Transfer School Application Timeline

Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center mission as a Sponsor is:

The mission of the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center (Mid-Ohio ESC), as a sponsor of community schools, is to establish a strong public community school by adhering to quality authorizing practices and oversight of the school in accordance with the role of a quality sponsor, and to provide an opportunity to students who may not otherwise participate successfully in public education, in a student-centered manner that results in a high standard of education.

We expect a transfer team of an Ohio Community School to have done significant planning and to demonstrate a strong, evidence-based community school curriculum which is mission-driven and serves a need otherwise not being met in the community. See the Transfer Application posted on Mid-Ohio ESC's website at:

https://www.moesc.net/community-schools/resources

Step 1: Transfer Application Deadline: August 8, 2025
(Applicants interested in transferring sponsorship must complete the Transfer Application. Those who demonstrate academic, financial, and operational capacity will be invited to continue the process. Please note, if your school has been non-renewed by your sponsor, Mid-Ohio ESC will not consider your application.)

Step 2: School Site Visit: Before December 12, 2025
(The Mid-Ohio ESC Sponsorship Application Review Team will visit and tour the school, interviewing staff and board members.)

Step 3: Interviews: Before February 13, 2026
(Following the review of the application and school site visit, the governing authority, school leaders, and other key stakeholders will participate in an applicant interview with the Mid-Ohio ESC Sponsorship Application Review Team. Additionally, designated members of the sponsoring staff will interview the current sponsor to review and discuss past performance.)

Step 4: Contract Negotiation and Execution Deadline: March 20, 2026

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