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SPONSOR ANNUAL
PERFORMANCE REPORT

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Annual Performance Report

Findlay Digital Academy

Description of the School

Findlay Digital Academy is a public online community school, serving students in grades 9-12, aligned with the Ohio CORE Standards. The academy provides flexible, personalized educational plans for students needing a non-traditional learning approach.
Findlay Digital Academy offers special education services, intervention classes, and credit recovery options.

Licensed teachers guide students to earn credits, credentials, and an accredited diploma. Advanced Placement and College Credit Plus courses are available, supporting students through high school and up to 21 years of age.

The academy operates a physical drop-in lab in Findlay, providing additional support and tutoring services. Enrollment is open to any student in grades 9-12 who lives in the Findlay City School District, Ada, Arcadia, Arlington, Bluffton, Cory Rawson, Elmwood, Fostoria, Hardin Northern, Liberty Benton, McComb, North Baltimore, Riverdale, Van Buren or Vanlue districts.

Mission

The mission of Findlay Digital Academy is to engage, inspire and empower students for future success through modern learning opportunities.

Findlay Digital Academy (IRN-000402)

Mid-Ohio ESC has indicated below whether Findlay Digital Academy Exceeds, Meets, or Did Not Meet the expected performance in the areas of Academic Performance, Fiscal Performance, and Organization and Operation. In the area of Legal Compliance, Mid-Ohio ESC is required to provide a rating of Meets or Did Not Meet.

Mid-Ohio ESC rates Findlay Digital Academy in these areas as follows:

1. Academic Performance – Exceeds

As an Ohio community school sponsor, Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center has a duty to monitor and provide oversight and technical assistance to all sponsored schools, which includes an assessment of each sponsored school's academic performance on an annual basis.

Findlay Digital Academy is a Dropout Prevention and Recovery Community School (majority of students enrolled in the school are between the ages of 16 and 21). On the 2025-2026 State Report Card, the school "Exceeds Standards" under the Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card Model.

Schools that receive the Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card receive ratings on the following four components: Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, and Graduation Rate.

Findlay Digital Academy received a "Exceeds Standards" in the **Achievement** component, previously called the High School Test Passage Rate Component, which represents the number of students who meet applicable criteria on assessments that are required for graduation.

Findlay Digital Academy earned a "Exceeds Standards" in the **Progress** component, which looks closely at the growth that all students are making during the school year.

Findlay Digital Academy received a "Exceeds Standards" in the **Gap Closing** component, which shows how well they are improving or meeting the performance expectations for all students in English language arts, math, graduation, and English language proficiency.

Finally, Findlay Digital Academy obtained an "Exceeds Standards" in their **Graduation Rate** component, which looks at the percent of students who are successfully finishing high school with a diploma in four, five, six, seven, or eight years. When comparing Findlay Digital Academy to all other Dropout Prevention and Recovery Programs in Ohio, Findlay Digital Academy compares favorably in all categories of graduation rate. See the chart below.

Graduation Rates	4 Year	5 Year	6 Year	7 Year	8 Year	Combined Rates
Findlay Digital Academy	88.3%	87.9%	92.3%	87.5%	75.6%	86.4%
All DOPR Schools	46.6%	51.5%	51.1%	50.9%	49.8%	49.8%

2. Fiscal Performance – Exceeds

The fiscal office of 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 Mid-Ohio ESC.

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

For the 2025-20256 school year, Findlay Digital Academy met the expected performance level for fiscal performance as follows:

Findlay Digital Academy's Governing Board approved financial reports – The Findlay Digital Academy's Governing Board of Directors approve all monthly financial reports.

- At each official meeting of the Board, the Findlay Digital Academy's treasurer provides the following: current financial statements (budget vs. actual), bank reconciliation statement, cash summary report, detailed check payment report, credit card account activity statement, and an updated 5-year forecast (when appropriate) for approval. All financial reports presented for the 2024-2025 year were unanimously approved.

Financial Performance for the 2025-20256 school year

- Revenue
  - Anticipated: $2,028,000
  - Actual: $2,037,033
    - Variance: .45%
- Expenditures
  - Anticipated: $1,930,00
  - Actual: $1,890,261
    - Variance: -2.06%
- Liquidity/Ending Cash Balance:
  - June 30, 2025 = $1,918,136
  - Approximately 363 days cash on hand

Auditor of State audits – Findlay Digital Academy has a history of receiving excellent audit reports, which illustrates strong evidence of sound internal controls and accountability. The most recent State audit included an unqualified opinion was issued for 2024-2025, including no citations or findings for recovery.

Financial Oversight and Review – A critical component of Findlay Digital Academy's financial stability and success can be attributed to its experienced and steady leadership team. During the 2025–2026 review year, the new superintendent officially assumed the role, and a smooth transition took place. The former superintendent also continues to serve in a contractual role, offering additional support and consultation as needed. The treasurer, who has served the school for many years, provides valuable continuity and deep financial expertise Their knowledge and understanding of community school law and finance is thorough and current. Findlay Digital Academy student enrollment remained steady during the 2025-2026 school year. Enrollment went from 194 FTE in the previous year to 197 FTE.

3. Organization and Operation – Exceeds

Findlay Digital Academy 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.

Findlay Digital Academy's priority is to support students with an educational plan designed to allow them to progress toward their educational goals.

Findlay Digital Academy in partnership with the sponsor follows the community school contract and exceeds compliance in all areas. Findlay Digital Academy 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. The Code of Regulations is followed in detail by the Governing Board of Directors for Findlay Digital Academy.

4. Legal Compliance – Meets

The Governing Board of Directors for Findlay Digital Academy 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 superintendent who has expertise in the community school rules and regulations and monitors the delivery of service of the educational plan. As laws are enacted, Findlay Digital Academy and Mid- Ohio ESC monitor and implement all legal changes.

Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center's current Sponsorship Contract with Findlay Digital Academy is in effect from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027. Throughout the term of the contract, adjustments/modifications to the contract for Findlay Digital Academy have been and will continue to be made to reflect any major compliance changes that are enacted by the Board or to reflect any changes in law and rules in the state of Ohio that pertain to Community Schools.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this report, please contact me at 419-774-5520, ext. 2502.

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