



Annual Performance Report for Contract Renewal

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The Annual Performance Report is part of the Contract Renewal process. The sponsor annually provides the Tomorrow Center with a cumulative report that summarizes the school's academic record and its fiscal and organizational/operational performance against the terms of the contract. This report identifies areas of strength and areas identified for improvement.

The state's education community has experienced unprecedented impacts due to the coronavirus pandemic during the past two years. Due to the ordered school-building closures statewide during the 2019-2020 school year and the disruptions that occurred again during the 2020-2021 school year due to the pandemic, the state report card for the second year in a row looks different than in prior years. Even though there is data available, per Ohio law, there were no ratings issued for the second year in a row, which is noted in this report as well as on the school's Performance Framework.

The current community school contract between the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center and the Tomorrow Center expires on June 30, 2024.

The Annual Performance Report evaluation is considered using a five (5) point scale as found below.

Excellent 5	Very Good 4	Good 3	Fair 2	Poor 1
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The school's rating for individual components of the Performance Framework that summarizes the school's academic, fiscal, and organizational/operational record for multiple years over the contract term will be provide to the governing board members and administrative team in May.

1. Academic Accountability

How is the school performing in relation to the Educational Plan and Performance Framework?

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Comments: The Tomorrow Center did meet the requirements this year to receive the Dropout Prevention and Recovery (DOPR) report card designation. To receive this designation, a school must enroll more than 50% of students between the ages of 16 and 21. Based upon the data, 54.7% of students enrolled at the Tomorrow Center this year met this threshold.

Schools who receive the DOPR status must administer the Renaissance STAR assessments in English language arts and mathematics twice a year to generate student growth reports per state law. Dropout Prevention and Recovery Schools must test all students in grades 9 and higher who enroll at the beginning of the school year within the first few weeks of the school year. Students who enroll after the fall testing window must test immediately upon entry into the school. Students who are enrolled for at least 13 weeks must test again after a minimum of 13 weeks of instruction for growth determination.

The Tomorrow Center will provide the sponsor with the Star Growth Report that shows growth of students over time, with emphasis on Student Growth Percentile, at the end of the current school year. This information will be shared with governing board members as well as the school's administrative team.

As mentioned previously, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no report card ratings issued for the 2020-2021 school year. One of the areas highlighted on last year's report card was the graduation rates. The Graduation Rate component looks at the percent of students who are successfully finishing high school with a diploma in four, five, six, seven, or eight years. When looking at last year's graduation rates among all Dropout Prevention and Recovery Schools (DOPR), the Tomorrow Center compares favorably in every category.

The school's Performance Framework this year indicates that the Tomorrow Center is exceeding their mission specific goals. The school's academic, financial, and organizational/operational performance ratings over multiple years can be found in the Performance Framework that will be provided to the governing board members and the school's administrative team in May.

Note: The last time the state issued report card ratings for schools was during the 2018-2019 school year. At that time, the Tomorrow Center received an overall school rating of Meets Standards; the subcategories of High School Test Passage Rate and Gap Closing each earned a rating of Does Not Meet Standards, while the subcategories of Progress and Graduation Rate each received a rating of Exceeds Standards.

2. Financial Health

Rate the degree to which the school performed its obligations noted in the Financial Plan of the Contract (Exhibit 1, Part B.).

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Comments: The March 2022 FTE is 89, which is the same as last year during the same period. The financial position has improved slightly. Continued control of expenditures, with the given revenues of a Dropout Prevention and Recovery School, has been critical to managing all obligations. The Tomorrow Center has met its financial obligations and has strong support to monitor continued improvements.

3. Technical Assistance, Monitoring, and Intervention

Rate the frequency and degree of severity of these processes. Have any Corrective Action Plans (CAP's) or probationary notices been issued?

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Comments: During the 2021-2022 school year, the Tomorrow Center has had a few minor areas needing improvement found during the Onsite Visit Reviews that took place on October 13, 2021, and February 8, 2022. Also, there have been a few minor areas that needed to be addressed during several of the monthly Enrollment/Attendance Reviews. The Tomorrow Center has responded within the timeframe to correct the issues noted on the Onsite Visit Review reports and the Enrollment/Attendance Review reports. Follow-up reports indicating that corrections were addressed were sent to the governing board members and to the school's leadership team.

4. Enrollment

Rate the level of student retention/transiency during the life of the contract (see Enrollment and Staffing Projections in contract).

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Comments: The Tomorrow Center's enrollment has stayed consistent over the last two years. In March 2021, the FTE was 88.42 compared to March 2022 FTE of 87.66. The Tomorrow Center, after seeing a decrease in enrollment of approximately 25 students during the 2019-2020 school has seen a stabilization of enrollment over the last two years. While the enrollment has remained consistent over the last two years, the school would like to grow enrollment to help pay for increased programming and activities for students,

The March 2022 FTE of 87.66 is below the projected enrollment estimation of 120 for the 2021-2022 school year as indicated in Exhibit 1 in the Education Plan of the contract.

5. Governance Functioning and Compliance

Rate the overall leadership of the governing authority.

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Comments: The governing authority is very committed to the school and students. The Tomorrow Center's Governing Board meets nine times during the year. The Governing Board is made up of five members who are actively engaged in approving policies that are designed in the best interests of the students. Members annually complete a conflict-of-interest statement and have current criminal background checks. Members also participate in the Sunshine Laws Training regarding Ohio's Public Records and Open Meetings Laws as required by Sections 149.43 and 109.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

6. Contract Sufficiency (per ORC section 3314.03)

The level of contract sufficiency – the Ohio Department of Education checklist will be used to determine whether the contract has been updated to their standards.

Comments: All areas have been met.

7. Summary of Performance over Contract Term and Prospects for Renewal

Comments: The current sponsorship contract with the Tomorrow Center is in effect from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2024.

It is important to keep in mind that during a contract renewal year, a review is completed in conjunction with the renewal application process. This is called a High Stakes Review. As part of the High Stakes Review for renewal, data over the term of the contract will be collected and reviewed. It is important each year to review the Assessment and Accountability Standards (Performance Framework) in Exhibit 3 of the contract. The following information is included in the Performance Framework of the contract:

- All state report card measures and indicators
- Student attendance measures and targets
- Mission-specific performance measures and targets
- Financial measures and targets
- Organizational performance measures and targets described in the school's Education Plan (also located in the contract)

The Tomorrow Center is on track for a successful renewal of its contract if all processes are successfully completed.

8. Conclusion

How is the school performing in relation to the contractual requirements?

Area(s) of Strength

Comments: The leadership, teachers and staff, and governing board truly care and are invested in the students and school. The students feel like they are part of a family and that all those in the school care about them. This is substantiated by the student interviews that were conducted by the sponsor during Onsite Visit Reviews and the sponsor-generated student survey completed during this school year. There is a true family feeling at the school.

The Tomorrow Center has a variety of activities for its parents and families all for the benefit of supporting its students. The Tomorrow Center also forms a strong partnership between the school and the community all with the goal of leading to improved student learning, stronger families, and a healthier community.

The school contracts with META Solutions for student information services involving PowerSchool such as scheduling, grade reporting, report cards, transcripts, attendance, etc. In last year's Annual Performance Report, it was indicated that the school employees should take advantage of training opportunities that were available to them to become better acquainted with PowerSchool to overcome some discrepancies that had been occurring with their student information system. School personnel have been involved this year in meetings and have taken advantage of trainings being offered by META to improve their knowledge of the student information system, which has led to a more efficient and accurate reporting of student data.

The Tomorrow Center made the decision during the pandemic to switch to a mastery-based learning style of education. The mastery-based learning gives students an opportunity to learn at their own pace and provides them with a different educational perspective on their school day. While the first year, 2020-2021, proved to be challenging, the 2021-2022 school year has seen much growth not only among students but with the staff as well.

Area(s) of Improvement

Comments: The Special Education Profile Rating for 2021-2022 (based on 2020-2021 data), indicated a significant disproportionality in identification for special education. The Tomorrow Center completed the Self-Review Summary Report, which was due by April 1, 2022. The Summary Report will be reviewed by and need approval from the Office of Exceptional Children. Short-term goals were written and activities (reviewing policies, training with Dr. Lisa Riegel and SST #7, etc.) that will begin in May 2022, were established to address this issue. The timeline for completion of these activities is September 30, 2022.

The Tomorrow Center is looking to increase enrollment by 10% by the end of the 2022-2023 school year (current ADM enrollment as of April 2022, is 90.33). School personnel will be working with Dr. Lisa Riegel to create a marketing plan by August 1, 2022, to reach a target audience, to showcase the school's accomplishments, to communicate the benefits of attending the school, etc.

During the 2022-2023 school year, the staff will continue to make improvements to the mastery-based learning environment by attending three professional development sessions/trainings related to topic under the direction and guidance of Dr. Lisa Riegel.

The Tomorrow Center will build upon the Career Technical options, which was instituted during the 2021-2022 school year, for the students as a pathway to graduation. Currently, the Tomorrow Center offers two career technical options, but will increase that to four options being made available to students by September 1, 2022. Increasing the number of career technical options will help increase the graduation numbers.

Note: *The school's Annual Performance Report and prospects for renewal will be communicated to and discussed with the Tomorrow Center's governing board.*