



Lakewood City Schools
2016-17 Sponsor Annual Report
for
Lakewood City Academy

DESCRIPTION: SPONSOR ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

1. Academic Performance Ranking: Met

Lakewood City Academy met all state and federal accountability requirements. The LCA Staff was 100% HQT certified in 2016-17. All required data was submitted in EMIS for all reporting periods. LCA submitted a Special Education Plan to the Office of Community Schools for the 2016-17 school year along with a Technology Plan and all other required accountability pieces.

Lakewood City Academy has a large at-risk population because of its mission to serve students disenfranchised by traditional school programming.

LCA's goal was to meet the needs of At-Risk students and provide education in a way meaningful for each student. Given LCA's MAP and EOC scores achieved, LCA accomplished many of the academic achievements they set out to achieve for the 2016-2017 school year. Moving forward into the 2017-2018 school year LCA will focus on achieving growth in math and all subject areas in order to be a productive community school. This will continue to push the school towards a rating of "Exceeds Standards".

Lakewood City Academy ended the year June 1, 2017 graduating 15 graduates. A portion of these students moved on to continuing education, others went straight into the work force, and others are involved in parenting, self-employment or other areas of interest.

	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Attendance Rate	87.2%	86.1%	89.5%	89.1%
Graduation Rate	4 year	Exceeds	Meets	Meets
	5 year	Meets	Meets	Meets
	6 year	Meets	Exceeds	Exceeds
	7 year	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds
	8 year	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds
Combined Graduation Rate	39.0%	Meets	44.6% Exceeds	N/A
High School Passage Rate	72.7%	Exceeds	82.6% Exceeds	80% Exceeds
Gap Closing		Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet	N/A
Progress (Value Added)		Meets	Does Not Meet	Meets
Overall School Rating		Meets	Meets	Meets

The ranking of “Meets” was determined as a result of the overall ODE report card ranking of “meets standards”. Five areas exceeded standards and two areas were ranked did not meet. One area met standards. Based on those combined rankings, favorable attendance rates and growth in individual student achievement, the overall ranking is “Met”.

2. Fiscal Performance

Ranking:

2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Met	Met	Met	Met

LCA worked collaboratively with the Lakewood City Schools to meet all financial accountability requirements. Its School Profile and Five-Year Forecast were submitted in an acceptable and timely manner. LCA treasurer (Kent Zeman) is school licensed and bonded overseeing all financial responsibilities which are approved by LCA’s Board of Directors. All annual and monthly financial reports and reviews complied with all contract requirements and were submitted on time. A fixed asset policy and purchasing control policies were created by Mr. Richard Berdine in LCA’s first year of fiscal operation. Recently, Mr. Zeman reported a successful audit report by the Auditor of State.

The ranking of “Met” was determined as a result of timely and accurate financial reporting as well as a clean financial audit.

3. **Organization and Operation**

Ranking:

2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Met	Met	Met	Met

Lakewood City School District as the sponsor of Lakewood City Academy upholds the mission to provide educational opportunities to the students in its community. The mission of Lakewood City Academy IRN Number 000942 (LCA) is to meet the academic, social, gifted/talented and personal needs of its students, support an environment that attempts to educate the whole child by including affective goals for students, the development of effective interpersonal relationship skills, improvement of self-esteem derived from academic success and the support of a cadre of caring adults from both the social services and educational community. Lakewood City Academy is sponsored by and exists in the Lakewood City Schools District, in Lakewood, Ohio. The school serves students in grades K-12, ages 5-22 years, and is focused on dropout prevention with specialized services provided in Title I reading and individualized programs for students with disabilities. LCA follows the established calendar of Lakewood City Schools. The length of the school day varies to meet the individual needs of its students while complying with the ORC directives for length of contact time.

LCA's strength lies primarily in its ability to provide students with a continuum of specific and structured services correlated to Ohio's Academic Content Standards. This continuum allows for flexible hours, curriculum delivered in small groups, career internships, work/volunteer credit opportunities, community work options, emphasis on meeting the individual needs/learning styles of students and a virtual school opportunity. Students have an individualized learning profile which includes the assessed student needs, correlation to the appropriate program, schedules for ongoing short-cycle and mastery assessment, and social services support for the process. Parents are encouraged to participate in the educational plan and have expressed approval of the school and its programming options. Additional student and family support is offered through programming options including Title I, counseling programs, participation in the fine arts offerings of the sponsoring school district, West Shore Career and Technical opportunities, Safe and Healthy Student Program, participation in a student community service program and access to educational options for suspended and expelled students.

The Lakewood City Academy concluded its thirteenth year of operation in 2016-17 during which the LCA Board of Directors oversaw all operations. A school coordinator manages the day-to-day operations, monitors curriculum, implements scheduling, coordinates all staff professional development, and leads the staff and students in the teaching and learning process. A school academic counselor was employed to oversee the academic and social needs of students and a mental health/drop-out prevention counselor was hired to assist with the techniques described in the Drop-Out Prevention Waiver granted to LCA by the Ohio Department of Education.

LCA’s enrollment remained steady at approximately 120 students during the 2016-17 school year. The school maintained a waiting list and student slots were filled as soon as they were vacated. Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is consistent with past year’s enrollment.

The LCA Board of Directors currently consists of five members. All Board of Directors meetings were open to the public and compliant of the Ohio Sunshine Law. Advanced meeting notices supplied, via school websites and direct email notifications.

The ranking of “Met” was determined based on the compliance to the sponsorship contract with the community school contract including the Code of Regulations and other requirements such as fulfillment of meeting and training requirements.

4. **Legal Compliance**

Ranking:

2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Met	Met	Met	Met

Lakewood City School District (Sponsor) as the sponsor of Lakewood City Academy (LCA), a community conversion school, monitors the adherence to all laws and rules as noted in Ohio Revised Code 3314.016, on a monthly basis. In addition, specific attention is given to laws and rules with required deadlines as set by the Ohio Department of Education or in Ohio Revised Code.

At this time LCA is in compliance with all laws and rules that are applicable to its purpose, mission, and function as a community conversion drop-out prevention school. In the event LCA was not in compliance with any laws and/or rules the Sponsor will immediately notify the coordinator and Board of Directors of LCA on its non-compliance. The Sponsor will provide a corrective action plan and guidance to LCA with a specific deadline to be compliant. A review and follow-up will be scheduled within one week to determine if LCA implemented the corrective action to rectify the deficiency.

In addition, Lakewood City School District (Sponsor) monitors all laws and rules that are applicable to its role as the Sponsor of LCA as noted in Ohio Revised Code 3314.016, on a monthly basis. In addition, specific attention is given to laws and rules with required deadlines as set by the Ohio Department of Education or in Ohio Revised Code.

At this time the Sponsor is in compliance with all laws and rules as required under Ohio Revised Code 3314.016 that are applicable to its role as the sponsor of LCA. In the event the sponsor was not in compliance with any laws and/or rules the Sponsor will determine the reason for non-compliance and immediately implement a corrective

action plan. A subsequent review will be scheduled within one week to determine if the deficiency has been corrected.

The ranking of “Met” was determined based the compliance with all legal requirements identified in statute and the community school contract. In addition, Lakewood City School received an “Effective” rating on the Sponsor Rating Rubric.

In closing, LCA had a productive and successful year. We thank our school coordinator, Ms. Terrilynn Bornino-Elwell and the staff of LCA for their hard work and dedication to the Lakewood Community.