



2018-2019
Sponsor Annual School Performance Report
for
Tomorrow Center



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School Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center

2018-2019 Sponsor Annual Report

Description of the School

The Tomorrow Center is a trauma-sensitive school. The Tomorrow Center offers students an environment that is understanding of traumatic events that students have gone through by providing staff support who have been trained in and who understand the trauma-informed practice.

The staff at the Tomorrow Center includes licensed teachers, a community civic engagement coordinator who is a licensed social worker, intervention specialists, Title I reading instructor, a success coach, an office manager, and teacher aides.

The Tomorrow Center recognizes the importance of family in helping students graduate. Parents Club meets monthly and these meetings are designed to promote academics and build trust with families. At the annual Open House, a community fair is held that aligns parents with 50 different community agencies. The Tomorrow Center also recognizes the importance of community partnerships and has had a community liaison for the past decade who will host quarterly community advisory committee meetings comprised of influential members of the community and business leaders who help create and sustain programming and provide needed resources for students and their families. We believe when schools, parents, families, and communities work together to support learning, students earn higher grades, attend school more regularly, stay in school longer, and enroll in higher level programs

Vision Statement

The Tomorrow Center prepares individualized career and pathways plans that meet the academic, emotional, and social needs of students and prepares them for a successful transition to a better tomorrow.

Mission Statement

The Tomorrow Center responds to each student's individual needs and prepares academic and career pathways to ensure every student has a strong academic and social foundation for their post-secondary plans.

Please consider this letter the fulfillment of the requirement of sponsors for community schools to submit the Sponsor Annual Report for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center provides oversight to the Tomorrow Center as its sponsor.

Mid-Ohio ESC has completed file reviews of the school operations and school compliance relating to statutory and contractual requirements, including the continual updating of information through Epicenter. A representative of Mid-Ohio ESC attends the Tomorrow Center Governing Board of Directors meetings to disseminate helpful information and to provide technical assistance, as needed.

Tomorrow Center (IRN-148981)

Mid-Ohio ESC has indicated below whether or not the Tomorrow Center exceeds, meets, or did not meet the expected performance in the areas of 1-Academic Performance, 2-Fiscal Performance, and 3-Organization and Operation. In the area of 4-Legal Compliance, Mid-Ohio ESC is required to provide a rating of meets or did not meet.

Mid-Ohio ESC rates the Tomorrow Center in these areas as follows:

1. Academic Performance – Meets

Tomorrow Center is a Dropout Prevention and Recovery Community School. On the 2018-2019 State Report Card, the school “Meets Standards” under the Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card Model.

Tomorrow Center's **High School Test Passage Rate** for students who passed all five state tests was 23.8%, which “Does Not Meets Standards,” and is a decrease from the previous year's passage rate of 46.7%. When comparing the Tomorrow Center to other Dropout Prevention and Recovery Schools in Ohio in this area, the Tomorrow Center's High School Test Passage rate is below the average passage rate of all Dropout Recovery Program Schools, which is 36.6%.

The **Gap Closing** rating, which shows how well all students are succeeding in English Language Arts, math, and graduation, regardless of income, race, ethnicity, or disability, meets state standards. The Gap Closing rating uses Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) and compares the performance of the Tomorrow Center's students in the three areas above to the state's goals. Tomorrow Center received 0 points this year compared to 5.2% points received last year, which is in the “Does Not Meet Standards” range of 0 to 0.9%.

The overall **Graduation Rate** for the Tomorrow Center was 52.8%, which “Exceeds Standards.” When comparing the Tomorrow Center to other Dropout Prevention and Recovery Schools in Ohio in this area, the Tomorrow Center’s overall graduation rate is better than the average overall graduation rate of all Dropout Recovery Program Schools, which is 30.8%. This year’s overall graduation rate of 42% is an increase from last year’s overall rate of 40.8%. 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.

<u>Tomorrow Center’s Graduation Rate</u>	<u>All DOPR Program Rate</u>
• 4-Year – 47.4% (“Exceeds Standards”)	26.8%
• 5-Year – 70.6% (“Exceeds Standards”)	31.2%
• 6-Year – 64.3% (“Exceeds Standards”)	31.7%
• 7-Year – 50.0% (“Exceeds Standards”)	33.4%
• 8-Year – Not Rated	30.7%

The **Progress** component of the report card looks at the growth all students are making during the school year. Tomorrow Center’s average progress for its students in math and reading, using the NWEA Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test in grades 9-12, “Exceeds Standards.”

2. Fiscal Performance – Meets

The fiscal office of the 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 the ESC.

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

For the 2018-2019 school year, the Tomorrow Center met performance level for fiscal performance as follows:

Tomorrow Center’s Governing Board approved financial reports – The Tomorrow Center’s Governing Board of Directors approve all monthly financial reports.

- a. At each official meeting of the Board, the Tomorrow Center’s treasurer provides current financial statements (budget vs. actual), a detailed check payment report and an updated 5-year forecast (when appropriate) for approval. All financial reports presented for the 2018-2019 year were unanimously approved.

Financial Performance for the 2018-2019 school year

b. Revenue

- Anticipated: \$1,256,000
- Actual: \$1,224,642
 - Variance: +2.56%

c. Expenditures

- Anticipated: \$1,236,600
- Actual: \$1,056,901
 - Variance: +17.0%

d. Liquidity/Ending Cash Balance:

- June 30, 2019 = \$354,292
- Equivalent to 60 days of operation, exceeding the state's standard of acceptable reserve of 60 to 90 days.

Auditor of State audits – Tomorrow Center has a history of receiving excellent audit reports, which illustrates strong evidence of sound internal controls and accountability. An unqualified opinion was issued for 2016-2017, including no citations or findings for recovery. Tomorrow Center has a biennial State Audit schedule and is currently in process for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Financial Oversight and Review – A critical component of the Tomorrow Center's financial stability and success can be attributed to its strong leadership. Their knowledge and understanding of community school law and finance is thorough and current.

3. *Organization and Operation – Meets*

Tomorrow Center is a Dropout Prevention and Recovery Community School. As such, the Tomorrow Center 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. Tomorrow Center's priority is to support each student 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.

Tomorrow Center in partnership with the sponsor follows the community school contract and "Meets" compliance in all areas. Tomorrow Center 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 and maintain current licensure. The Code of Regulations is followed in detail by the Governing Board of Directors for the Tomorrow Center.

4. *Legal Compliance – Meets*

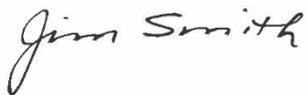
The Governing Board of Directors for the Tomorrow Center meets regularly in oversight of the policies and procedures as implemented through the delivery of the educational services to students. The Board employs a treasurer who is knowledgeable of community

school rules and responsibilities and provides appropriate reports to the Board for analysis and review. The Board also employs a school director who has expertise in the community school rules and regulations and monitors the delivery of service of the educational plan. As laws are enacted, the Tomorrow Center and Mid-Ohio ESC monitor and implement all legal changes.

In the 2018-2019 sponsor evaluation rating, Mid-Ohio ESC received a compliance rating of "Exemplary," with a "total school misses" of four. Those four compliance items as well as all of the other compliance items mandated by law have been or will be reviewed during the 2019-2020 school year and approved by the Tomorrow Center's Board to strengthen its mission of educating students. Adjustments to the contract for the Tomorrow Center will be made to reflect any major compliance changes that are enacted by the Board.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this report, please contact me at 419-774-5520, ext. 2600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Smith".

Jim Smith, Sponsor Liaison
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cc: Kevin Kimmel, Superintendent, Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center
cc: Jamie Byrne, School Director, Tomorrow Center
cc: Tomorrow Center's Governing Board of Directors



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