



## **About the Ohio Council of Community Schools:**

As a sponsor of community/charter schools, we are a student-centered organization advocating excellence in education through strategic partnerships. We are a smooth-running organization with a high level of coordination and a mind-set toward efficiency. We are hard-drive, producers and competitors. Reputation and success are common concerns.

Team commitment to our organization, our partners and one another is high. We put great importance on cohesion and morale.

Success is defined in terms of sensitivity to our schools, educating management organizations, partners with an overriding concern for impacting education excellence. The glue that holds the organization together is our commitment to the kids and our dedication to impacting education through innovation.

Ohio Council of Community Schools, established in 1999, is a not-for-profit organization responsible for issuing and overseeing charters for Community Schools throughout Ohio. These Charters serves as contractual agreements regarding school's standards, budgets, and operating principles. We are proven and experienced, and provide charters to numerous Community Schools across the state.

When thinking about education, the individual child must come first; he or she must remain a school's top priority. Educating our children is important to us all, because today's students are tomorrow's leaders. Their success is our future. That's why OCCS embraces each child in the community. Everyone learns differently. Our Schools offer the first, and sometimes only, opportunity for many families to choose the right school for their children therefore everyone benefits.

Many students thrive with special attention and alternative methods employed by the schools under our direction. The Ohio Council of Community Schools is dedicated to provide support for each of its schools in the areas of best practice instruction and teaching practices, research-based curriculum, instruction and assessment models, advanced and emerging technologies, leadership development and parent involvement strategies.