve of 60 to 90 days.

Financial Oversight and Review – A critical component of GOAL Digital Academy's financial stability and success can be attributed to its strong leadership. The school's superintendent and treasurer have many years of experience overseeing the school and its finances. Their knowledge and understanding of community school law and finance is thorough and current. GOAL Digital Academy saw an increase in student enrollment during the 2024-2025 school year. Enrollment went from 838 FTE in the previous year to 887 FTE (49 FTE). The increase to enrollment resulted in higher revenues and a greater amount of expenditures for the year.

3. Organization and Operation – Exceeds

GOAL Digital Academy works with local and regional districts to enroll students who are behind normal matriculation and academic progress and who are considering leaving their home school district.

GOAL Digital Academy's priority is to support students with an educational plan designed to allow them to progress toward their educational goals and potential re-enrollment in their home school district. Thus, there is significant movement of students who enroll and leave the program to return to their home school district or to other educational settings.

GOAL Digital Academy in partnership with the sponsor follows the community school contract and exceeds compliance in all areas. GOAL Digital Academy Governing Board members have attended the Auditor of State training on Sunshine Laws, have completed paperwork for disclosure of conflicts of interest, and all have been fingerprinted. The Code of Regulations is followed in detail by the Governing Board of Directors for GOAL Digital Academy.

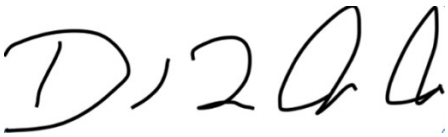
4. Legal Compliance – Meets

The Governing Board of Directors for GOAL Digital Academy meets regularly in oversight of the policies and procedures as implemented through the delivery of the educational services to students. The Board employs a treasurer who is knowledgeable of community school rules and responsibilities and provides appropriate reports to the Board for analysis and review. The Board also employs a superintendent who has expertise in the community school rules and regulations and monitors the delivery of service of the educational plan. As laws are enacted, GOAL Digital Academy and Mid- Ohio ESC monitor and implement all legal changes.

Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center's current Sponsorship Contract with GOAL Digital Academy is in effect from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2030. Throughout the term of the contract, adjustments/modifications to the contract for GOAL Digital Academy will continue to be made to reflect any major compliance changes that are enacted by the Board or to reflect any changes in law and rules in the state of Ohio that pertain to Community Schools.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this report, please contact me at 419-774-5520, ext. 2502.

Sincerely,



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