

OHIO DEANS COMPACT ON EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. GENERAL

1. The name of the entity shall be the Ohio Deans Compact on Exceptional Children (hereafter referred to as the "Compact").
2. The mission of the Compact is to improve the capacity of Ohio teacher education, administrator, and related services personnel preparation programs to better prepare professional educators to effectively teach and support every child by (a) increasing the level of collaborative inquiry among Ohio's institutions of higher education (IHE) to foster improvement in the preparation and ongoing professional development of educators skilled in meeting the instructional needs of all children, and (b) providing a channel for direct exchanges between state officials [(i.e., the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), Office for Exceptional Children (OEC), and other ODE offices at the request of OEC; Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE)]; and higher education preparation programs; and among representatives of higher education, P-12 systems, and others (e.g., professional associations) in Ohio related to issues affecting the education of children from marginalized groups (e.g., children and youth with disabilities and at risk of being inappropriately identified as disabled; children and youth from racially, culturally, and ethnically minoritized groups; multilingual learners, children and youth who are economically disadvantaged).
3. The fiscal year of the Compact shall begin on the first day of July of each year and shall end on the last day of June of the following year.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Deans of all four-year IHEs with education programs are invited to serve as members of the Compact or nominate a designee with decision-making authority in educator preparation (i.e., associate or assistant deans/heads of teacher education) and commitment to serve as a representative of the IHE. The majority of the Compact members shall be deans/associate or assistant deans/heads of teacher education of four-year institutions.
 - A. The Director of the Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children and/or her designee; and the Associate Vice-Chancellor, P-16, Ohio Department of Higher Education, and/or her designee, shall hold ex officio status.
 - B. A member may be reappointed upon completion of a term of service to the Compact.
2. The State University Education Deans (SUED), the Ohio Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (OACTE), the Ohio Association of Private Colleges for Teacher Education (OAPCTE), the Ohio Council of Professors of Educational Administration (OCPEA), the Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC), the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA), the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OAESA), the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA), the Ohio Education Association (OEA), the Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT), the Ohio Alliance of Black School Educators (OABSE), the Ohio School Boards Association

(OSBA), and the Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators (OAPSA) shall be invited to designate a representative to the Compact.

3. Any Compact member may resign at any time by giving written notice of resignation to the Compact Director, the Compact Chairperson or the Compact Vice Chairperson. Such resignation shall take effect immediately or at such other time as the member may specify. The acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
4. Any member may be removed by a two thirds (2/3) majority of the Compact whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Compact will be served thereby.
5. The Compact Director upon recommendations by Compact members shall fill vacancies occurring on the Compact or Compact Core Team for any reason, or add members to ensure a diversity of perspectives.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

1. Officers include the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of the Compact. Said officers shall be selected by the Core Team upon nomination by the Compact and shall serve two-year terms, with the option for reappointment.
2. The Compact Vice Chairperson shall automatically become the Compact Chairperson for the year following his/her initial two-year term of service as Vice Chairperson unless the Chair and Vice Chair mutually agree to reappointment in their current officer roles.
3. Upon completion of the Chairperson term of service, the Chairperson becomes the Past Chair and continues to serve on the Core Team for at least two years.
4. The Compact Chairperson shall work in collaboration with the Compact director and state director of special education to establish priorities, set agendas, facilitate Compact member discussion, and serve as the contact for all heads of teacher education (HTEs) with regard to Compact business.
5. The Compact Vice Chairperson shall serve in lieu of the Chairperson in facilitating Compact meetings and member discussion, and fulfill other Chairperson duties in the absence of the Chairperson.
6. The Compact Secretary and Compact Webmaster shall serve as a member of the Compact and Compact Core Team.

ARTICLE IV. COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

1. Compact management and programmatic coordination shall be provided by the University of Cincinnati, College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology (CECH) Systems Development & Improvement (UC SDI) Center Director, who shall serve as the Compact's Director and Executive Secretary.
2. The University of Cincinnati shall serve as the fiscal agent for the Compact.

3. The University of Cincinnati SDI Center shall retain responsibility for and control of the Compact website.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

1. The Compact will meet a minimum of four times per year. Additional meetings, including an annual conference, or changes in meeting dates shall be made by the Compact Director to facilitate the work of the Compact and/or to meet the needs of the majority of Compact members.
2. In the event that a member who is a dean/associate or assistant dean/head of teacher education cannot attend a scheduled meeting of the Compact, a designee may be permitted to attend in place of the deans/associate or assistant deans/heads of teacher education.
3. The Core Team may consider mechanisms for engaging representatives of key statewide initiatives on an as-needed basis for the purpose of informing the Compact's work.
4. The Compact Director shall provide notice of any meeting of Compact members written, facsimile, electronic, or telephone communication to each member at least three (3) days before the meeting.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

1. The Compact Core Team shall be comprised of the Compact Chairperson, Compact Vice Chairperson; Past Chair, Compact Secretary, Compact Webmaster; Compact Director; Director of the ODE-OEC and/or their designee; the Associate Vice-Chancellor, P16, Ohio Department of Higher Education, and/or their designee; and, at the recommendation of the Core Team, other members.
2. Standing committees of the Compact include the Impact Evaluation Committee, Dissemination Committee, the Low Incidence Committee, the Policy Committee, and Toward a Representative Educator Workforce (TREW) Committee. Standing committees may be suspended or dissolved upon recommendation of the Core Team. Individuals who are not Compact members may be invited to join a standing committee at the invitation of the Core Team.
3. In addition to standing committees, incentive grant institutions will be invited to participate in a community of practice, which meets, at a minimum, during each quarterly meeting of the Compact.
4. The Compact Director on the recommendation of the Core Team shall establish ad hoc Compact committees and task groups.
5. Ad hoc committees may be disbanded by the Compact Director on the recommendation of the Core Team.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended with written notice of the proposed amendment(s) having been communicated to Compact members via email, allowing them 14 days to respond. The bylaws shall be amended if a majority of the members respond affirmatively to the proposed change(s). Bylaws may also be amended by a majority of the Compact members present at any regular meeting or special meeting of the Compact.

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