



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION  
Ashland University

**Request:**

Ashland University requests authorization to offer the following program. This authorization ensures program alignment with Ohio standards and requirements.

| Program Level | License        | Teaching Field Code | Teaching Field Name | Modality |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Graduate      | Administrative | 280100              | Principal (P-6)     | Online   |
| Graduate      | Administrative | 280200              | Principal (4-9)     | Online   |
| Graduate      | Administrative | 280300              | Principal (5-12)    | Online   |

**Recommendation:**

The above listed Ashland University preparation program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for Educator Preparation programs. Approval is recommended until the Fall 2028 review cycle. The Chancellor may, in his judgement, withdraw approval or require an additional review if Ashland University fails to meet the Chancellor's standards for Educator Preparation programs (including audits for standard alignment and audits for science of reading requirements) or fails to receive accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) or the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP).

**Profile:**

Ashland University is a private Christian university affiliated with the Brethren Church. It consists of a 135-acre main campus and several off-campus centers throughout central and northern Ohio. Ashland was founded in 1878 as Ashland College. In 1989, Ashland College became Ashland University. In addition to a graduate school, the university consists of four colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences, the Schar College of Education, the Dauch College of Business and Economics, and the Schar College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Ashland Theological Seminary, a division of Ashland University, offers a Doctor of Ministry degree as well as several master's degrees.

**Accreditation/Authorization:**

Ashland University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) until its next scheduled review in 2023. Ashland's Dwight Schar College of Education is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) until 2031.

**Metrics Data:** (Per OAC 3333-1-05, data available and reported is limited to initial licensure and principal preparation only) The current Ohio Educator Performance Report for Ashland University can be found at the following link: <https://higher.ed.ohio.gov/educators/academic-programs-policies/academic-program-approval/educator-preparation/ed-prep-transparency-accountability/educator-performance-reports>



**End of Comment Period:** December 12, 2025 @ 6 PM  
**No comments received, recommend approval**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The Vice Chancellor of P-16 and Strategic Initiatives has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

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3/13/2026

**Jana Fornario, Vice Chancellor of P-16 and Strategic Initiatives**

**Date**

**APPROVAL**

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3/19/2026

**Mike Duffey, Chancellor**

**Date**