

OPPORTUNITY NETWORK OPERATIONAL WALKTHROUGH 2021-2022

Program Name: One Bright Ray Elmwood

Provider: International Education and Community Initiatives d/b/a One Bright Ray, Inc.

OPERATIONAL WALKTHROUGH OVERVIEW

Operational Walkthroughs for all Opportunity Network contract programs focused on the systems and structures that are required to deliver high quality instruction to students. Operational Walkthroughs assessed program performance across three domains: 1) Academic & School Climate Accountability; 2) Organizational Compliance; and 3) Accommodative & Financial Compliance. Taken together, the three domains encompass key operational expectations that are based on the program's contract with The School District of Philadelphia, as well as applicable federal, state and local laws.

Operational Walkthroughs are one part of the School District's three-part approach to the formal annual evaluation of all contracted Opportunity Network programs. In addition to Operational Walkthroughs, Instructional Walkthroughs and Alternative Education Progress Reports (AEPR) provide qualitative and quantitative data for program performance that inform decisions related to contract renewal, termination, and program expansion. This report summarizes the program's performance for each of the three domains reviewed during the Operational Walkthrough. In addition, this report provides ratings for select contract requirements indicating whether the program met those requirements or standards based on evidence reviewed during the Operational Walkthrough. All SY2021-22 Operational Walkthroughs were conducted in-person and on-site.

A \checkmark indicates that the program met the contract requirement. A \thickapprox indicates that the program did not meet the contract requirement. The basis for the rating is provided in the Additional Notes section for each standard.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Walkthrough Date: October 29, 2021

Contract Term: FY 2018- FY 2022

Program Type: Accelerated (Grades 9-12)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Webpage: http://www.onebrightraycommunity.org/

MISSION

"The mission of One Bright Ray Community High School is to provide a quality education to urban, over-aged and under-credited students in search of a positive school experience while earning their high school diploma. We challenge each student to explore his/her personal and academic potential through our accelerated Project Based curriculum and respectful relationships."

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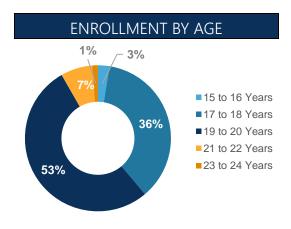
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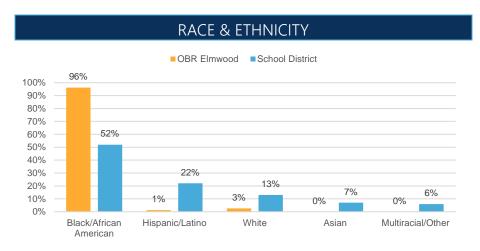
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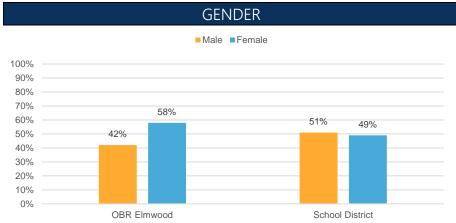
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Contracted Maximum

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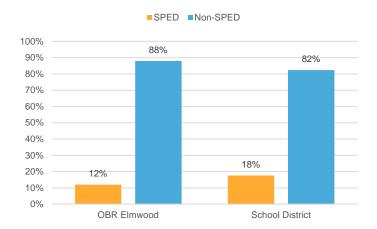




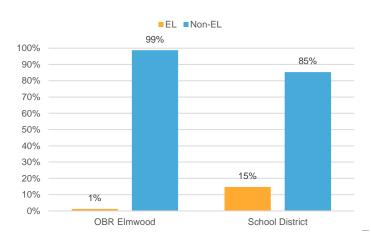


DIVERSE LEARNERS

SPECIAL EDUCATION



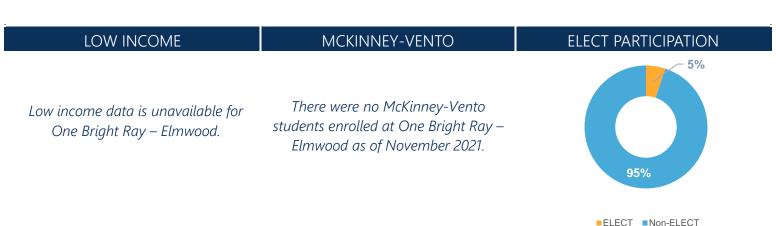
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS



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All data for attendance, student conduct, low income, McKinney-Vento, and Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) participation reflect enrollment as of November 2021 to more closely align with the student population on the date of the walkthrough.



Low income status is calculated by the number of students directly certified as receiving public assistance.

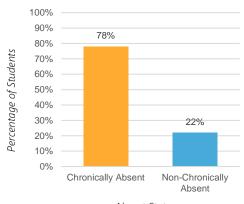
The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act guarantees a free and appropriate public education for all children and youth experiencing homelessness.

The Philadelphia ELECT program is a comprehensive network of education, health, and support services designed to assist pregnant and parenting teens in completing their education and becoming selfsufficient.

OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS SY2021-22

There were no suspensions at One Bright Ray – Elmwood as of November 2021 school year to date

CHRONICALLY ABSENT SY2021-22



Absent Status

Students are considered chronically absent if they accrue 10 or more unexcused absences within a 45-day period.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY: ALL DOMAINS

DOMAIN 1: ACADEMIC & SCHOOL CLIMATE ACCOUNTABILITY

The table below summarizes the number of standards by category that met expectations consistent with contract requirements during the 2021-2022 Operational Walkthrough. Information regarding how standards in the Academic and School Climate Accountability domain are measured can be found in the performance framework for Opportunity Network contract programs.

CATEGORY	REQUIREMENTS MET
Academic Quality (Page 5)	4/5
School Climate Quality (Page 6)	5 / 6
TOTAL	9 / 11

DOMAIN 2: ORGANIZATIONAL COMPLIANCE

The table below summarizes the number of standards by category that met expectations consistent with contract requirements during the 2021-2022 Operational Walkthrough. Information regarding how standards in the Organizational Compliance domain are measured can be found in the performance framework for Opportunity Network contract programs.

CATEGORY	requirements met
Student Progress Monitoring & Reporting (Page 8)	5 / 8
Record Keeping & Communication (Page 10)	4 / 4
Personnel (Page 11)	7 / 7
Governance & Enrollment (Page 12)	4/5
TOTAL	20 / 24

DOMAIN 3: ACCOMMODATIVE & FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE

The table below summarizes the number of standards by category that met expectations consistent with contract requirements during the 2021-2022 Operational Walkthrough. Information regarding how standards in the Accommodative & Financial Compliance domain are measured can be found in the performance framework for Opportunity Network contract programs.

CATEGORY	requirements met
Accommodative Quality (Page 14)	5 / 5
Financial Compliance (Page 15)	2 / 4
TOTAL	7/9

CATEGORY I: ACADEMIC QUALITY

STANDARD: CURRICULAR QUALITY – Evidence of systems and structures to ensure quality curriculum and instruction offered by contractor

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
BASELINE and REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS: Offers baseline (pre-test) and required assessments (Basic Assessment in Reading & Math, PA PSSA/Keystone Exams, P/SATs) for academic progress monitoring.	×	Less than 80% of students had STAR assessment scores at the time of the walkthrough (Reading 23%; Math 23%).
BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION/CHARACTER EDUCATION:		The program has a community building class that focuses on positive relationships, growth
Educational program offered includes behavior modification/character education.	V	mindset, and effective personal habits.

STANDARD: STUDENT PERFORMANCE – Evidence of systems and structures to ensure expected student progress in the program as defined in the AEPR and consistent with contract expectations

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CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Collects and uses data to track and monitor student progress data to evaluate academic achievement and make appropriate instructional shifts and/or differentiate instruction.	✓	The program utilizes an MTSS tracker for academics progress by which struggling students receive extra academic support in and out of class. CPT meetings occur weekly to discuss instructional shifts and strategies.
POST-SECONDARY READINESS: Collects and uses data to track and monitor student post-secondary readiness.	√	The program's postsecondary counselor maintains a database of students' completion of post-secondary bridging activities.
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE BARRIERS: Collects and uses data to track and monitor school climate and identifies appropriate student supports to improve school climate outcomes.	✓	The program maintains MTSS trackers for behavior and attendance. Students off-track and struggling receive individualized support and improvement plans. Recommend that the program revisit and revise attendance interventions often as 78% of students were chronically absent at the time of the walkthrough.

CATEGORY 2: SCHOOL CLIMATE QUALITY

STANDARD: DISCIPLINE MANAGEMENT – Evidence of systems, structures and contractor efforts to effectively manage student behavior and employ positive behavior intervention & supports system

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CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE and POSITIVE CLIMATE PRACTICES: Employs restorative justice practices (e.g. facilitated mediation, reflective writing, peer court/advising). Evidence of policies and practices to combat bullying including cyber bullying.	√	The program employs a progressive behavior continuum that consists of restorative practices, including community circles, conferencing, reflective writing, and restitution. The program has adopted the SDP policy for bullying/cyberbulling. Safe2Say information is included in the program's handbook, and new students receive training during orientation.
STUDENT INCENTIVES: Employs developmentally appropriate individual or group based incentives (e.g. admission to school events, recognition awards, tangible rewards).	√	The program rewards students who are ontrack with attendance, academics and behaviors. Incentives include student celebrations with special meals, program-wide shout-outs, gaming days, pins, and recognition awards.
TAILORED SOCIO-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Develops and implements plan within 30 days of receiving student and adheres to personalized socio-emotional development plans.	✓	

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DOMAIN 1:
ACADEMIC & SCHOOL CLIMATE
ACCOUNTABILITY

STANDARD: ATTENDANCE & DISCIPLINE REPORTING – Evidence of systems, structures and contractor efforts to track, monitor and report student attendance and behavior, including compliance with Safe Schools Act

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
DRILLS and SAFETY REPORTING:		Lockdown drill was conducted but not
Conducts and reports appropriate school safety drills, designates rally and shelter-in-place locations, and reports school safety incidents as required.	*	recorded, as required, in the programs drill record by the deadline.
CODE of CONDUCT:	,	The program employs its own code of conduct
Adopts and provides to students a code of conduct aligned to School District's Code of Conduct.	√	that is aligned to the SDP Code of Conduct, but is more inclusive of restorative practices.
TRUANCY and DISCIPLINE REPORTING:		Recommend that the program revisit and
Accurate and timely reporting of attendance, truancy and disciplinary incidents as required by contract. Develops Student Attendance Improvement Plans and communicates with parents/guardians timely to prevent chronic absenteeism.	✓	revise attendance interventions often as 78% of students were chronically absent at the time of the walkthrough.

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CATEGORY I: STUDENT PROGRESS MONITORING & REPORTING

STANDARD: STUDENT LEVEL PLANS – Evidence that contractor creates, maintains and effectively implements student-level plans for learning, behavior and post-secondary and communicates student progress to student and family for all students

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
PERSONALIZED LEARNING PLANS (AEDY Transition & Continuation only):	Not	
Creation (upon enrollment of student) of a Personalized Learning Plan that includes a Transition Plan for student to return to School District.	applicable	
PERIODIC ACADEMIC and BEHAVIOR REPORTING:		
Provides timely reporting of student academic progress (on quarterly or semester basis to students, parents and/or guardians) including information for coursework attempted/completed, level of achievement and progress, behavior and attendance.	✓	
GRADUATION AND POST-SECONDARY PLANS: Creation and maintenance of plan for progress towards graduation (including credits needed) and a student-specific post-secondary plan aligned to student interests.	✓	Individual student plans include checklist for completion of post-secondary bridging tasks, credit maps, short- and long-term goals, personal challenges, and strategies for improvement. Recommend that the program ensure that goal-setting is student-led.

STANDARD: DIVERSE LEARNER POPULATION – Evidence of systems, structures and contractor policies to appropriately identify, support and monitor instruction for special education students and English Learners (ELs)

(ELS)		
CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
ENROLLMENT of SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS: Enrolls special education population no less than 15% and no greater than 20% of the program capacity.	×	10% of students enrolled at the time of the walkthrough had an IEP.
BASELINE MEASURES: Provides baseline measures for both special education and EL students against which to monitor growth. Monitors progress toward IEP goals and communicates this progress routinely to parents/guardians.	√	10 of 10 IEP files reviewed had sufficient evidence of progress monitoring. 2 of 2 EL files reviewed had initial screener scores for the current school year.
IEP IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION & REVIEW: Identifies, evaluates, reviews and implements IEPs timely and with fidelity, in accordance with applicable laws. Includes Transition Services in IEPs for students 14 years or older. Documents participation of all required IEP team members.	*	9 of 10 IEP files reviewed captured student attendance.9 of 10 IEP files reviewed had sufficient evidence of transition planning.
ANNUAL IEP UPDATES: Ensures IEPs are updated on an annual basis according to federal and state directives including December 1 Child Count compliance.	√	18 of 18 IEPs were in compliance for December 1 Child Count (100% compliance rate).
IEP MEETINGS: Assumes lead role for scheduling, convening, and completion of IEP meetings as well as all special education related paperwork. Collaborates with the School District as necessary and appropriate to support students.	✓	
EL IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION & REVIEW: Identifies potential ELs using the Home Language Survey, evaluates students using screener, and assesses ELs annually using ACCESS exam to provide all required services for success of EL students.	×	0 of 2 EL files reviewed included the required Home Language Survey and parent notification letter. 10 of 10 enrollment files reviewed included a completed Home Language Survey.

CATEGORY 2: RECORD KEEPING & COMMUNICATION

STANDARD: COMMUNICATIONS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT – Evidence that contractor timely and accurately reports information to the School District either directly or via provided systems consistent with contract requirements and written updates from the School District

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM UPLOAD:		
Provides student enrollment, attendance, behavior and coursework information to School District (via SIS) within contractually outlined period.	√	
ARCHIVE OF HISTORICAL RECORDS: Maintains an archive of all historical student academic and behavioral records.	√	

STANDARD: COMMUNICATIONS WITH STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND FAMILIES – Evidence that contractor communicates timely and accurately with students, parents/guardians and families regarding student performance and progress in a manner accessible to all; protects student record information

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
SECURE PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION: Secures personally identifiable information, does not request or require prohibited information at time of enrollment (e.g. SSNs), and ensures that if student is 18+ years of age, student provides consent to release records.	✓	0 of 10 enrollment files reviewed included personally identifiable information. The program has a system in place to ensure signed FERPA release forms for students 18 years of age and older.
ENGAGEMENT WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND FAMILIES: Contractor ensures that it communicates with all stakeholders as appropriate to maintain levels of engagement including reporting of student academic progress, information regarding program events (e.g. back to school nights) and student expectations (e.g. orientation and handbook) in a manner that is accessible to all.	✓	The program has multiple modes of communicating with parents, including telephone, email, Google Meet, progress reports, progress updates via PowerSchool, and SAIP conferences.

DOMAIN 2:ORGANIZATIONAL COMPLIANCE

CATEGORY 3: PERSONNEL

STANDARD: BACKGROUND CHECKS, LICENSES & EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION – Evidence of contractor compliance with relevant contract, state and federal educator personnel requirements

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECKS: Provides evidence of all relevant employee background checks and clearances. Checks and clearances are valid, timely and up to date as appropriate.	✓	FBI Background Check: 1 of 1 new employee reviewed had a valid check on file. PA Child Abuse Clearance: 1 of 1 new employee reviewed had a valid clearance on file. PA Criminal History Check: 1 of 1 new employee reviewed had a valid check on file. Act 168 documentation: 1 of 1 new employee reviewed had documentation on file.
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS: Provides PA certificated teachers in all core instructional areas.	✓	All core subject teachers are appropriately certified for the courses that they teach.
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS (ADMINISTRATOR): Provides at least one PA certificated administrator per site.	✓	
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES STAFF:		
Provides sufficiently trained and certified/licensed professional staff for student support services including special education and ELs.	√	

STANDARD: PERSONNEL RATIO & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Evidence of contractor adherence to contractual Personnel Ratios, contractually or statutorily required trainings, and relevant staff professional development

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
PERSONNEL RATIOS:		
Provides staffing to meet contractual student to teacher ratios and ensures student to support staff ratio is within contractual limits.	✓	
OBLIGATORY TRAININGS:		Act 71: 1 of 1 new employee reviewed had a
Provides all employees with Act 71, Act 126, and other obligatory PDE professional trainings and monitors timely completion and updates as required.	✓	completion certificate on file. Act 126: 1 of 1 new employee reviewed had a completion certificate on file for the required 3-hour training.
ENGAGEMENT IN DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRACTOR MEETINGS:		
Ensures that teachers and administrators engage in School District professional development opportunities and monthly contractor meetings.	✓	

CATEGORY 4: GOVERNANCE & ENROLLMENT

STANDARD: PROGRAM GOVERNANCE – Evidence of systems, structures and contractor activities to support compliance with contractual expectations for program governance

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Engages community and non-profit providers to provide a diverse and relevant range of non-academic student services and support.	✓	The program has numerous partnerships to provide services and supports to students, including ELECT, Holcomb IBHS, We Love Philly, Talking Matters, and Network of Neighbors.
COMMUNITY ELICITATION: Has active school or community advisory board or process by which the school community can provide input and feedback to the contractor regarding the program. Encourages parent/guardian participation in the District-wide annual survey.	✓	10.3% parent participation in the 2020-2021 district-wide survey (minimum of 10% required).

STANDARD: STUDENT ENROLLMENT – Evidence of systems, structures and contractor practices to meet contractual and statutory requirements for student enrollment and eliminate barriers to entry

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
TIMELY ENROLLMENT: Contractor does not create barriers to enrollment and enrolls students referred and/or who apply timely. Enrollment and/or student files contain information as required by PDE for enrollment. Program has procedures in place to confirm eligibility of students prior to enrollment.	✓	The program consistently reaches out to SDP Office of Student Placement when previous schools do not drop students timely.
RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: Contractor does not serve students from other LEAs without written consent of School District. Contractor confirms residency of student prior to or at time of enrollment.	*	Although no evidence that the program enrolls students from other LEAs, only 8 of 10 enrollment files reviewed had proof of residency.
RE-ENGAGEMENT CENTER REFERRALS: Contractor has reserved 50% of seats for School District's Engagement Center (REC) and/or partners with the REC to receive referrals.	✓	

CATEGORY I:ACCOMMODATIVE QUALITY

STANDARD: FACILITIES – Evidence of contractor compliance with established facility guidelines, contractual/statutory requirements and lease terms (if in School District-owned properties)

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL REGULATIONS:		The program is housed in a SDP facility.
Complies with all federal and state regulations regarding access to individuals with (physical or otherwise) disabilities. The program is housed in a non-sectarian facility. If in a privately-owned facility, contractor is compliant with any local requirements for facility condition including lead and water testing.	√	
FACILITY MAINTENANCE: For privately-owned facilities, contractor maintains regular upkeep of facility including structure, student and staff related spaces as well as outside grounds. For School District-owned facilities, contactor fulfills the obligations of their lease agreement regarding	✓	
maintenance and reports facility condition issues timely.		

STANDARD: SCHOOL CALENDAR, TRANSPORTATION AND UNIFORMS – Evidence that contractor operates a program that meets the minimum number of days of instruction as required by the contract and makes the program accessible to all eligible students

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
CALENDAR:		
Maintains an academic calendar that minimally has at least as many instructional days as that of the School District. Submits operational calendars timely and appropriately notifies the School District departments of any changes in the calendar.	✓	
TRANSPORTATION:		
Maintains accurate student information to allow the School District to appropriately manage transportation services for students. No corrective action initiated regarding required student transpass usage reports.	✓	

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CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
UNIFORMS:		
Establishes a clear dress code for students inclusive of expectations regarding school uniform. Provides uniforms to students upon request due to financial need. Does not have policies or practices that create barriers to instruction based on dress code or school uniform.	✓	

CATEGORY 2: FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE

STANDARD: PROCUREMENT OF OPERATING CERTIFICATES – Contractor provides School District with relevant operating licenses and certificates; maintains current insurance consistent with contract requirements

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
TAX LIABILITIES:		
Provides School District with Certificate of Tax Clearance absolving any city tax liabilities.	√	
PROOF OF INSURANCE:		At the time of the walkthrough, the program's
Provides Proof of Insurance related to: (1) Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability, (2) General Liability Insurance, (3) Automobile Liability Insurance, (4) Professional Liability Insurance, (5) Educator Legal	×	insurance documentation was not approved by the Office of Risk Management due to lack of Additional Insured Endorsement.
Liability Insurance, (6) Excess/Umbrella Liability, and (7) Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance.		

STANDARD: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING – Evidence the contractor adheres to standards of financial management including with monitoring and reporting of revenues and expenses, invoicing to the School District and ability of contractor to maintain financial viability

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:		
Provides detailed information upon request regarding program annual budgets, as well as actual expenses and revenues. Upon request, provides independent third-party financial audit timely; audit does not indicate any material weakness or going concerns.	√	

DOMAIN 3: ACCOMMODATIVE & FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	additional notes
MONTHLY INVOICING:		Monthly invoices often require revision to
Submits monthly invoices timely with complete and accurate student-level information. Information provided can generally be validated against the School District's SIS.	×	number of students enrolled.