

CSB: Internal and External Conflicts of Interest in Community School Sponsoring

Policy

Conflicts of Interest Between the Sponsor and its Community Schools (External Conflicts)

No Board Member or District employee shall serve on the governing authority of any community school sponsored by the District.

No present or former member, or immediate relative of a present or former member, of the governing authority of community school sponsored by the District shall:

1. Serve as a Board Member; or
2. Serve as an employee of, or a paid consultant to, the District's Charter Office

Unless one year has elapsed since the conclusion of the individual's membership on the school's governing authority. For the purposes of this policy, immediate relatives are defined as spouses, children, parents, grandparents, and siblings, as well as in-laws residing in the same household.

Conflicts of Interest within the Sponsor's Board and/or Staff (Internal Conflicts)

The following individuals, prior to performing any responsibilities related to the District's role as a community school sponsor and thereafter on an annual basis, shall complete a conflict of interest statement related to District's sponsoring of community schools, in a form prepared by the District's Charter Schools Office with reference to applicable Board Policies:

- Board Members;
- District employees who work with community schools sponsored by the District or who review community school applications to the District; and
- Vendors to the District who work with community schools sponsored by the District or who review community school applications submitted to the District.

Addressing Potential Conflicts

If a possible conflict of interest is indicated, District staff designated by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) shall determine whether a conflict actually exists. In the event that a conflict is found, the individual shall not perform responsibilities related to the District's sponsorship of the community school that is at issue. Other applicable Board Policies also shall be followed.

History

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Legal References

Ohio Revised Code Section 3314.02