

Exhibit P: Ongoing Evaluation Criteria, Processes, and Procedures

The Osprey Wilds Charter School Division (CSD) is comprised of professionals with charter school authorizing and evaluation expertise. This includes both employees of Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center and contracted service providers. The CSD is overseen and monitored by the Charter School Committee and the Osprey Wilds Board of Directors. Ultimately, the Osprey Wilds Board makes decisions regarding the ongoing authorization of any particular school.

Ongoing Evaluation Criteria

Osprey Wilds evaluates schools in four primary areas:

1. Academic Performance
2. Environmental Education Performance
3. Financial Performance
4. Operations Performance

Academic Performance

Osprey Wilds evaluates its authorized schools' academic performance on 11 primary indicators.

Following are the key questions each indicator addresses:

Indicator 1: Mission Related Outcomes	Are all students achieving significant academic and/or personal growth, knowledge and skill development, and accomplishments related to the school's mission?
Indicator 2: English Language Learners	Are EL students at the school achieving adequate progress towards English Language Proficiency?
Indicator 3: Reading Growth	Are all and subgroups of students meeting expected growth targets in reading?
Indicator 4: Math Growth	Are all and subgroups of students meeting expected growth targets in math?
Indicator 5: Reading Proficiency	Are all and subgroups of students achieving proficiency in reading?
Indicator 6: Math Proficiency	Are all and subgroups of students achieving proficiency in math?
Indicator 7: Science Proficiency (and Growth)	Are all and subgroups of students achieving proficiency in science? And, if applicable, are all and subgroups of students meeting expected growth targets in science?

Indicator 8: Proficiency or Growth in Other Curricular Areas or Educational Programs	Are all and subgroups of students achieving proficiency or meeting expected growth targets in other curricular areas or educational programs?
Indicator 9: Post Secondary Readiness	Are all and subgroups of high school students prepared for post secondary success?
Indicator 10: Attendance	Are students attending the school at high rates?
Indicator A: Federal and State Accountability	How is the school performing according to federal and state accountability measures?

Not all performance indicators are applicable to each school; for example, one indicator is only for high schools. A school will have a contractual goal in each applicable indicator area, and the school's performance on attaining these goals will be evaluated according to the measures defined in Exhibit G: Academic and Academic-Related Goals. Each measure is weighted to indicate its overall significance in fulfilling the primary purpose of charter schools as outlined in statute which is to improve all pupil learning and all student achievement. These weights are agreed upon by Osprey Wilds and the school and are included in Exhibit G. The school earns a rating on each measure based on the school's performance over the term of the contract. Each performance rating is assigned a point value according to the weight of the measure:

- Exceeds Target: ×1.5 points
- Meets Target: ×1.0 points
- Approaches Target: ×0.5 points
- Does Not Meet Target: ×0.0 points

Indicator areas are then assigned a rating based on the percentage of points earned:

- Exceeds Standard = 100.1-150.0% of points earned
- Meets Standard = 75.0-100.0% of points earned
- Approaches Standard = 50.0-74.9% of points earned
- Does Not Meet Standard = 0.0-49.9% of points earned

Improving all pupil learning and all student achievement is the most important factor Osprey Wilds will consider in determining contract renewal, which determination shall be based substantially on the school's attainment of its academic and academic-related goals identified in Exhibit G. See "Guidelines for Renewal Determination" below for more information.

Academic Performance Evaluations are completed annually and as often as deemed appropriate by Osprey Wilds.

Environmental Education Performance

Osprey Wilds evaluates its authorized schools' Environmental Education (EE) performance on eight primary indicators.

OUTCOMES	Indicator 1: Awareness	Students demonstrate an awareness of the relationship between the environment and human life and the diversity of life that shares the earth with humans.
	Indicator 2: Knowledge	Students have knowledge of how natural systems function and how human systems interact with and depend on them.
	Indicator 3: Attitudes	Students demonstrate respect and concern for the earth's health and the motivation to participate in environmental stewardship.
	Indicator 4: Skills	Students possess the skills needed to identify and critically analyze environmental issues, and to contribute to resolving the root of environmental challenges.
	Indicator 5: Action	Students have the capacity, or are increasing their capacity, to perceive and interpret the health of environmental and social systems and take appropriate action to maintain, restore, or improve the health of those systems.
INPUTS	Indicator 6: Environmental Education Program	The school implements values and strategies that foster learning and create environmentally literate citizens who engage in creating healthy outcomes for individuals, communities, and the Earth.
	Indicator 7: Governance	The board of directors allocates the appropriate financial, human, and organizational resources to carry out environmental education and monitors the school's progress toward its goals.
	Indicator 8: Operations	Operational decision-making by school leadership, staff, and faculty reflects a commitment to environmental sustainability. The school has a waste reduction and recycling program in place.

EE Performance Evaluations may be completed annually or as often as deemed appropriate by Osprey Wilds, but at least in the school's renewal year.

Financial Performance

Osprey Wilds evaluates its authorized schools' financial performance on three primary indicators.

1. Financial Management

This portion of the evaluation focuses on the school's performance relative to required financial management. Quality management and oversight of financials is a critical indicator of financial health. Schools that fail to meet the standards are not implementing best practices or those required by law or the charter contract and may be at greater risk for financial challenges in the present or future. This indicator includes the following measures: **Budgeting, Financial Policies and Practices, Financial Reporting, and Financial Audit.**

2. Near-Term Financial Health

This portion of the evaluation tests a school's near term financial health and is designed to depict the school's financial position and viability in the coming year. Schools that fail to meet the standards may currently be experiencing financial difficulties and/or have a higher likelihood for financial hardship. These schools may require additional review and/or corrective action by Osprey Wilds. This indicator includes the following measures: **Current Ratio, Days Cash on Hand, and Enrollment Variance.**

3. Financial Sustainability

This portion of the evaluation includes longer-term financial sustainability measures and is designed to depict the school's financial position and viability over time. Schools that fail to meet the standards are more likely to face financial hardship in the future. This indicator includes the following measures: **Fund Balance Percentage, Total Margin and Aggregated Three-Year Total Margin, and Debt to Asset Ratio.**

Near-Term and Sustainability indicators are evaluated by Osprey Wilds annually. The Management indicator may be evaluated annually or as often as deemed appropriate by Osprey Wilds, but at least in the school's renewal year.

Operations Performance

Osprey Wilds evaluates its authorized schools' operations performance on six primary indicators, or general categories.

1. Educational Program

This portion of the evaluation focuses on how the school has implemented key components of the educational program. This indicator includes the following measures: **Mission & Vision, Instruction & Assessment, Educational Requirements, Special Education, English Learners, and Parent & Student Satisfaction.**

2. Governance

This portion of the evaluation focuses on the board's governance, oversight, and evaluation. This indicator includes the following measures: **Board Composition & Capacity, Board Decision-Making & Oversight, and Management Accountability.**

3. School Environment

This portion of the evaluation focuses on the environment that the school has created for students. This indicator includes the following measures: **Facilities & Transportation and Health & Safety.**

4. Student Rights

This portion of the evaluation focuses on the practices and procedures of the school related to student enrollment and privacy rights. This indicator includes the following measures: **Admissions & Enrollment and Due Process & Privacy.**

5. Personnel Practices

This portion of the evaluation focuses on the school's practices and successes related to staffing. This indicator includes the following measures: **Licensure, Staff Retention and Employment Practices.**

6. Compliance & Reporting

This portion of the evaluation focuses on the school's ability to meet various authorizer and state compliance and reporting deadlines and activities. This indicator includes the following measures: **Charter School Annual Reports, Insurance and Authorizer & State Compliance.**

Operations Performance Evaluations may be completed annually or as often as deemed appropriate by Osprey Wilds, but at least in the school's renewal year.

Process and Procedures for Ongoing Evaluation

The Osprey Wilds CSD uses the following process and procedures to conduct ongoing evaluation of its authorized schools:

Data Review and Analysis – Osprey Wilds regularly reviews data that is publicly available, supplied by the school, or provided by MDE. This includes a review of state academic data, annual reports, budgets, financial audits, other compliance documents, and any other relevant data available to Osprey Wilds. This also includes a periodic review of financial reports and board meeting materials and minutes. Osprey Wilds reserves the right to request data from the school consistent with data privacy practices.

Site Visits and Board Observations – Osprey Wilds regularly visits authorized schools to verify performance and compliance. Osprey Wilds, at its sole discretion, determines the frequency and scope of site visits. During site visits, Osprey Wilds staff or contracted evaluators observe classrooms, tour the facilities and interview key school stakeholders including board members, school leadership, teachers, staff, parents, and students. In a school's renewal year, Osprey Wilds will send a team of evaluators to conduct a renewal site visit in preparation for determining a renewal recommendation to the Charter School Committee and Board of Directors.

Osprey Wilds attends at least one board meeting per year for each of its authorized schools in order to observe the school's governance. Osprey Wilds, at its sole discretion, determines the frequency of attendance at board meetings. Osprey Wilds may also request time on a meeting agenda to present information to the school's board.

Feedback and Strategic Intervention – Osprey Wilds provides feedback to schools in its portfolio through performance evaluations, presentations at school board meetings, formal written communication to the school leadership and board, and informal verbal communication. Osprey Wilds also gives schools the opportunity to provide additional information on any relevant issues that warrant explanation or clarification.

Osprey Wilds may, at its discretion, implement a formal intervention or provide strategic support to schools that are not in compliance with or are not on track to meet statutory or contractual expectations.

Renewal Recommendations – During the final year of an authorized school's active contract, the school is required to submit an application for renewal that summarizes how it fulfilled the terms of its active contract, the strategic direction it plans for the years of a subsequent contract, and potential performance goals for a subsequent contract. Osprey Wilds CSD reviews that application, conducts a renewal site visit, completes a renewal evaluation report, and compiles a recommendation to the Osprey Wilds Board. Those recommendations are reviewed and accepted or amended by the Charter School Committee (CSC). The CSC's recommendations are then presented to the Osprey Wilds Board for adoption or amendment.

Guidelines for Renewal Determination*

Charter renewal will be based primarily on a school's attainment of its academic and academic-related goals identified in Exhibit G, which is evaluated according to Osprey Wilds' Academic Performance Framework, and secondarily on other factors, including but not limited to Environmental Educational, Financial, and Operations performance, intervention status of the school, and designations assigned to the school by the Minnesota Department of Education.

Renewal Tracks

In the final year of an authorized school's active contract, Osprey Wilds will determine the school's renewal track as outlined below:

1. Eligible for Fast Track Renewal

- Condensed renewal application and site visit, including collection of school's best practices for future dissemination by Osprey Wilds.
- Earlier board resolution by the Osprey Wilds Board of Directors.
- Five-year renewal recommendation by the CSD to the CSC as merited by school's performance over the contract term.

2. Eligible for Renewal

- Standard renewal application and site visit.
- Five-year renewal or three-year probationary renewal recommendation by the CSD to the CSC as merited by school's performance over the contract term.

3. Candidate for Nonrenewal

- Standard renewal application and site visit.
- Nonrenewal, one-year conditional renewal, or three-year probationary renewal recommendation by the CSD to the CSC as merited by school's performance over the contract term.

Primary Factor

Notwithstanding secondary factors, renewal tracks will be determined by Osprey Wilds based upon the school's fulfillment of the primary factor, which is the attainment of its academic and academic-related goals identified in Exhibit G:

- If a school attains all of its contractual outcomes in Exhibit G as determined by Osprey Wilds' Academic Performance Evaluation (i.e., 100% or more of possible points), the school will be considered eligible for fast track renewal.
- If a school attains at least half of its contractual outcomes in Exhibit G as determined by Osprey Wilds' Academic Performance Evaluation (i.e., 50% or more of possible points), the school will be considered eligible for renewal.
- If a school attains less than half of its contractual outcomes in Exhibit G as determined by Osprey Wilds' Academic Performance Evaluation (i.e., less than 50% of possible points), the school will be considered a candidate for nonrenewal.

Secondary Factors

The following secondary factors, either alone or in combination with one or more factors, may alter a school's renewal track. Osprey Wilds will provide clear analysis of each secondary factor and the rationale for its impact on the school's renewal track determination in the renewal evaluation report.

Secondary factors that may decrease a renewal track (e.g., from "eligible for renewal" to "candidate for nonrenewal"):

- The school receives a rating of Does Not Meet Standard in any indicator area on the most recent Academic Performance Evaluation.
- The school receives a rating of Does Not Meet Standard, Minimally Developed, or Undeveloped in any indicator area or measure on the most recent Environmental Education Evaluation.
- The school receives a rating of Does Not Meet or Falls Far Below Standard in any measure on the most recent Financial Performance Evaluation.
- The school receives a rating of Does Not Meet Standard in any measure on the most recent Operations Performance Evaluation.
- The school (or a site at the school) is currently identified for targeted or comprehensive support under the North Star system for school and district accountability by the Minnesota Department of Education.
- The school was placed on intervention by Osprey Wilds at any time during the current contract term.
- The school's current contract is a probationary contract.

Secondary factors that may increase a renewal track (e.g., from "candidate for nonrenewal" to "eligible for renewal" or "eligible for renewal" to "eligible for fast track renewal"):

- The school (or a site at the school) was recognized for success by the Minnesota Department of Education at any time during the current contract term.
- The school was identified as a High-Quality Charter School (HQCS) by the Minnesota Department of Education at any time during the current contract term.
- The school was identified as a HQCS due to its academic performance by the Minnesota Department of Education at any time during the current contract term, but was ineligible to receive the designation due to financial and/or compliance check(s) in at least two years of the current contract term.
- Other external recognition from a reputable organization that demonstrates the school is successfully fulfilling the primary or additional purposes of Minnesota Statutes 124E.01.

**These guidelines do not obligate the Osprey Wilds Charter School Division, Charter School Committee, or Board of Directors to a particular renewal decision or length of contract and should not be construed as requirements or guarantees.*