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Oshkosh Public High Schools Continue to Exceed Expectations in Newly Released State Report Card

Oshkosh School District Meets Expectations with Expanded Improvement in Student Growth

Oshkosh, WI - On Tuesday, November 19, 2024, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction released the School and District Report Cards. The Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) is pleased to announce that both Oshkosh North High School and Oshkosh West High School continue to “Exceed Expectations.” This distinction highlights the ongoing strong performance at the high school level, driven by a focus on student growth and high levels of participation in the arts and dual enrollment courses. These achievements reflect the collective efforts of our district leaders, teachers, staff, students, and families - working together to ensure success in the classroom and beyond.

For the 2023-2024 school year, the OASD earned an overall accountability score of “Meets Expectations,” with a score of 69.7 - an increase from 68.4 in the previous year. The State Report Cards provide an overview of performance in four key areas: Student Achievement, District Growth, Target Group, and On-Track and Postsecondary Success. The OASD continues to demonstrate notable progress in the area of “Growth,” where it scored 73.6, well above the state average of 66.0. This improvement underscores the district’s ongoing commitment to fostering academic progress for all students.

Highlights from the recently released district and school report cards for the OASD include continued strong performance at the high school level, with Oshkosh North seeing its second year of continued and substantial improvement in the Target Group Outcomes priority area. This priority area, formerly called Closing Gaps, is designed to inform improvement efforts, resulting in positive change for learners who most need it while also improving outcomes for all students.

Carl Traeger Middle School and Advanced Learning Program (ALPs) “Significantly Exceeds Expectations,” scoring 86.9 and 98.4 respectively. In addition to both high schools, the following six OASD schools received the distinction of “Exceeds Expectations”, Carl Traeger Elementary, Lakeside Elementary, Oakwood Elementary, Perry Tipler Middle, Shapiro STEM Academy, and Webster Stanley Elementary (former; listed as Menominee Elementary in 2022-2023 per DPI requirements). The following

seven schools “Meet Expectations”, Emmeline Cook Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Oaklawn Elementary, Read Elementary, South Park Middle, and Washington Elementary (former). Three schools within the OASD, Merrill Elementary (former), Roosevelt Elementary, and Vel Phillips Middle, received a rating of “Meets Few Expectations.”

“Our educators and leaders are committed to supporting student growth, and as a district, we are focused on four key areas to propel students forward: the effective use of high-quality instructional materials, ongoing professional development and coaching, data-driven decision-making, and meaningful feedback and evaluation for teachers,” said Dr. Sam Coleman, OASD assistant superintendent of instruction. “We are proud of our students' commitment to learning, and the achievements happening in our classrooms inspire us to continue improving for the success of every student.”

State report cards serve as an accountability system for schools and districts. Each school within the OASD received a report card that measures their results of the Wisconsin Forward Exam, along with attendance rate, graduation rate, and performance on Pre-ACT as well as the ACT for high schools. Using numerous formulas and data sources, the State assigns a score and category for each school and district overall. The intention is for schools to use this information to identify areas for improvement and set goals for the future.

It is important to note that the Department of Public Instruction recently changed their proficiency rating scale for the Forward Exam, which is included in the report card rating. While these scale score changes make it more challenging to compare results to previous years, the district values the insight they provide and is continuing to use other data to support its efforts to increase overall student achievement.

“Student achievement is our top priority and our school report cards provide us with a valuable measure of the impact of our efforts,” explained Coleman. “With this in mind, the OASD is committed to setting ambitious goals and continually refining our approach to ensure we keep growing and reaching our full potential.”

For more information, please click on the links below.

[2024 DPI Press Release](#)

[2023-24 Oshkosh Area School District Report Card](#)

[2022-23 Oshkosh Area School District Report Card and Individual School Report Cards](#)

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About the OASD: Building community through education. The Oshkosh Area School District is located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, serving over 9,000 students and operating 11 elementary schools, four middle schools, two high schools, and an eAcademy. For more information, visit www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

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