

Ohio School for the Deaf superintendent search

The Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD), located in Columbus, is seeking a dynamic and experienced educational leader for the position of superintendent. The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) is assisting the school and the Ohio Department of Education, its reporting agency, in the search. Kathy LaSota, OSBA director of school board services, and Cheryl Ryan, OSBA deputy director of school board services, are facilitating the search.



The school

Established in 1829, OSD is the fifth-oldest school program for the education of deaf students in the U.S. The school enjoys a solid reputation and, with a new dormitory and classroom building slated to open in fall 2013, is poised to attain new and higher levels of success in coming years.

The school is accredited by the North Central Association (NCA) and the Conference of Educational Administrators in Schools and Programs for the Deaf. OSD serves students in grades K-12, and most reside on campus during the school week.

The community

OSD's campus is located in north Columbus, a thriving metropolitan area of 1.6 million people. Columbus is a wonderfully diverse community, balancing new ideas, technologies and culture with more traditional midwestern values. The Columbus economy is also diverse, and is based on education, insurance, banking, health care, state government, retail and technology. The city was recently ranked among the country's top 10 most vibrant economies and is home to many Fortune 1000 companies. More than 20 colleges and universities have campuses in and around the metro area.



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An extensive position
description and background,
as well as application
instructions and materials, are
posted on the Ohio School
Boards Association website at
[www.ohioschoolboards.org/
administrative-openings](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/administrative-openings).

The position

Candidates must be able to demonstrate positive and extensive experiences working with diverse audiences and stakeholders within the deaf community. The superintendent works collaboratively with an experienced group of OSD administrators to plan, organize and implement all activities at this school of approximately 125 students.

The successful candidate will be a visionary leader who will maintain and increase OSD's strong, positive image. He or she will provide sound academic and organizational leadership and develop a learning environment that focuses on student performance and outcomes, as well as higher levels of college and career readiness. The new superintendent must be able to respond to the needs of and earn the support of Ohio's deaf and hard-of-hearing students and communities. He or she must also work collaboratively with the Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB) on their adjoining campuses.

The successful candidate will enthusiastically:

- promote and ensure academic excellence in all educational programs;
- supervise the development, revision and implementation of the school's philosophy and strategic plan;
- promote ongoing parent and community partnership and involvement;
- lead the established and stable staff, all of whom are engaged in educational and residential programming, to develop stronger and additional instructional services in compliance with local, state and federal guidelines;
- partner with OSD's chief operating officer to maintain oversight of shared services with OSSB, including facilities planning, technical services, maintenance, human resources and budgetary functions.

Time line

Applications deadline: April 1, 2013 • Tentative hiring date: May 1, 2013 • Tentative start date: June 15, 2013