

# Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy Handbook

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy! We are thrilled that you have selected us to be your schooling partner for the 2023-2024 school year. This student handbook sets forth some general guidance for parents, Learning Coaches, and students enrolled in the Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy (OVCA). The intent is to answer the most frequently asked questions. OVCA staff is always happy to clarify any items in the handbook or answer additional questions. Your main point of contact is your Community Family Advisor (CFA). A list of phone extensions is located on the school website <https://www.okvirtual.net/apps/staff/>. You may also use the dial by name directory by calling the main number 405.259.9478 and pressing the pound (#) key.

OVCA is a statewide charter school. OVCA is a public school and is subject to the rules and regulations of the Oklahoma State Department of Education Public School policies and mandates. OVCA administrative offices are located at 1117 S Douglas Blvd., Suite F, Midwest City, OK 73130.

## SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

OVCA strives to set the standard for online public-school education in Oklahoma.

## SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy is to ensure the growth of every student through personalized learning and to create well-educated, productive citizens both digitally and in life.

Our model includes:

- Online instruction led by qualified Oklahoma certified teachers
- Data-based individualized instruction
- Structured daily virtual class schedule
- Collaboration with dedicated school support team
- Community partnerships promoting student connection

## ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy that no person be denied admission to the school or be denied participation in, be denied benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, student services, recreational or other program or activities, shall not be abridged or impaired because of the person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability as required by state and federal statutes.

This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (handicap).

Address all inquiries or complaints regarding this policy to: Audra Plummer, Head of

School, Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy, 1117 S Douglas Blvd., Suite F, Midwest City, OK 73130, 405.259.9478. Inquiries or complaints related to Title IX can also be reported directly to: Megan Moser, Title IX Coordinator, Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy, 1117 S Douglas Blvd., Suite F, Midwest City, OK 73130, 405.259.9478 ext. 3010. All Title IX complaints will be monitored by the Title IX Coordinator regardless of to whom the original report was made.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3130](#) for full description

## Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act/Title II, Americans with Disabilities Act

Section 504 and Title II (ADA) Grievance Procedure:

OVCA has adopted an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Section 504 and the ADA prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

### Procedure

1. Grievances must be submitted to the ADA/504 Coordinator within 60 days of the date the person filing the grievance becomes aware of the alleged discriminatory action.
2. A complaint can be submitted in writing, over the phone, or other mode of communication. The complaint must include the name and address of the person filing it. The complaint must state the problem or action alleged to be discriminatory and the remedy or relief sought.
3. The ADA/504 Coordinator (or designee) shall investigate the complaint. This investigation may be informal, but it must be thorough, affording all interested persons an opportunity to submit evidence relevant to the complaint.
4. The ADA/504 Coordinator will maintain the files and records relating to the complaints filed.
5. The ADA/504 Coordinator (or designee) will issue a written decision on the grievance no later than 30 days after its filing.
6. The person filing the grievance may appeal the decision of the ADA/504 Coordinator by writing to the Head of School within 15 days of receiving the ADA/504 Coordinator's decision. The Head of School shall issue a written decision in response to the appeal no later than 30 days after its filing.
7. The availability and use of this grievance procedure does not prevent a person from filing a complaint of discrimination on the basis of disability with the US Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights by calling 1.800.421.3481
8. To the extent possible, confidentiality will be maintained throughout the investigation of a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.



# OVCA 2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR



## 2023-2024 Academic Calendar Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy

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Date	Event or Holiday
Jul 04	Independence Day - School/Office Closed
Jul 24	New Teachers Start
Jul 31	Teachers Return
Jul 31	PD before school starts
Aug 01	PD before school starts
Aug 02	PD before school starts
Aug 10	First Day Semester/1st Qtr
Sep 04	Labor Day - School/Office Closed
Oct 17	Last Day 1st Qtr
Oct 18	Teacher Work Day - No School
Oct 19	Fall Break - School Closed
Oct 20	Fall Break - School Closed
Oct 28	First Day 2nd Qtr
Nov 20	Thanksgiving Break - School Closed
Nov 21	Thanksgiving Break - School Closed
Nov 22	Thanksgiving Break - School Closed
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Break - School/Office Closed
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Break - School/Office Closed
Dec 14	Last Day Semester/2nd Qtr
Dec 15	Teacher Work Day - No School
Dec 18	Winter Break - School Closed
Dec 19	Winter Break - School Closed
Dec 20	Winter Break - School Closed
Dec 21	Winter Break - School Closed
Dec 22	Winter Break - School Closed
Dec 25	Winter Break - School/Office Closed
Dec 26	Winter Break - School/Office Closed
Dec 27	Winter Break - School/Office Closed
Dec 28	Winter Break - School/Office Closed
Dec 29	Winter Break - School/Office Closed
Jan 01	Winter Break - School/Office Closed
Jan 02	Teacher Work Day - No School
Jan 08	First Day Semester/3rd Qtr
Jan 15	MUK Day - School/Office Closed
Feb 15	Professional Development
Feb 16	Professional Development
Feb 19	President's Day - School/Office Closed
Mar 14	Last Day 3rd Qtr
Mar 15	Teacher Work Day - No School
Mar 18	Spring Break - School Closed
Mar 19	Spring Break - School Closed
Mar 20	Spring Break - School Closed
Mar 21	Spring Break - School Closed
Mar 22	Spring Break - School Closed
Mar 25	First Day 4th Qtr
May 24	Last Day Semester/4th Qtr
May 27	Memorial Day - School/Office Closed
May 28	Teacher Work Day - No School
May 29	Teacher Work Day - No School
May 30	Teacher Work Day - No School
May 31	Teacher Work Day - No School
Nov 3, Mar 8	2 PT Conference Days
Apr 13	OVCA Prom
May 18	OVCA HS Graduation
0	Floating Holiday

**Special Events**  
 PT Conference-  
 Oct 30, Nov 2- Evening/ Nov 3- Day  
 Mar 4, Mar 7- Evening/ Mar 8- Day  
 Prom- April 13  
 HS Graduation- May 18

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ROLES

The term parent is used in this document to describe the person legally responsible for a minor. This could be a parent or legal guardian.

A **Learning Coach** is the designated adult who will have the primary responsibility of being actively involved in all school related work and activities. Learning Coaches are the primary point of contact for all teachers and school staff. A parent may designate himself/herself as the Learning Coach or may find another trusted adult to serve in this role. In all cases, the parent is ultimately responsible for ensuring adherence to school policies. The Learning Coach will:

- actively monitor, assist, and motivate the student daily
- communicate regularly with the student's Community Family Advisor (CFA) and teachers and
- ensure the student is engaged and follows a weekly schedule that includes attending live class and completing weekly assignments per program requirements

In Elementary School, a Learning Coach will work side-by-side daily with the student. Each week, the Learning Coach will review upcoming lessons to ensure any advanced preparation is completed and attend Learning Coach training/support meetings. Learning Coaches will check school communications at least once daily to stay up-to-date with academic requirements. They will also check their online school account to find exact times for classes and online meeting links. A Learning Coach of an elementary student can expect to spend 3-6 hours a day supporting the student's education.

In Middle School, students begin to gain independence; however,, they still need consistent guidance and support from a Learning Coach to ensure academic success. Learning Coaches of Middle School students can expect to spend 2-4 hours per day supporting their child's education. The Learning Coach will work closely with the student's teachers to monitor all aspects of a child's online schooling experience.

In High School, the Learning Coach can expect to spend 1-2 hours per day to help the student stay on task and ensure the student is following through on his or her assignments. The student is expected to manage his or her own time and schedule directly; however, the support of a Learning Coach is still essential as high school students learn to be accountable for their own schedule and learning. Grade reports are accessible daily to allow parents to monitor progress in coursework. In addition to by-appointment conferences with parents, OVCA offers one parent/teacher conference day each semester. Please review the school calendar on page 9 for specific dates.

All students in one family are assigned to a single **Community Family Advisor (CFA)** who serves as the first point of contact. The CFA provides information about important dates and school events. The CFA helps families set up schedules, teaches families how to navigate the online school and monitors progress/attendance. The CFA helps students build connections at the school by organizing local in-person community events, hosting online social or study sessions or service learning projects. Students and Learning Coaches can see who their assigned CFA is by logging into their OLS, going to their contacts, and finding their "Homeroom" person. CFAs collaborate with community service providers, school personnel, and the state homeless coordinator

to provide homeless child and youth education and related services. CFAs help ensure homeless children and youth are identified and immediately enrolled in school by establishing a referral process with school staff and communities. CFAs work with the homeless coordinator to inform parents/ students of their education rights. CFAs help students receive school supplies, food, and transportation as needed. CFAs work closely with the homeless liaison and the foster care liaison, offering parent supports through trainings and videos. The Community Family Advisor helps students build connections at the school by organizing local in-person community events and hosting online social or study sessions.

**State Certified Teachers** are an essential component of the educational program at OVCA. In Elementary School, students are assigned a homeroom teacher who provides instruction and remediation. In Middle and High School, courses are taught by teachers specifically experienced in their respective subjects, so the student has a different teacher for each subject. These course teachers are responsible for reviewing all student work and providing instructional feedback. Questions about courses or course content should be directed to the course teacher.

As an OVCA student, youth are expected to be active learners by logging into school daily and participating in online class activities. Students will be contacted through email, text, phone or during online classes. Each student will have access to online and offline curriculum materials. Students may reach out at any time to OVCA Staff for assistance. Staff will respond within 24 hours during school hours.

**School Administration** is Head of School, Principals, and special program leadership roles. Members of the administration team oversee school policies and maintain quality of schools.

#### **PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY**

Direct parental involvement is fundamental to the success of the student and Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy (Board policy 3040). OVCA requires mandatory Learning Coach Orientation for a newly enrolled student. The learning coach or legal guardian must view the recording of or attend the online session(s) to be considered a certified Learning Coach. OVCA offers a Learning Coach program called Oklahoma Learning Coach Academy (OLCA). The benefits of attending sessions held by OLCA is to strengthen our OVCA community, one Learning Coach at a time!

Learning Coach involvement is directly connected to student success. OLCA will offer a variety of opportunities throughout the year to improve Learning Coach practices. Learning Coach Orientation/Bootcamp reviews expectations, connects parents to other parents, and introduces local clubs and events. It outlines the parent responsibilities, important parent meetings, method of communication, how to support student academic expectations and learning goals, resources available, and how to provide feedback and become more involved in our school. The OLCA program is supported and led by the Student Support Services Team.

#### **EMAIL/PHONE CALLS**

Email is a primary source of contact between staff and the Learning Coach/students; therefore, Learning Coaches and students are encouraged to check their email at least twice a day (morning and evening). Learning Coaches and students are asked to reply to any email received from staff or K12 Virtual Schools LLC (Stride K12)

within 24 business hours, if necessary. Staff will respond to communications within 24 hours on regular school days, during school hours. Staff will notify families in advance if they are out of the office. Families are always welcome to call their Community Family Advisor (CFA). If your assigned CFA is unable to answer the phone, please leave a voicemail and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

All OVCA staff can be reached by calling 405.259.9478, and dialing their 4-digit extension. Extensions are located on the school website: <https://www.okvirtual.net/apps/staff/>. Teachers are instructed to allow their voicemail to answer incoming calls if they are teaching class. This allows teachers to keep their full attention on the lesson. This also allows long-distance calls to be charged to OVCA and not to the Learning Coach. The school does not reimburse Learning Coaches for long-distance calls. When leaving a voicemail, please ensure you leave a detailed message explaining the reason for the call along with your student's full name and student ID number and best number for return call. This will assist in promptly getting a response to you.

### TEXT MESSAGES

Families will automatically receive text messages from school staff. A family may opt out by replying STOP to any message or contacting their CFA.

### PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE

Before students or families' photographs/videos are used, families will be asked to complete the Photograph Testimonial and Interview Release form. This form is located on the OVCA website: <https://tinyurl.com/OVCA-Media-Release>. OVCA staff may also share forms with families through other means such as email, text or survey link.

### PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

At this time, OVCA does not have a parent sponsored organization like PTA or PTO. If this is something you are interested in, please contact your school principal.

OVCA sponsors Oklahoma Learning Coach Academy. This group is hosted by the CFA team and meets routinely to help parents/ Learning Coaches strengthen their role as Learning Coach. Please contact Shauna Irvin at [sirvin@okvirtual.org](mailto:sirvin@okvirtual.org) or 405-259-9478 ext. 2052.

### NEWROW/ZOOM

Connections with families can be made through an online conferencing platform such as Newrow, K12's virtual classroom platform, or Zoom. Meetings on these platforms allow users to see video of the other party, share desktop content, chat, and talk in real time.

### NEWSLETTERS

OVCA will periodically send out information through different platforms such as electronic newsletters, updates on social media or communications on the OVCA website: **[www.okvirtual.net](http://www.okvirtual.net)**

### FIELD TRIPS/OUTINGS

The OVCA Student Support Team (which include the Community Family Advisors) will organize outings and events for families in their communities. Families will be involved

in determining which events occur each month. If you have an idea or want to get more involved, contact your CFA. These events provide opportunities for students, teachers, staff, and families to connect and build a strong educational community. These are optional events. Costs for admissions, space rental, etc. is the responsibility of the family, if any. OVCA does not provide transportation for any school-related activities. For in-person events, staff members will follow OVCA safety procedures and public-school meeting policies. Students may not go to the home of a staff member. Staff and students may not meet alone together. There must always be at least one other adult present. Students under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult at events. See [OVCA Board Policy 3090](#)

### VISION SCREENING

Your student's vision is extremely important to OVCA! Students may have opportunities to have their vision screened for FREE – made possible by Vizavance. Vizavance, formerly known as Prevent Blindness Oklahoma, is the only nonprofit entity in Oklahoma whose primary goal is to advance children's education through better vision. By offering free vision screenings to Oklahoma's school children, Vizavance helps identify vision issues that, if never identified, could seriously hamper a child's ability to succeed academically. For more information on Vizavance, you can visit their website at <http://www.vizavance.org>. OVCA arranges for Vizavance to provide vision screenings at least once a year at a location to be determined.

### LOANER COMPUTER POLICY

If requested, K12 Virtual Schools LLC (Stride K12) students will be loaned one computer per family to be used to access the online learning platform during the student's enrollment in OVCA. Additional computers may be provided if the Class Connect schedules of siblings overlap. Contact your CFA to request an additional computer due to scheduling needs.

OVCA will not replace computers that are intentionally damaged or damaged due to negligence or misuse. Pursuant to the Agreement for Use of Instructional Property, families are solely liable for any loss or damage to the computer until it is returned to K12 Virtual Schools LLC (Stride K12) and should take proper precautions to protect it. OVCA may require families to pay for lost or damaged computers.

See [OVCA Board Policy 5100](#)

### MOBILE BROADBAND DEVICES

Through Stride K12, OVCA offers a mobile broadband device program to students who qualify. Qualification is defined as; economically disadvantaged, as determined by Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines used in determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and, or those in need of a mobile broadband device due to a change in life circumstances. Students who qualify may be eligible to be issued a mobile broadband device for the duration of enrollment at OVCA. Only one device per family is issued on a first come, first served basis. The device is to be used for attending online classes, accessing and completing school work/activities and communicating with the school. It is not provided for personal use. The device is equipped with Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) filters, but the school is not responsible for sites accessed through the device.

By receiving the device, the legal guardian accepts responsibility for monitoring internet use of the student and responsibility for payment for lost, damaged or stolen devices. Normal use will not exceed the monthly allowable data. Misuse may cause the data to exceed limits, which results in loss of internet access until the next billing cycle. Misuse will result in denial to participate in OVCA's mobile broadband device program. The device is sent from Stride K12 directly to the student address on file. The legal guardian must contact Stride K12 technical support with any technical issues relating to the device at 1-866-512-2273. The device must be returned immediately to Stride K12 upon withdrawal or graduation. A free UPS shipping label can be requested by visiting [www.help.k12.com](http://www.help.k12.com).

To be eligible for a mobile broadband device, a student must participate in all required testing, must meet eligibility as mentioned above, and must meet school attendance requirements.

See [OVCA Board Policy 5100](#)

## CONCERNS

OVCA staff recognizes that life and school do not always run smoothly. As problems arise, school personnel and Learning Coaches must collaborate to solve them. Staff also realizes that parents, Learning Coaches and students do not always know what to do or where to seek out answers and often give up or become frustrated when problems remain unsolved. Please follow these procedures for general information or for assistance in resolving a problem:

All concerns and issues should first be directed to your CFA . (Phone appointments may be set up.) If the CFA cannot resolve the issue (e.g., materials and computer issues) he/she directs the parent/Learning Coach to the appropriate contact for assistance. The CFA follows up with the family until problem is solved.

If the concern is not resolved at this level, parents or Learning Coaches are advised to contact the Lead teacher or CFA, through email. If you still have questions or concerns, contact the principal through email. Extensions can be found by using the dial by name directory. Call 405.259.9478 and press the (#) key. A student's list of contacts for their teachers or support team can be found in their OLS account.

## CRISIS/EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

From time to time, families may experience technical difficulties or other crisis to prevent schooling. Families may lose Internet due to a storm, power outage or other life emergency. If families are experiencing difficulties, please email your CFA, your teacher or call OVCA Office at 405.259.9478 to make the school aware. If available, families may school using offline materials. Contact your CFA/teacher when issues have been resolved. CFA/teachers will work with families on attendance and schoolwork expectations during this time.

In case of school wide crisis or emergency, OVCA will communicate information through the following options: email, phone/autodialer, website, social media, platform announcements. Messages will include how to proceed if platforms are down and how instruction will continue during outage.

During state testing, each testing location will have emergency procedures and communication in place. Information is shared during testing communications.

Following the passage of the Riley Boatwright Act, OVCA will follow medical emergency plans for athletic events or events held onsite the same as they do for tornadoes, fires or intruders.

## COMPLAINT PROCESS

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy is interested in achieving and fostering student/family satisfaction. The following procedure ensures that student/family grievances are addressed fairly by the appropriate people in a timely manner. OVCA prohibits discrimination against students/families on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, gender, national origin, or religion.

The student and parent(s), custodian(s) or legal guardian(s), address in writing any concern or grievance to the Head of School. The Head of School responds within ten working days.

If the concern or grievance is not resolved by the Head of School, the parent(s), custodian(s) or legal guardian(s) may, within ten (10) working days of the Head of School's response, request in writing a meeting (via phone or in person) with the Head of School to discuss the concern or grievance. He/she investigates and responds within ten (10) working days. If the family's concern is not resolved at the meeting with the Head of School, the family may file a complaint with the OVCA governing board.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3120](#)

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS COMPLAINTS

Complaints with regard to Federal Programs covered under the reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) at Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy may make the complaint known to the Head of School or with the General Counsel of the State Department of Education. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the complaint, Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy will conduct an investigation of the allegation and resolve the complaint. The investigation shall include opportunities for the complainant or the complainant's representative to present evidence and question witnesses.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3220](#)

## ADMISSIONS

### ADMISSION AND ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

OVCA is an open-enrollment public charter school. Students in kindergarten through twelfth grade participating in OVCA must reside in Oklahoma and be between the ages of 5 and 21.

Students must be 5 on or before September 1 and may not turn 21 on or before September 1. OVCA shall continue to accept applications and enroll students until either the school or grade level reaches a capacity limit.

New students to the school shall be enrolled conditionally until educational records, including discipline records, from schools previously attended by the student and other documentation are received by the school.

In the event the student's records indicate a reason to deny admission, the student's conditional enrollment status may be revoked.

The Head of School, or Head of School designee, may deny admission to the school in accordance with applicable law.

**Grounds for denial of admission include but are not limited to:**

- Having been expelled from any school district during the preceding twelve months;
- Behavior in another school district during the preceding twelve months that is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or school personnel;
- Graduation from the twelfth grade of any school or receipt of any document evidencing completion of the equivalent of a secondary curriculum;
- Failure to meet the requirements of age (students must be at least 5 by September 1 and may not be over the age of 21 on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Failure to comply with state immunization laws
- Failure to provide proof of residency per board policy verifying residence within the boundaries of the state of Oklahoma;
- Intentionally providing erroneous information on the application for enrollment.
- A "history of absences" means 10 or more absences in one semester that are not excused for the reasons provided for in Subsection B of Section 10-105 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and/or OVCA's Attendance Policy.
- Any act or reason authorized in Section 24-101.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3180](#)

## STUDENT RESIDENCY

**Students enrolled in OVCA must reside in the state of Oklahoma.**

The purpose of OVCA is to serve the educational interests of students residing within the district boundaries. This includes homeless students, students who are not documented citizens, and students whose parents/guardians are not documented citizens. The district will not inquire into a student or parent/guardian's citizenship status as a part of enrollment and will only use information regarding a student's living



situation to better serve the student.

### **Definitions**

For purposes of this policy, the terms listed below have the following meanings: "Residence," "residency" and "legal residence" mean the student's present place of abode, provided that it is a place where important family activities (such as sleeping, eating, working, relaxing, and playing) take place during a significant part of each day. Mere presence alone is not sufficient to establish residency. Documentary evidence that may be submitted to establish residency is identified below. "Person having legal custody" means a person who is legally responsible for the care of the child pursuant to: the order of a court or placement by a governmental agency responsible for making custody determinations and/or placements. As used in this policy, the phrase "permanent care and custody" means a person who has assumed the care and custody of the child on a continuous and ongoing basis with the intent not to relinquish such care and custody until the child reaches age 18.

### **Basic Residency Requirements**

State law provides that a child's residence for school purposes is the District in which the (1) parents, (2) guardian or (3) person having legal custody of the child holds legal residence. Children who are foster children are granted residency in the district if they attended the district prior to entering foster care, if their current/prior foster family is/was a resident of the district, or if another child in their current foster home attends school in the district pursuant to a transfer. The district does not permit students to establish residency based on the mere affidavit of a person who has assumed permanent care and custody of the child under OKLA. STAT. tit. 70§ 1-113 or based on an attorney in fact affidavit under OKLA. STAT. tit. 10§ 700.

### **Procedures for Resolving Residency Disputes**

The District recognizes there may be occasions when there is a dispute regarding residency. Upon enrollment in the school system, the District will verify the student is a resident of the District or is otherwise entitled to attend school in the District for any reason authorized by law. As a part of this verification process, the District will obtain an address from each student or the student's parent, guardian, person having legal custody of the child. In providing an address to the District that is within the District's boundaries the student and student's parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of the child represent that this address is the student's residence. The District may also require, in order to verify residency, certified copies of court orders, guardianship documents, written agreements and any other information deemed relevant by the District.

If at any time an administrator of the District has a reasonable belief that the reported residence may not be the residence of the child for purposes of school attendance, the administrator shall notify the student's parent, guardian, or person having the care and custody of the child that there is a question regarding the legal residency of the student. The student's parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of the child shall be given an opportunity to submit information regarding the student's residency to the OVCA administration. All notices required by this policy shall be in writing. Additionally, reasonable alternative arrangements for documenting communications will be made for those persons who are visually impaired or otherwise unable to communicate in writing. Information or documentation to prove student residency in the District shall include but not be limited to proof of provisions of utilities, payments

of ad valorem taxes, local agreements or contracts for purchasing/leasing housing, driver's licenses, income tax returns, notes, mortgages, divorce decrees, contracts and any other source of proof which is not in conflict with statutory provisions relating to the residence of students.

Any question or dispute as to the residence of a student not deemed to be a "homeless student" shall be determined by the OVCA administration, the Superintendent or designee, or the District's Board of Education pursuant to the following procedures:

1. The student's parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of the child must notify the OVCA Administration in writing of the review request within five (5) calendar days from the date of written denial of admittance or from the date of written notification that the student is considered not to be a resident of the District. Upon receipt of a request for review, OVCA shall allow the parent, guardian or person having legal custody to provide additional pertinent information in accordance with the District's criteria and the statutory provisions regarding residency. This information must be submitted with the request for review.
2. OVCA must render a decision and notify the student's parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of the child of the decision and reasoning therefore in writing within five (5) calendar days of the receipt of the request for review.
3. In the event the student's parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of the child disagrees with the OVCA Administration decision, such person shall notify OVCA in writing within five (5) calendar days of his or her receipt of the OVCA Administration's decision. This administrator will submit his/her findings and all documents reviewed to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee will review the decision and the documents submitted on behalf of the District and the student and will render a decision within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the documents. If the student's parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of the child disagrees with the Superintendent's decision, such person shall notify the Superintendent in writing within five (5) calendar days of his or her receipt of the Superintendent's decision. The Superintendent will submit his/her findings and all documents reviewed to the District's Board of Education. The Board of Education will review the decision and the documents submitted on behalf of the District and the student and will render a decision no later than the next regular Board meeting. The decision of the Board of Education shall be final.
4. In an effort to place students in school as quickly as possible, timelines shall be followed unless due to emergency circumstances both parties agree to an extension of timelines.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3050](#)

## OPEN TRANSFER POLICY

Effective January 1, 2022, the lawful transfer of a student from the district in which the student resides to Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy ("OVCA" or "District") shall be granted at any time in the year unless number of transfers exceeds the capacity of the District as set forth herein.

**Student Transfer:** A student may be granted a one-year transfer and may continue

to attend the District each school year to which the student transferred with the approval of the District. At the end of each school year, the District may deny continued transfer of the student for the reasons outlined herein. Any brother or sister of a student who transfers may attend the District to which the student transferred if the District has capacity, and the brother or sister of the transferred student does not meet a basis for denial as outlined herein. Any child in the custody of the Department of Human Services in foster care who is living in the home of a student who transfers may attend the District to which the student transferred.

**Transfer Capacity:** The District's Board of Education (the "Board") hereby adopts a policy to determine the number of transfer students the District has the total capacity to accept in each grade level for each school site.

The Board shall establish the number of transfer students the District has capacity to accept in each grade level for each school site in the District by the first day of January, April, July and October of each year. The capacity limits set forth herein shall continue until further action of the Board.

**Grounds for Transfer Denial:** The District's Board of Education further determines that in addition to any capacity limitation regarding transfers, the District may deny a transfer for the following reasons: (1) the acts and reasons outlined in Section 24-101.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma statutes may be a basis for denial of a transfer; and (2) history of absences may be a basis for denial of a transfer. For the purposes of this policy, "history of absences" means ten or more absences in one semester that are not excused for the reasons provided for in subsection B of Section 10-105 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or due to illness.

**Transfer Publication:** The Board hereby directs the Head of School to: (1) publish in a prominent place on the District website the number of transfer students for each grade level (elementary, middle, and high) that the District has the capacity to accept; and (2) report to the State Department of Education ("SDE") the number of transfer students for each grade level (elementary, middle, and high) that the District has the capacity to accept.

**Appeals:** If a transfer request is denied by the District, the parent of the student may appeal the denial within ten (10) days of notification of the denial to the District Board. The District Board shall consider the appeal at its next regularly scheduled board meeting. If the District Board denies the appeal, the parent may appeal the denial within ten (10) days of notification of the denial to the State Board of Education ("SBE"). The parent shall submit to the SBE and the Head of the School District a notice of appeal on a form prescribed by the SBE.

**Reporting of Transfers and Denials:** The District's Board hereby directs the Head of School to submit to the SDE the number of student transfers approved and denied and whether each denial was based on capacity, acts and reasons outlined in Section 24-101.3 of Title 70 or a history of absences as provided for in paragraph 2 of subsection B of Title 70 as set forth in this policy. The Board further directs the Head of School that on or before the first day of January, April, July, and October to file with the SBE and each resident district of any transfer student, a statement showing the names of the students granted transfers to the District, the resident school district of the transferred students, and their respective grade level.

**Transfer Application:** In order that any student may be transferred, an application form specified by the SBE must be completed by the parents of the student. For purposes of the Education Open Transfer Act (“Act”), the term “parent” means the parent of the student or person having custody of the student as provided for in paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 1-113 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The transfer application shall be filed with the Head of School of the District and transfers shall not be submitted prior to the District accepting applications for enrollment for a school year. Transfer applications submitted prior to the opening of the application and enrollment window will not be considered.

**Priority of Transfers:** If the number of student transfer applications exceeds the capacity of the District, as determined by subsection A of Section 8-101.2 of Title 70, the District shall select transfer students in the order in which the District received the student transfer applications subject to the District’s Application/Enrollment/Lottery Policy and the transfer is in compliance with the Virtual Charter School Reform and Transparency Act. Transfers granted by the District prior to January 1, 2022, will remain in effect and will continue to have priority unless the Board takes action to deny future year’s attendance based upon capacity, discipline, or attendance. Siblings and students of teachers that seek a transfer to the District may be given priority by the Board.

**Non-Discrimination:** The District shall not accept or deny a transfer based on ethnicity, national origin, gender, income level, disabling condition, proficiency in the English language, measure of achievement, aptitude, or athletic ability. Notwithstanding the provisions of Act, transfers of children with disabilities shall be granted as authorized in Section 13-103 of Title 70.

**Military Transfers:** Students who are the dependent children of a member of the active uniformed military services of the United States on full-time active-duty status and students who are the dependent children of a member of the military reserve on active-duty orders shall be eligible for admission to the District regardless of the capacity of the District. Students shall be eligible if: 1. At least one parent of the student has a Department of Defense-issued identification card; and 2. At least one parent can provide evidence that he or she will be on active duty status or active duty orders, meaning the parent will be temporarily transferred in compliance with official orders to another location in support of combat, contingency operation or a natural disaster requiring the use of orders for more than thirty (30) consecutive days.

**Teacher Transfers:** A student shall be allowed to transfer to the District if the parent or legal guardian of the student is employed as a teacher by the District.  
See [OVCA Board Policy 3300](#)

## DUAL ENROLLMENT POLICY

A student who is “dual enrolled” is enrolled at two or more schools (public or private) at the same time. Oklahoma law does not currently allow for students to attend OVCA on a part-time basis or to attend two public schools at the same time. It is the expectation that students will be enrolled at the Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy full time. Students will be expected to attend full time at OVCA or through a combination of courses at OVCA, Career Tech and/or colleges through concurrent

enrollment. Attending a Career Tech or university is not considered dual enrollment. Exceptions to this policy will be Special Education students whose IEP stipulates that a lesser class load provides Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE). The phrase "dual enrollment" is not to be confused with the phrase "concurrent enrollment".  
See [OVCA Board Policy 3170](#)

## ADMISSION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The McKinney Act of 1987, or P.L. 100-77, ensures that each child of a homeless individual, and each homeless youth shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youth. OVCA ensures equitable access and opportunity to enroll and participate in educational services.

There is an immediate removal of enrollment barriers. A homeless child's entry will not be delayed due to delays in obtaining school records. Rules regarding guardianship are waived for homeless students living with foster parents or relatives other than their legal guardians. Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy can help qualifying homeless students which can include assistance with basic school supplies (this could include internet), information on local resources such as clinics and food banks and being aware of transportation needs during state testing. If you feel you may be eligible for services please call or email Jessica Bishop, Social Worker, at [jbishop@okvirtual.org](mailto:jbishop@okvirtual.org) or 405.259.9478 ext. 3383.

## FOSTER CARE

OVCA helps provide educational stability for children in foster care to ensure that all school- age children in foster care have the opportunity to achieve at the same high levels as their peers. If your student is in foster care or is awaiting placement of foster care, please contact Kaylynn Watts, Foster Care Point of Contact, at [kwatts@okvirtual.org](mailto:kwatts@okvirtual.org) or 405.259.9478 ext. 3341.

## ATTENDANCE

As a public charter school, consistent attendance is expected for all students. For the purposes of attendance, instructional activities are defined as:

- Completion of course assignments that are used to record a grade for a student that is factored into the student's grade for the term in which the assignment is completed
- Instructional meetings with a teacher
- Testing
- School-sanctioned field trips
- Orientation

For the purposes of attendance, on pace for course completion is completing weekly course work as assigned in order to have successful completion of the course by the end of the grading period.

1. For the purposes of attendance, a student attending OVCA shall be considered

in attendance for a quarter if the student:

- a. Completes instructional activities on no less than ninety percent (90%) of the days within the quarter;
  - b. Is on pace for on-time completion of the course as defined by the board of education of OVCA; or
  - c. Completes no less than seventy-two instructional activities within the quarter of the academic year.
2. For a student who does not meet any of the criteria set forth in paragraph 1 of this policy, the amount of attendance recorded shall be the greater of:
- a. The number of school days during which the student completed the instructional activities during the quarter
  - b. The number of school days proportional to the percentage of the course that has been completed; or
  - c. The number of school days proportional to the percentage of the required minimum number of completed instructional activities during the quarter.
3. To the extent a student has experienced a significant medical condition causing chronic absenteeism as defined by OVCA's policy or state/federal law, the student's attendance shall be adjusted on a proportional basis without consideration of the days that the student was experiencing a significant medical condition; or other type of chronic absenteeism that is an excused absence.

For students attending OVCA for less than the full quarter, the attendance shall be determined based on a proportional amount of the required attendance policy provisions set forth herein based upon the date of enrollment of the student. For students enrolled in less than a full-time OVCA course load, including but not limited to part-time seniors, concurrently enrolled students, and students enrolled in career tech, the attendance shall be determined based on a proportional amount of the required attendance policy provisions set forth herein based upon the number of OVCA courses in which the student is enrolled.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3010](#)

### ILLNESS/EXTENDED INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE/EXCUSED ABSENCES

If an unexpected situation should arise and there is an extended leave of three days or more needed from courses, students must follow these steps:

- Determine if internet access is available (through libraries, etc.);
- Contact teachers and Community Family Advisor to explain the situation;
- Discuss class alternatives with the teacher;

OVCA excuses student absences from school due to a physical or mental condition that makes instruction inexpedient or impracticable for more than three school days. To be eligible for the excused absence policy:

- Provide a doctor’s note from your physician for any illness that requires you to miss school for more than three days. Doctor’s notes should have specific dates of absence, including a date the student can resume schooling full-time.
  - If a doctor’s note is not provided before the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive school day of no-login, the student will be withdrawn.
- Contact school staff to inform of religious observances which are preventing daily schooling
- Absence as related to deployment activities
- A student whose parent or legal guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined by the compact, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, shall be granted additional excused absences at the discretion of the local education agency superintendent to visit with his or her parent or legal guardian relative to such leave or deployment of the parent or guardian.

#### TRUANCY/EXCESSIVE ABSENTEEISM

In order to ensure the safety and academic progress of all students, Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy monitors participation on a daily basis. Students that do not engage in assignments on a consistent basis may be referred to a state authority, may be considered truant, and may face withdrawal from OVCA. A petition for truancy may be filed in the family’s district court of residence. The truancy case may remain open until the student re-engages in OVCA; or, the OVCA registrar receives either a confirmation of enrollment from another public-school district, or the parent completes the Intent to Homeschool form.

Any student who has not completed any instructional activities for a fifteen-school-day-period is considered truant and shall be withdrawn for truancy; provided, however, if the student is on pace for on-time completion for coursework and the legal guardian has informed OVCA as to the reason(s) the student has not completed an instructional activity, or the student is experiencing a significant medical condition, then OVCA may determine the student should not be withdrawn for truancy based on the totality of the circumstances involved. OVCA will notify the learning coach, legal guardian and student that the student has been withdrawn for truancy or is approaching truancy.

Instructional activities are defined as:

- Instructional meetings with a teacher;
- Completed assignments that are used to record a grade for a student that is factored into the student’s grade for the term during which the assignment is completed;
- Testing;
- School-sanctioned field trips; and
- Orientation

Additionally, if a student fails to consistently attend school and complete instructional activities, the legal guardian will be notified, and intervention strategies will be implemented. Legal guardians will be notified of students who are not on pace and not

completing at least 75% of required instructional activities. A four-tiered intervention system with increasing supports will be utilized to improve consistent attendance. Students will be required to make adequate improvements to avoid moving to the next successive tier. Students will be identified for increasing supports based on the following requirements:

- Tier 2 supports if they complete less than 75% of required instructional activities.
- Tier 3 supports if they complete less than 60% of required instructional activities.
- Tier 4 supports if they complete less than 45% of required instructional activities.

To ensure reasonable consequences for students that fail to consistently attend school and complete instructional activities, students in tier 4 are considered truant. Students that continue to complete less than 45% of required instructional activities over a fifteen (15) school day period may be withdrawn and the state authorities and the learning coach, legal guardian and student will be notified of the truant status. Students who are withdrawn for truancy once may re-enroll upon completion of a Back on Track (BOT) plan. A student who is reported for truancy two (2) times in the same school year shall be withdrawn and prohibited from enrolling in the same virtual charter school for the remainder of the school year. The resident school district will be notified of the withdrawal.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3100](#)

## VACATION POLICY

Since schoolwork can be completed anywhere, students who travel for vacation or other family circumstances are encouraged to maintain a regular schooling schedule during their travels. If the travel schedule prohibits regular schooling, students may request an alternate schedule or special accommodations for extended travel from their teachers. If a student has consistently not met the attendance requirements, school staff should carefully evaluate the family's request for flexibility. Assignments due during a family-scheduled vacation must be completed prior to the vacation, and is the student's responsibility to contact his/her teachers prior to this absence. There are no exceptions to this policy. Assignments that are completed late due to a family-scheduled vacation during school are subject to the late work policy. Alternate schedules will not be approved during the standardized testing windows or during high school lock dates at the end of each quarter.

## WITHDRAWALS

If a parent/legal guardian chooses to withdraw a student from OVCA he/she should contact OVCA staff to begin the withdrawal process. Staff will discuss with the parent/legal guardian or designated family member the reason for withdrawal and future schooling options for the student. OVCA should be informed of the name and address of the new school that the student will enroll with or the parent should sign an Intent to Homeschool Form. Once the withdrawal has been confirmed. OVCA staff will submit the completed withdrawal form including final grades and submit to the School Based Enrollment Coordinator for processing. Due to compulsory attendance laws, the student must immediately enroll in another school or complete the Intent to Homeschool form.



Students that do not engage in an adequate amount of instructional activities within the prescribed time period will be withdrawn in accordance with the school truancy policy. OVCA staff will work to contact the student until the student re-engages in OVCA; or, the OVCA registrar receives either a confirmation of enrollment from another public-school district, or the parent completes the Intent to Homeschool form. Approximately one week after the withdrawal, families receive a reclamation package by email from Stride K12® with directions, a checklist and return shipping labels. See [OVCA Board Policy 3110](#)

## HEALTH INFORMATION

### SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

It is important for school personnel to be notified of any medical concerns, particularly if a student is attending any in person, school sponsored event such as state testing, outings, prom and graduation.

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy shall permit the self-administration of inhaled asthma medication by a student for treatment of asthma, the self-administration of anaphylaxis medication by a student for treatment of anaphylaxis and the self-administration of replacement pancreatic enzymes by a student for treatment of cystic fibrosis at all in-person, school sponsored events, including but not limited to state testing, outings, prom and graduation, when deemed necessary by a licensed physician. The parent or legal guardian is responsible for submitting the Medication Authorization Form to the school and supplying an emergency supply of the medication. A student may self-administer prescribed asthmatic, diabetic, or anaphylaxis medication, if the self-carry/self-administration section on the Medication Authorization Form has been completed by parent/guardian and the physician. Students with an approved Medication Authorization Form on file shall be permitted to possess and use a prescribed inhaler, replacement pancreatic enzyme, or anaphylaxis medication, including but not limited to an Epinephrine injector, at all times. The Medication Authorization Form will be valid for the current school year.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3060](#)

### DIABETES MANAGEMENT

OVCA will create a Diabetes management plan with the parent and health care provider. This is especially important if your student attends any in-person event. Please contact your principal for more details.

## RECORDS

### STUDENT RECORDS

Student records are maintained at the main office. Parents or Legal Guardians may contact the office to obtain a copy of student records. A copying fee may be assessed. If parents change their telephone number or e-mail address, they are asked to notify

their Community Family Advisor immediately. Parents or Legal Guardians are responsible for keeping contact information current within the "My Account" section of the Online School (OLS). Emails will be sent to the address listed in the "My Account" section of the OLS, which must be updated by the parent or legal guardian. A new proof of residence will be required if any address changes are made.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

In the event your address has changed, such as due to moving, a new Proof of Residence is required in order to update your address in the K12 Virtual Schools LLC (Stride K12) and state systems. OVCA will need one of the documents listed below. Once the document has been submitted, our office will be happy to update your new address.

To confirm your address please follow the steps below:

- Log into the OLS with your username and password;
- Click "My Account" at the top right of your screen;
- Select "My Account" from the dropdown menu;
- Your address will appear.

Please submit one of the following documents as proof of residence:

- Utilities (i.e. gas, electric or water/sewer bill in the legal guardian's name)
- Proof of internet service
- Payment of ad valorem taxes
- Local agreements or contract for purchasing/leasing housing
- Mortgage statements
- If living with someone else, a *Shared Residence Affidavit* must be completed.

Please ensure the proof of residence is in the name of the parent or legal guardian, otherwise the documents will not be accepted.

Please fax the new proof of residence to 405-259-8332, Attn: Address Change or email to [ovcaefax@k12.com](mailto:ovcaefax@k12.com).

Additionally, you may email your new address and proof of residence to your CFA, who will notify the main office of the change.

If you have any questions regarding your address change, you may also contact the OVCA Administrative Office at 405.259.9478 ext. 0, Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3050](#)

## TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts are a permanent record of a student's cumulative grades attained during high school and include information regarding courses completed, grades, rank and cumulative grade point average from any courses taken for high school credit. Courses taken for high school credit at a previous school will also be recorded. Copies of

transcripts are available upon request from the registrar three weeks after each semester ends.

## FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) gives parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights regarding the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access.

To request an inspection and review, the parent or eligible student should submit a written request to the Operations Manager, Christopher Pitts at [chpitts@okvirtual.org](mailto:chpitts@okvirtual.org), that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Operations Manager makes arrangements for access and the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request an amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate.

They should write the Operations Manager, identify the part of the record they want changed and specify why it is inaccurate. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school notifies the parent or eligible student of the decision and advises them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures is provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA allows disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits the school to disclose information without consent is when the school discloses information to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by or contracted to provide services to or designated by the contractor to provide services to the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the Board of Directors of the school; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

FERPA requires that the school, with certain exceptions, obtain a parent's or eligible student's written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a child's education records. However, the school may disclose "directory information" without written consent, unless the parent or eligible student, have advised the school in writing that they do not want all or part of the directory information disclosed. The method for objecting to disclosure of directory information is specified below. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the school to include the following information from education records in certain school publications or disclose it to certain parties. Examples include:

- shipment of computer and school materials to and from student's home,
- entry of student enrollment information into a computer database for use by school officials,
- honor roll or other recognition lists,
- sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members,
- school yearbook

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. In addition, federal laws require the school to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents or eligible students have advised the school in writing that they do not want their student's information disclosed without prior written consent. The school has designated the following information as directory information:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Photo
- Athletic information
- Honor roll status
- Grade level
- Activities and clubs
- Awards

If there are certain items the school has chosen to designate as directory information that you do not want disclosed from your child's education records, without your prior written consent, please send an e-mail identifying the information you do not want disclosed, your student's name with their OVCA Student ID, to the school's Operations Manager, [chpitts@okvirtual.org](mailto:chpitts@okvirtual.org). This e-mail must be sent within 30 days of enrolling in OVCA.

Notice of these rights is available, upon request, on audiotape, in Braille, and in languages other than English. The Oklahoma Department of Education may be contacted at 405.521.3301.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3140](#)

### MILITARY RECRUITER ACCESS POLICY

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. In addition, federal law requires Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents or eligible students have advised Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy in writing that they do not want their student's information disclosed without prior written consent.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3230](#)

### MODEL NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents of elementary and secondary students certain rights regarding the conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include, but are not limited to, the right to:

- *Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED)–*
  1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
  2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
  3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
  4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
  5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
  6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
  7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; or
  8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.
- *Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of –*
  1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
  2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law or the Individuals with Disabilities Act; and
  3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information

collected from students for the purpose of marketing or selling or otherwise distributing the information to others. (This does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions.)

- *Inspect, upon request and before administration or use –*
  1. Protected information surveys of students and surveys created by a third party;
  2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
  3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum if the instructional material will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any survey funded in whole or in part by a program of ED.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy has developed and adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. OVCA will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. OVCA will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. OVCA will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this direct notification requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3080](#)

## CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

### K12 VIRTUAL SCHOOLS LLC (STRIDE K12) CURRICULUM

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy has chosen the K12 Virtual Schools LLC (Stride K12) curriculum because it is designed to help children exceed state, national and international standards. For an overview of the educational approach, please visit the Curriculum section of K12 Virtual Schools LLC (Stride K12) web site. Use of the K12 Virtual Schools LLC (Stride K12) curriculum is mandatory for all enrolled students.

The **Online School (OLS)** is designed to collect and record data that substantiates the academic progress of our students. Therefore, it is mandatory that the Online School be used to gather and enter assessment data that reflects the standing of the student. The Online School data serves as the primary tool for determining advancement into subsequent course levels. It is essential that parents understand that as a condition of enrollment, they agree to participate in the program as designed including documenting regular and appropriate academic progress in the Online School.

### VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION (CLASS CONNECT)

To supplement learning in the Online School, students participate in virtual interactions (Class Connect sessions) with peers and teachers. Scheduled Class Connect sessions can be viewed and accessed from the landing page of your OLS account. All sessions are recorded, and families may access recordings through their OLS account. Participation in these sessions assists students in mastering OLS lessons and Oklahoma Academic Standards set by the state of Oklahoma. Teachers will give direct instruction integrating state standards and courses.

Individual Class Connect schedules can be found in the OLS. A microphone and webcam are strongly recommended for all students to use in Class Connect sessions. If your computer does not have a built-in microphone or webcam, you can acquire one inexpensively at office supply centers or retail stores that sell computer accessories. If you are unable to afford one, please contact your CFA. There are several types of sessions designed to meet the various needs of our students. Your homeroom teacher or CFA will use data to determine and schedule class connect sessions that meet the needs of your student. If there are scheduling conflicts, your CFA can help with communication between all teachers to create a schedule that allows all students to attend live instruction. Students that are performing below grade level expectations will be assigned specific required sessions.

Participation in Class Connects may be included in the final course grade. Participation and attendance in Class Connects may also be included in attendance and promotion decisions.

#### **Class Connect for English and Math Courses:**

**Requested/Invited Daily Live Lessons:** This type of session is offered in English and Math courses. All students in the class work on the same lesson at the same time. The teacher is available to help answer questions. The teacher teaches the daily lesson found in the online school and students stay in the online classroom working on the lesson and asking questions until the assignment is complete or the class time is over.

**Targeted CC Sessions:** These sessions focus on specific skills gaps while aligning to grade-level standards. Students will be offered these sessions based on their academic needs and progress. These sessions will be required based on need.

#### **Class Connect for History, Science and Elective Courses**

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General Class Connect Sessions: These sessions are provided throughout the week. These sessions support the content assigned in the Online School during the week.

Middle School – students will have daily History and Science Class Connect sessions. Elective sessions are held once per week.

High School – students will have History and Science Class connect sessions twice a week. Elective sessions are held 1-2 times a week.

**Live Help:** Teachers offer live help through Class Connect sessions called “Live Help”. These opportunities will be posted on school landing page. It may also be found on the Class Connect schedule on course home page. This is a time when students and teachers meet for additional instruction, reviews, or question and answer sessions. Live Help may be required if a student is failing a course.

## HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

OVCA has several pathways for our high school students. When entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will select one of the pathways or if transferring into OVCA the student will select one of these pathways and follow through until graduation. By the 11<sup>th</sup> grade the student will be enrolled in concurrent classes, career tech, advanced placement classes, or internships. They will continue in one of these pathways until they graduate. If one of these pathways does not work for the student or if student wants to change his/her pathway, the counselor can work with student.

### **High School Pathway 1: Concurrent - Tulsa Community College**

OVCA has partnered with Tulsa Community College. One program is the High School plus one program. High School Plus One is now offered to all Oklahoma high school juniors and seniors with both in-person and fully online options. Students can start college in high school and earn up to one year or 31 credit hours of transferable college credit from Oklahoma’s third-largest college while completing a high school diploma.

Classes are taught by TCC faculty and are available in multiple formats including online, online live, and in person at TCC campuses, high schools, and other off-campus sites.

#### ➤ **How Does it work?**

Plus One students start college in the Fall of their junior year and attend college classes during the regular school year (summers are not required). By the end of their senior year, participating students will have completed most of the Oklahoma required general education credits that transfer to any state school and many area colleges and universities.

#### ➤ **What Are The Benefits?**

- Access to college events and staff – from college advisories, orientations, to special college liaisons all tailored to help students reach their academic goals.
- No online fees on courses reserved for high school students.
- Free tuition for 30 credit hours of the total 31 earned college hours. That’s a year of college for just over \$100.



- Your credits will transfer to public colleges and universities across Oklahoma as well as many private and regional institutions.

### **High School Pathway 2: Career Technology Centers**

The second path is Oklahoma Career Technology. Oklahoma CareerTech has been connecting students and businesses with training opportunities that help Oklahomans find rewarding careers and support Oklahoma industries. Their goal is to develop a world-class workforce for Oklahoma employers and prepare Oklahomans to succeed in the workplace, in education, and in life.

Today, more than ever, employers want to hire entry-level employees who can hit the ground running. This is where career and technical education (CTE) comes in. CTE is a broad term for education that combines academic and technical skills with the knowledge and training needed to succeed in today's labor market. CTE prepares students for the world of work by introducing them to workplace competencies in a real-world, applied context.

Compared to vocational schools of decades past, modern CTE spans nearly every industry. In addition to traditional pathways like automotive repair and construction, today's CTE programs cover health sciences, engineering, entrepreneurship, computer science, sustainable agriculture, theater arts production, media, culinary arts, and many other fields.

### **High School Pathway 3: Advanced Placement Track**

The third track is the Advanced Placement Track (AP). AP (advanced placement) is a program of classes developed by the college board to give high school students an introduction to college-level classes and also gain college credit before even graduating high school. These courses are more difficult than the usual high school class and also require passing an AP exam at the end of the year to gain college credit.

AP exams are tests on everything you've learned in your AP class that year. They're scored on a scale from 1 to 5 with any score above 3 considered passing, though some schools will only accept 4's and 5's for credit. Taking AP courses and passing the tests are signs that you're prepared for college and can put you at the top of the list for admissions if you're smart about which ones to take.

#### ➤ Save Money & Earn Credit

While high school is free for most, college is not. Save yourself some tuition money by taking AP classes in high school. You'll earn college credits without paying college tuition and also get a head start on your college requirements. Many colleges also look at AP experience when deciding on who to award scholarship money to, so AP classes can also improve your chances of receiving scholarships.

#### ➤ Challenge Yourself

Are you finding yourself bored in your regular high school classes? It may be that they're not challenging enough for you. AP classes provide an opportunity for students to challenge themselves and provide stimulation for students who have surpassed high school level classes.

#### **High School Pathway 4: Bison Fast Track or Bison Round-up**

Bison Fast Track is for the OVCA who wants to be on the fast track and take classes that they can complete at their own pace and get ahead in credits. The Bison Round-up is for the student who is behind, they can take Credit Recovery classes to get caught up.

#### **High School Pathway 5: Work-Study or Internships**

Work studies or internships are for the students that are working and want to earn credit for the hours they work or the student who plans on participating in an internship. Virtual Internships are available for students who cannot travel to on-site locations. For more information about internships and earning credit for working click on the provided link.

#### **FLEX PROGRAM**

OVCA Flex Program offers families more flexibility with online class connect sessions and interactions with OVCA academic team. This option is for families with highly involved learning coaches that need more flexibility. This program requires an application process and a compact of agreement. Students will not have daily class connect requirements but will have Class Connect sessions based on need. If a student's adequate growth is not being made, teachers may require sessions for students. If students are struggling and need additional help, they may also request sessions. \*If students are not meeting expectations, a plan will be put in place to help a student be successful. Should the the student still not meet expectations, dismissal from the Flex Program will occur and a new learning path will be created for student. Students must maintain passing course grades to stay in good standing as well as show adequate growth on benchmark assessments. Learn more about this program from the school principal.

#### **TUTORING**

OVCA students in grades 1-12<sup>th</sup> have access to an online tutoring platform. This platform offers tutoring with highly qualified tutors who are experts in their content area, and tutors in all subject areas will be available. Please contact your Community Family Advisor or Teacher about accessing this resource.

#### **STUDENT FEES POLICY**

OVCA students do not pay for curricular materials. Families receive curricular materials directly to their home address on record from Stride K12. OVCA students may be responsible for fees associated with some school-planned activities. These events are optional, and students will be notified in advance of any fees associated with an activity.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3160](#)

#### **COURSE MATERIALS**

Students are provided with materials and tools to use with the courses. Parents and students are advised to take care of the materials. Materials are to be returned at the end of the school year (except for consumable materials and optional materials families

purchase on their own).

Some courses may not have physical materials. These courses will have digital books and software provided through the course. One of the tools students will see and use frequently is web-based platforms such as Newrow - a real-time, online classroom to engage students in hands-on learning.

Please go through your material boxes and use the packing slip to make sure that everything has arrived. If any materials are lost or damaged, please contact Stride K12 immediately for replacements by calling 1.866.512.2273. Throughout the year, you will also be required to provide some of your own materials. It is important that you check the advance prep information provided in the lessons and by your science teacher(s) so that you are prepared for the labs as they are scheduled.

Please note students joining OVCA after the start of the school year should not wait for their materials to arrive before beginning courses. Digital textbooks are available within the courses for the students to use while they wait for their off-line materials.

## ELECTIVES

Students in grades K-8 will have elective choices based on availability including art, music, and foreign language (grades 3-8 only). One elective will be selected upon enrollment for the entirety of the school year. Elective changes may only be requested and granted within 10 days of the course start date. Students starting mid-year must have been enrolled in a foreign language at their previous school in order to be eligible for a foreign language class.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

A microphone is required for all Foreign Language courses and it is strongly recommended for all students to use in sessions. If your computer does not have a built-in microphone, you can acquire one inexpensively at office supply centers or retail stores that sell computer accessories. If you are unable to afford one, please contact your Community Family Advisor.

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade who have not begun working in their Foreign Language course by November 1 will be removed from the course and placed in Music or Art. Foreign Language in grades 3-5 will not be available after November 1<sup>st</sup> as an elective choice.

## OBJECTIONABLE MATERIALS POLICY

There may be times a parent finds certain lessons, books or materials objectionable for various reasons. If a parent finds objectionable material, he/she should contact his/her OVCA teacher via e-mail. Teachers work with parents to find alternative lessons to meet the lesson objectives. The assessment or equivalent task to show lesson objectives have been met. Parents should also contact K12 directly using the feedback option of the OLS.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3150](#)

## SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Learning Coaches seek to provide the best possible education for their student and

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often enrich the child's curriculum with extra activities and field trips. These activities are encouraged, but they do not count for attendance or grade calculations since they are not part of the online school. It is also important to note that additional extracurricular courses and supplemental curriculum do not replace the progress and expectation of the student's K12 Virtual Schools LLC (Stride K12) lessons.

## REMEDIATION AND TIERED INTERVENTION

### **Reading Remediation Supplement Resource for Grades K-5**

OVCA will use an evidence-based adaptive reading intervention resource for students. This resource will cover all aspects of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, grammar, comprehension, and reading fluency. The goal is to bridge any reading gaps and strengthen overall reading skills. This resource will adapt to any level to meet each student's individual needs. Students use the program 15 minutes a day, 5 days each week. Students will be progress-monitored to ensure the program is adapting to a student's individual needs. Teachers will work with each family to incorporate the Reading resource into a student's schedule as needed.

### **Oklahoma Tiered System of Support (OTISS)**

OVCA utilizes the Oklahoma Tiered System of Support (OTISS), which is a multi-tier approach to the early identification and support of students with learning and behavior needs. The OTISS process begins with high-quality instruction and universal screening of all students in the general education classroom. Struggling learners are provided with interventions at increasing levels of intensity to accelerate their rate of learning.

These services may be provided by a variety of personnel, including general education teachers, special educators, and interventionists and will become part of the student's daily/weekly lessons. Progress is closely monitored thus, it is important that the student attends regularly so that the student can be assessed both in the learning rate and level of performance of individual students. Targeted student learning objectives are used to measure a student's academic growth within the OTISS process. Targeted objectives are based on the student's individual academic data. Teachers will track students' progress and growth.

Educational decisions about the intensity and duration of interventions are based on individual student response to instruction. Interventions could be additional LIVE instruction time with teacher, access to additional resources, and/or additional assignments to assist with mastering of needed skills. OTISS is designed for use when making decisions in both general education and special education and may be required for these decisions. It is also designed for the school when creating a well-integrated system of instruction and intervention guided by child outcome data. Please contact your CFA to start the conversation if you have any questions about your student's schooling.

## ADDING AND/OR DROPPING A CLASS (ONLY APPLIES TO HS COURSES FOR CREDIT)

Adds and drops will be made only when conditions meet the currently published criteria for a schedule change. To initiate the request, the parent or Learning Coach must call or email the counselor. If a schedule change is approved during the first **ten (10)**

**class days** of a semester, the earned grade from the dropped class will not be reported or recorded. However, **all assignments for the new class must be made up at the teacher's discretion.**

If a schedule change is approved after the first ten (10) class days, the student will not receive credit for the dropped class. (NC) will be on the transcript.

**Only the following will be regarded as justifiable reasons for schedule change requests:**

- To correct computer error.
- To correct graduation deficiencies.
- To correct class imbalance.
- To make necessary changes due to prior semester grades.
- To enable students to meet requirements for post-secondary school admission.
- To provide for placement in Special Education classes or to implement a student's IEP

**Schedules WILL NOT be adjusted for the following conditions:**

- Preference for a different teacher.
- Preference to be with friends and/or siblings in class.
- Change of mind about taking the course.
- Failure or fear of failure.

Students in the 8th grade will be allowed to take certain courses for high school credit. The Learning Coach will have ten days from the first day of school to opt-in the student to take classes for high school credit. Students taking courses for credit will be subject to the same late dates and semester test rules of all students taking the class. Middle school students taking high school for credit classes will be removed at 9 weeks and semester from the course and placed in the grade level equivalent course if they are failing the course and/or if not attending live class connect. The student will be expected to begin course work in the grade level equivalent course where the class is currently working.

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It is important to note that students in grades 6-8 taking for credit high school math courses are not fulfilling the graduation requirements set forth by the state of Oklahoma. High school math while taken in middle school will count as an elective towards graduation only. Three math courses (Algebra I and higher must be completed in grades 9- 12).

## DAILY PLAN

Teachers will utilize the OLS to provide due dates for lessons and assessments. Students will be able to view lessons for the day on their daily plan in the OLS. When lessons are overdue, those will appear in the OLS on their daily plan on the "Overdue" tab. Overdue lessons are to be completed once the current day's lessons are completed and mastered. The due dates will help students to stay on track in their course work to complete the curriculum and master grade-level benchmarks by the end of the school year. There may be additional assignments or supplemental resource requirements that are assigned by teachers that may not show up on the daily plan.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL LATE WORK POLICY, SEMESTER

## CHECK POINTS, AND LOCK DATES

Some assignments are teacher-graded, and others are computer-graded. All graded assignments – whether teacher- or computer-scored – are listed on each course’s plan. These assignments must be completed and submitted each week by Sunday at midnight *to avoid having a 0 entered in the gradebook*. Any work that is assigned during the week that is not received by Sunday at midnight will be considered missing and assigned a zero on the following Monday. **Warning:** If a deadline has passed and the teacher has not entered a zero for that assignment, the student’s grade may be temporarily inflated. The zero will remain in the gradebook until the assignment is completed and graded, but the posted grade may be reduced according to the late date policy.

**High School Only:** Students will have until the next Checkpoint to turn in work for full credit, with the exception of threaded discussions. Due to the nature and design of the threaded discussions in the courses, threaded discussions must be completed as scheduled by the teacher. Late submissions for discussions will not be accepted and cannot be made up.

**High School Only:** Checkpoints 1 and 3 are also the first Lock Dates for each semester. All teacher graded assignments scheduled-to-date will be locked at the time of Checkpoint 1 and 3, and these assignments can only be made up at the teacher’s discretion.

Checkpoints 2 and 4 are the last Lock Dates of the semester. All work scheduled for the semester, except for the semester exam, is due by Checkpoints 2 and 4. Work not submitted will receive a 0.

Below are the Checkpoint dates:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester:

- **Checkpoint 1 and Lock Date: October 22, 2023** – All work scheduled August 10-October 17, 2023 must be submitted. Additionally, all teacher graded assignments and CC quizzes scheduled August 10-October 17, 2023 will be locked.
- **Checkpoint 2 and Lock Date: December 10, 2023** – All work for the semester, except for the semester exams, is due and will be locked.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester:

- **Checkpoint 3 and Lock Date: March 24, 2024** – All work scheduled January 3-March 14, 2024 must be submitted. Additionally, all teacher graded assignments and CC quizzes scheduled January 3-March 14, 2024 will be locked.
- **Checkpoint 4 and Lock Date: May 19, 2024** – All work for the semester, except for the semester exams, is due and will be locked.

Under extreme circumstances, teachers may grant due date extensions on assignments. You should never assume teachers will automatically grant these requests. Due date extensions must be requested before the due date of the assignment and on a school day (no later than 3pm, if made on a Friday). Requests received on or past the due date, or on a non-school day will not be granted.

Assignments not received by the final lock date each semester will receive a grade of zero, with no exceptions.

In case of computer or internet issues, please keep a hardcopy of your teachers' names and phone numbers.

**NOTE:** Attendance and truancy policies are listed at the beginning of this document but are closely related to this topic. Please refer to the attendance and truancy policies regarding the failure to complete work on a timely basis, in addition to, understanding the above listed policies on late submissions.

## COURSE CHUNKING

Some students find it helpful to "chunk courses" or work on several lessons in the same subject on one day. The benefits of chunking include decreased preparation time and reduced transition time between subjects which results in more time spent learning. Chunking may also increase student motivation. History, science, art, and music are optimal courses to consider chunking. OVCA does not encourage or allow students to go long durations without continual math and language arts course work. Students may chunk courses within the week if they complete all weekly assignments by Sunday at midnight and continue to stay on track with the required instructional activities for attendance purposes.

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

OVCA seeks to establish academic integrity within the school community. In cases where academic integrity may be in question, your student's teacher, at any time, has the authority to collect work from lessons marked complete, host a live testing session with the student for the work completed and/or assess mastery of the content through an additional assignment. This may include marking the lessons in question as "not completed". Entering progress completed in a very short period of time compared to the allotted time assigned for completion is an indicator of possible questionable progress.

OVCA has identified the following as unacceptable practices, including, but not limited to:

- Cheating in its various forms, whether copying another student's work, allowing your own to be copied, using unauthorized aids on an assignment or test; having someone else complete an assignment or test for you; submitting as your own another person's work; etc.
- Plagiarizing (e.g. presenting as your own the words or ideas of another person), including inadequate documentation of sources (electronic, internet, or print) and excessive dependence on the language of sources even when documented, relying on similar order of sentences while altering a few words or word order
- Using copyrighted material without appropriate citation or copying software or media files (such as music, movies, etc.) without permission
- Fabricating data: This includes falsifying or manipulating data to achieve desired result, reporting results for experiments not done, or falsifying citations in research reports

- Destroying, tampering, or altering another student’s work to impede academic progress
- Signing into a Class Connect session for another student who is not present, or leaving a Class Connect session without logging off or indicating that you have “stepped away” from the session;
- Falsely reporting completion of assignments
- Using answers from Yahoo answers or any other similar site as your own.

All are to be completed only by students. Students are responsible for observing the standards on plagiarism and properly crediting all sources relied on in the composition of their work. Failure to abide by these standards will be reported to administration and will result in a conference with the student. Students who violate this policy are subject to the following consequences.

**Consequences:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> offense** – Warning and education about plagiarism. Opportunity to redo plagiarized work for 50% credit. Note made in student file.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> offense** – No credit for plagiarized assignment. Conference with administration and note in student file. May not promote from course(s) without more proof of mastery through teacher graded assignments or portfolio sessions.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> offense** – Student is referred to administration for disciplinary actions which may include suspension or expulsion.

**SOURCE CITATION**

Many courses require written work in which students need to cite sources. Any direct quotations from a textbook can simply be cited as (Author, Page Number). Any quotations from outside sources require full citations, including author, title, publisher, date of publication, and page number. If a student cites information found on a Web site, he/she should provide the complete Web page or site title, URL, author if known, page number if applicable, and publication date of the site, if available, and date of access.

**ASSESSMENT**

**LESSON AND UNIT ASSESSMENTS**

Throughout the year, students can demonstrate their acquisition of course academic objectives using end of lesson and end of unit assessments. Teachers collect assignments to assist in assessing a student’s academic progress.

**FINAL EXAMS**

Students in grades 9-12 will take final exams at the end of both fall and spring semesters. There will not be excused absences allowed for these exams. To protect



test confidentiality, all exams will be open from 5pm the night prior to the exam to 5pm the night of the exam. All students enrolled in for high school credit courses will take the final exam when it is scheduled unless prior approval has been given by both the teacher and principal. Final exams are given the last week of each semester. It is vital students and Learning Coaches read emails regarding times tests will be available.

## INTERIM ASSESSMENTS

OVCA utilizes readiness and interim assessments in English Language Arts, Mathematics and tested courses to determine the academic needs of our students. This assessment helps your child and OVCA teachers understand how the student is learning and to watch his/her growth over the course of the year.

Students will start with a readiness assessment in Reading and Mathematics. Academic growth is monitored through at least three additional interim assessments throughout the year. Your student’s teacher will provide you with additional information about logging in and accessing the assessment. The assessments will be monitored by a teacher in a NewRow classroom and students will be expected to screenshare, use their microphone and their camera during the duration of the assessment. This process ensures fidelity for the assessments and will provide the most accurate results for planning for instruction. During the assessment, it is important that the student is not provided with the answers to the test by parents, legal gaurdians, or any siblings or relatives. It is also important to provide a quiet, secure environment for the student to take the assessment in order to obtain the most accurate results.

The purpose of the tests is to provide teachers with information on the student’s strengths as well as areas that need additional focus this school year. If the student is assisted in any way, the test will not be valid and additional assessment will be required to adequately assess growth. Teachers use assessment information, course grades, interviews with students, and class observations to plan the most effective learning path for the student.

The assessment results will be sent to the parent after each assessment window.

**Full participation in these assessments was agreed to during enrollment. Students are required to fully participate in all readiness and interim assessments to be eligible for reenrollment.**

Test	Elementary	Middle School	High School
<b>Beginning of Year Readiness Assessment</b>	Begins week of August 21, 2023	Begins week of August 21, 2023	Begins week of August 21, 2023
<b>Middle of Year Growth Assessment</b>	Begins week of December 4, 2023	Begins week of December 4, 2023	Begins week of December 4, 2023
<b>End of Year Growth Assessment</b>	Begins week of April 1, 2024	Begins week of April 1, 2024	Begins week of April 1, 2024

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## STATE TESTING

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) sets the testing windows for all schools across the state. OVCA will publish these windows as the OSDE releases them. Parents and students will be notified of their exact testing schedule and location in advance. Parents should actively attempt NOT to schedule doctor appointments, vacations, etc. during these times to avoid any possible conflicts with testing dates and times. Parents are responsible for getting students to testing sites and completing appropriate documentation that is required. As required by the Oklahoma State Department of Education and Every Student Succeeds Act, grade level designation, rather than course level, is used to determine the grade level testing for state assessments. OVCA shall offer no less than six testing locations with at least one location in each quadrant of the state and each of the two metropolitan areas in the state.

Participation in all state testing is a requirement for re-enrollment, graduation and receiving a high school diploma. There is not an opt-out option.

The tests administered at each grade level are:

Grade Level	Subject Area			
3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th	Reading	Math		
5th	Reading	Writing	Math	Science
8th	Reading	Writing	Math	Science
11th	ACT (English, Reading, Math, Science, & Writing)	CCRA Science	CCRA U.S. History	
EL Students K-12 <sup>th</sup> grade	WIDA Access or WIDA Alt Assessment	NA	US Naturalization Test	

## STATE TESTING INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

All students with disabilities enrolled in a tested grade in Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy will be administered all mandatory state-designated tests either with or without accommodations as determined by the IEP team. Students with significant cognitive disabilities may be assessed through the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP). The IEP team utilizes criteria set by the Oklahoma State Department of Education to determine whether a student qualifies for administration of the OAAP.

## INDIVIDUALIZATION AND PACING

Due to the design of the linear calendar, students in a traditional school are expected to progress at the same rate during the school year. High-performing students may be held back, and low-performing students may be left behind. All students are presented the same lesson at the same time. Students are often not required to master the lesson objectives before advancing to the next grade level. Advancement of students before they are ready may result in gaps or deficiencies of knowledge that is essential for success in the next subject level.

Within OVCA's programs, every child can progress through the curriculum at his/her own pace *if he/she is meeting the minimum progress requirements*. We understand that our school is academically rigorous. Meeting the challenge of completing one year of course work in this model can be demanding. Our certified teachers are here to assist Learning Coaches to meet the associated challenges. Learning Coaches may utilize teachers' expertise as students progress through our program. Students are allowed the flexibility in working ahead in assignments, but no more than a week ahead.

### EARLY COURSE COMPLETION

It is important to consider the long-term goal of early completion of courses to determine the best path for the student. Students who wish to work ahead to graduate early are encouraged to work with the Gifted Resource Coordinator to develop a plan to additional courses and/or accelerated pacing. High School students will also need to work closely with the counselor.

Demonstrated success in current courses is required before exploring accelerated pacing or early graduation paths.

In Elementary and Middle School, students who wish to work ahead in individual courses must request approval from the teacher. Demonstrated success in the course and a plan for two-way communication for the purpose of feedback and instruction is required to work ahead. Completion of all assignments, including the final exam, is also required.

In Elementary School, students may also assess out of individual units to compact the curriculum into a shorter length of time. Students may take the unit or semester assessments and if he/she achieves a score of 80% or higher, the student may move on to the next lesson/unit. As a student assesses out of the curriculum, Learning Coaches will mark the "assessed out" lessons in the unit as skipped and move on to the next unit. When a student encounters a unit in which he/she is no longer mastering the objectives, at 80% or more, he/she should begin working through individual lessons in this unit.

It is important while doing this that the student is completing a minimum of one unit test or lesson each day, with an average of 5 lessons a week. If he/she assesses out of a unit on Monday, this would count as one lesson and he/she would start on lesson 1 of the next unit on Tuesday, and so on. Students are given credit for the lessons skipped towards course promotion but skipped lessons do not count toward progress goals and report card grades. To ensure continual growth, consistent progress at an average rate of 5 lessons per week in math and language arts is required to meet

progress goals. Please contact your child's teacher before you begin as students are still responsible for meeting Teacher Graded Assignments for the course to assess out of the curriculum. It is important to be working with your teacher during this process. To course promote or grade promote student must complete 100% of all coursework.

Fifth grade students wanting to promote to 6<sup>th</sup> grade courses must meet above criteria AND conference with Middle School Principal for approval. Due to Middle School courses being based on semester, 5th grade students cannot move into most 6th grade courses mid-year.

### ASSESSING OUT OF CURRICULUM (PROFICIENCY BASED PROMOTION)

Proficiency Based Promotion is a process that awards credit for students' knowledge in the core curriculum areas, including reading, language arts, math, science, social studies and some electives, through an assessment process through testing.

OVCA provides opportunities for the testing to take place at least twice per year at locations around the state. Students demonstrating proficiency will have the opportunity to advance to the next level of study. Failure to demonstrate proficiency will not be noted on the student's transcript. Students who do not demonstrate proficiency may submit another request to sign up for testing during the next testing window.

See [OVCA Board Policy 2000](#)

### SEVENTH COURSE OPTION (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS)

Students are expected to attend full time at OVCA. Students are enrolled in six courses per semester through a combination of courses at OVCA, Career Tech and/or colleges through concurrent enrollment. The only time a student may be enrolled in less than six courses, per state law, is when it is past their 4-year graduation date and less than 6 courses are needed to graduate. Students may request to take more than 6 courses to catch up on credits Requests for taking a seventh class will be made to the counselor and approved by the Head of School. Certain requirements apply for enrolling in a seventh course:

- Students who have completed one full semester with OVCA and passed all courses may elect to take a seventh course the following semester.
- Students may continue to take a seventh course provided they continue to pass all courses in which they are enrolled. Contact your counselor to discuss the seventh course option and determine how that will impact your student's individual graduation plan.

### FINISHING THE YEAR EARLY

Students who finish 100% of their assigned courses, including all unit and semester exams, and fully participate in state and district testing may request approval to receive additional coursework/assignments or end their school year early. Per the truancy policy, if students are finishing more than 15 days early, they must still complete at least 4 instructional activities (assignments or attend Class Connect sessions) every 15 days.

## GRADE LEVEL PROMOTION AND RETENTION

Students are expected to make sufficient progress in mastering a year's worth of curricular objectives in a year's time by following a consistent and regular schedule of schooling. In doing so, it is expected that students will be promoted to the next grade level at the end of an academic year.

### **ELEMENTARY**

Promotion and retention for third graders is pursuant to the Reading Sufficiency Act (70 O.S. § 1210.508C). Except at third grade, grade level promotion or retention is based on a comprehensive view of multiple criteria including, but not limited to, reasonable progress in skill development, satisfactory attendance in class connects and with instructional activities, satisfactory progress through courses based on start date, age, social/emotional maturity, and eligibility for special education services.

Conferences with the parents are conducted throughout the school year to discuss the student's progress. Parents will be notified of possible retention at the beginning of the second semester. Grade promotion or retention decisions will be made on or before the last day of school.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

All students in grades 6-8 must pass Math and English core courses with a letter grade of D or better to be promoted to the next grade level at the end of the school year. Administration may also consider other factors such as age, social/emotional maturity, and eligibility for special education services. Grade retention decisions will be made on or before the last day of school. Parents will be notified of possible retention at the beginning of the second semester. Grade promotion or retention decisions will be made on or before the last day of school.

Whenever a teacher or teachers recommend that a student be retained at the present grade level, the parent, if dissatisfied with the recommendation, may appeal the decision by complying with OVCA's appeal process. The decision of the board shall be final. The parent may prepare a written statement to be placed in and become a part of the permanent record of the student stating the reason(s) for disagreeing with the decision of the board (70 O.S. § 70-24-114.1).

A parent may request retention of a student based on age, maturity, or academic achievement by contacting the principal. The principal may provide guidance to assist the parent in the decision.

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

High School students are promoted based on the number of credits earned. Credit is granted for courses in which the student earns an A, B, C or D. Credit is not awarded for courses in which a student earns an F (below 60%).

Grade level classification is determined by the number of credits a student has *at the beginning of the school year and will not change until the next school year.*

This means that a student will not change classification mid-year no matter how many credits he/she has. To be promoted, students must have at least:

- Five (5) credits to promote from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Eleven (11) credits to promote from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Seventeen (17) credits to promote from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

At the end of first semester, parents of students that are not currently meeting the requirements to grade promote or graduate based on number of credits earned during the first semester will be notified.

See [OVCA Board Policy 2040](#)

### READING SUFFICIENCY ACT (RSA)

The Reading Sufficiency Act (OS §70-1210.508C) requires students with a reading deficiency to not be promoted unless reading deficiency is remediated by end of the third grade unless the student is exempt for good cause. The results of the Oklahoma State Testing Program (OSTP) are the initial determinant of promotion to the fourth grade; however, they are not the sole determiner of promotion. \*

*\*Pending any new legislation passed.*

### **GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTIONS**

RSA provides seven "good cause" exemptions for some students who do not score "Proficient" on the Reading Test: If one of the following seven Good Cause exemptions apply, the student may be promoted and receive additional help through intensive reading instruction in fourth grade as outlined through an Individualized Program of Reading Instruction.

1. English learners who have had less than two years of instruction in English and are identified as Limited English Proficient/English learner on an approved screening tool
2. Students with disabilities whose Individualized Education Plan (IEP) indicates they are to be assessed with the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP)
3. Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading test approved by the Oklahoma State Board of Education
4. Students who demonstrate through a teacher-developed portfolio that they can read on grade level
5. Students with disabilities who participate in the Oklahoma School Testing Program (OSTP) and who have an IEP that reflects that the student has received intensive remediation in reading and has made adequate progress toward IEP goals
6. Students who have received intensive remediation in reading for two or more years but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading, and who were previously retained one year for academic reasons
7. Students facing exceptional emergency circumstances that prevent them from being assessed during the testing window

### **RSA GRADUATION LAW CONDITIONS**

There are four conditions that can be met that would mean automatic promotion to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

- Meet RSA Criteria on the State Reading Test
- Demonstrate Reading proficiency on a State-Approved Screening Assessment
- Meet one of the seven Good Cause Exemptions
- Unanimous decision by the student reading proficiency team

#### **PROBATIONARY PROMOTION**

A student who does not qualify for automatic promotion to the fourth grade may be evaluated by a Student Reading Proficiency Team. If each member of Student Reading Proficiency Team unanimously recommends the student for probationary promotion, the student shall be promoted to the fourth grade.

Once the Student Reading Proficiency Team has made a unanimous recommendation, the recommendation shall be submitted to the Head of School for approval if promotion is the best option for the student.

If the student is allowed a probationary promotion, the Student Reading Proficiency Team shall continue to review the reading performance of the student and repeat the requirements of this paragraph every school year until the student demonstrates grade-level reading proficiency as identified through a screening instrument for the corresponding grade level in which the student is enrolled.

#### **GRADE PLACEMENT FOR STUDENTS ENTERING FROM HOMESCHOOL**

OVCA welcomes students who have previously homeschooled or attended a non-accredited school. Appropriate grade level will be determined primarily based on placement tests that assess mastery of the Oklahoma Academic Standards.

All new students may request a proficiency assessment for the purpose of determining appropriate course placement within thirty (30) days of enrollment or re-enrollment in OVCA. This request may be initiated by a new student or the student's teacher, parent, or legal guardian. Any student currently enrolled in the district who was not enrolled in the district during all or part of the immediately preceding school term, excluding summer school terms, shall be considered a new student.

Placement tests can only be taken once per subject. Tests will be maintained for at least one year. Other relevant factors such as age, maturity, or enrollment in Special Education Programs may also be considered.

**High School** - students are placed in a grade level according to the number of credits earned. To obtain High School credit, students entering OVCA from homeschooling or other non-accredited schools need to take a placement test or submit a portfolio to earn credit for previously completed courses. Students must score a 60% or better to earn credit. To obtain High School credit, students that have completed a state testing exam and passed with a score of "Proficient" or "Advanced" may use the state test as a demonstration of course mastery rather than taking a placement test to earn credit. Upon passing a placement test, the grade on the incoming transcript will be transcribed onto the OVCA transcript. If a state test is being used as in lieu of a placement test, a score of Advanced will be transcribed as "A" and a score of Proficient will be transcribed

as "B". Courses transcribed as a result of a placement test will receive basic weight. See [OVCA Board Policy 2010](#)

## CREDIT RECOVERY

Students who previously attempted a high school course for credit and did not pass; who have partial credits for a core course (Math, Science, History, and English); or who have a credit deficiency that would extend their graduation date, are eligible to enroll in a Credit Recovery version of the course. Students may also recover credit through assessment by successfully passing an end of course exam with a score of 60% or better. Students who fail two or more courses in the fall semester could be automatically placed in Credit Recovery in place of one or both of their spring electives. Students needing to make up credits may enroll in Credit Recovery courses beginning on the first day of each semester according to the following guidelines:

- Students who need to make up 1.0 or more credits AND who did NOT pass all courses the previous semester will enroll in Credit Recovery course(s) as their elective choice(s).
- Enrollment in a Credit Recovery course to replace an elective course MUST take place within 10 days from the student's start date to avoid the dropped course showing on the transcript as incomplete.
- Students may add another Credit Recovery course after they complete their current course, provided there are at least 6 weeks remaining in the semester. It will take up to four business days to close a Credit Recovery course upon completion and to order a new course.
- So long as students continue to be successful in their Credit Recovery courses and their regular courses, OVCA will not limit the number of Credit Recovery courses that can be completed within the given guidelines.

Students will work actively to finish Credit Recovery courses within 6 weeks of course start date. Additional time is available for students under special circumstances one week at a time. Extensions must be approved by administration. Completing Credit Recovery courses within the 6-week period allows for additional recovery courses to be taken within the same elective slot. This is crucial for many to remain on track for graduation.

No physical materials will be provided for Credit Recovery courses. Online versions of textbooks, worksheets, and student guides will be incorporated into the course. Any novels or other materials needed must be obtained by the parent or student. If you cannot find the novel at the local library and cannot afford to purchase one, contact your course teacher.

Teachers will regularly monitor student progress in the course and may request students complete specific lessons depending on the results of diagnostic tests, lesson quizzes, and unit tests. Teachers will hold regular Class Connect sessions and may require students to attend to check for understanding or offer needed support. Please note: A grade of 0 will be entered for each assignment and students will work until they reach their desired final grade.

Transcripts will be updated at the end of each semester, but grade level is only



changed once prior to the start of each school year.

### SUMMER SCHOOL FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

OVCA offers Credit Recovery courses in Summer School, as well as a selection of courses for first time credit at the discretion of administration. Students may take a maximum of three single-semester courses during each summer session. The fee for Summer School courses, as well which courses will be offered, will be determined prior to the end of each academic school year. Detailed information will be sent through email in late spring. Students will be required to discuss summer school coursework with their counselor to ensure courses align with their graduation plan.

### CREDIT BY EXAM BOOTCAMP (CBE BOOTCAMP) FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

OVCA offers Credit by Examinations to students that earn a final non-passing grade in a course. At least once each semester, students also can attend bootcamp sessions (at no cost) to go over material from the course and take a proctored assessment to earn back the credit. Students that complete their bootcamp sessions and pass the assessment (minimum score of 60%) will still have a failing grade on their transcript but will show the class as retaken with the new grade. If students attend the bootcamp sessions and do not pass the assessment, they will not be penalized. Students may also take CBE exams as needed when approved by OVCA administration. This opportunity is only offered to current students and students that are returning for the subsequent semester.

### CREDIT FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students participating in outside of school extracurricular activities (such as band, athletics, foreign language, or art) may apply for credit consideration at the end of each applicable term (not guaranteed) based upon the below criteria. Students must discuss this option with their school counselor no later than the end of August for semester 1 or end of January for semester 2. The final decision to award credit is determined by the principal and Head of School. All documentation is due to the student's counselor no later than the last day of the semester.

The following will be reviewed and taken into consideration when determining if credit will be awarded:

- Time spent: including but not limited to direct instruction, practices, and performances (60 hours per semester minimum for consideration)
- Material covered: for activities where state standards exist, the content covered must match the state standards
- Teacher/Coach qualifications

Students must submit the following items:

- Syllabus and/or course schedule
- Signed statement from teacher/coach regarding time spent and summary of performance on activities and progress

OVCA reserves the right to ask students to complete a competency exam for courses with existing state standards. Students can earn a maximum of 1.0 credits per year with a Pass/Fail grade, which does not count towards GPA. An extracurricular activity will not impact a student's schedule. Students are still required be enrolled full-time and in six courses.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### CHILD FIND

All public schools are mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA) to identify, locate, and evaluate students who may demonstrate disabilities through the Child Find process. The intent of Child Find is that all children with disabilities, ages 3-21, are located, identified, and evaluated in order to receive needed supports and services.

As public School, Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy provides a Free Appropriate Public Education to children ages 3-21, including those children who qualify for special education services unless the parent refuses special education services. For a child to receive intervention or special education services, an evaluation must be conducted to confirm the presence of a delay or disability.

OVCA provides specialized programming through specially trained teachers to provide education-related services for children with disabilities. Supports are provided in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and range from mild and moderate to significantly more involved supports for each of the following disabilities as defined by the State of Oklahoma:

- Autism
- Developmental Delay
- Deaf-Blindness
- Emotional Disturbance
- Hearing Impairment, Including Deafness
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairments
- Other Health Impairments
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment Including Blindness

If, through Child Find activities, a child is identified as possibly having a disability and in need of special education services, OVCA may seek parent consent to evaluate the child. All such evaluations will be conducted in compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Parents must report that their child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) during the enrollment process. For students in grades K-5, please contact the Special Education Manager, Tara Whitekiller, at

**twhitekiller@okvirtual.org** to report students who may need specialized educational and/or related services. For students in grades 6-12, please contact the Special Education Manager, Debbie McWhirt, at **demcwhirt@okvirtual.org** to report students who may be in need of specialized education and/or related services.

## PARENT RIGHTS AND PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS

Parents and guardians of children eligible for or currently receiving special education services have certain state and federal rights. For more information on parent rights in special education, a copy of the Oklahoma State Department of Education Parent Rights in Special Education and Notice of Procedural Safeguards is available through the link below and on the State of Oklahoma website: <http://bit.do/OSDEparentrights>

## PARENT REVOCATION OF CONSENT FOR SERVICES UNDER THE IDEA

The parent of a child with a disability who receives special education and/or related services under IDEA may submit a written request to the district revoking consent for the continued provision of those services. Upon receipt of the written revocation request, Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy will follow a procedure consistent with legal requirements to terminate all the child's special education and related services. The child will then be identified as a general education student for all purposes.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy is responsible for providing a free and appropriate education under the federal Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA). The special education manager and special education teacher assist parents in accessing and coordinating services pursuant to a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Special education services are available to students identified with a disability by a multi-disciplinary team. A multi-disciplinary team consists of a special education teacher, at least one regular education teacher, the parent, a professional evaluator, a Local Educational Agency (LEA), and the student. Therapists or other professionals are involved on an as-needed basis. OVCA follows the requirements of IDEA 2004 and the laws of Oklahoma. Parents should indicate that their child has an Individualized Education Plan on their enrollment form. Parents are also asked to provide documentation of a disability (e.g., medical records, prior special educational records, psychological or psychoeducational evaluations, and/or prior special education records).

What to expect if your child receives special education services:

- Every special education student will be assigned a special education teacher in addition to his or her regular course teachers. The Learning Coach and student are expected to communicate on a regular basis with the special education teacher through various available communication means.
- Students are placed in a setting determined by the IEP team. The setting may be the general education classroom or a special education classroom. A special education classroom should include a smaller group of students and content instruction (e.g., ELA, Algebra, etc.) is provided by the special education teacher.

- The special education teacher provides the Learning Coach assistance to modify and adapt the learning environment as well as curriculum paths for success.
- Instructional and related services are determined by the IEP team and documented in the IEP.
- The special education teacher is available as a resource for instructional strategies, adaptations, and modifications to the curriculum.
- The special education teacher will provide a progress report at the end of each grading period, noting the progress on the student's IEP goals.
- Special Education students are required to meet the same attendance policies as their peers.

## RELATED SERVICES

Related services may be necessary to facilitate a student's ability to make progress in the general education curriculum. Related services may include, but are not limited to, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physical therapy, and/or psychological services. Related services, placement, and goals are determined by the IEP team.

Options for related services should be discussed with the special education staff before a decision is made to enroll with the academy. Related services are typically provided virtually by independent contractors across the state of Oklahoma. Families may be required to travel to receive face-to-face related services. Our goal is to have providers available within an hour of the student's home; however, this is not always possible. Location of related services is dependent on our ability to secure a contract with a provider. Students are expected to keep appointments. If students repeatedly do not keep appointments, IEP team may meet to review needs of services.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Communication between special education teachers and parents will be made via telephone and email. Confidential documents will be sent via EdPlan connect, unless otherwise requested. In order to utilize EdPlan connect, a working cell phone number must be on file. To ensure ongoing communication, please inform the special education and general education teacher of any changes to phone numbers or email addresses. Special Education staff will also be communicating with students through zoom and phone. Special education students should be prepared to talk LIVE to teachers and/or connect on webcams/face to face video.

## SECTION 504 ACCOMMODATION PLANS

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, commonly referred to as "Section 504," is a federal statute that prohibits discrimination against persons on the basis of their disability by institutions that receive financial federal assistance. It states:

\*No otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Section 504's purpose is to assure that disabled students have educational opportunities and benefits equal to those provided to nondisabled students. An eligible student under Section 504 is a student who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. If a student is covered by Section 504, schools must provide such accommodations as are necessary to ensure that the student has equal access to services, programs and activities offered by the school. Section 504 protects students from discrimination on the basis of disability to the same extent as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

If your student may need a 504 plan, please contact the 504 Coordinator, Jill Wallace at [jwallace@okvirtual.org](mailto:jwallace@okvirtual.org). In order to qualify for a 504, the parent can present a doctor's note describing the mental or physical disability. If the student is going to be absent for three or more days a doctor's note is required for the absences to be excused. A student with a 504 is still under the general rules of withdrawal if doctor's notes are not provided for extended absences. The school may create a plan based on evidence collected that there may be a disability present.

## TITLE I

OVCA is a schoolwide Title I school. As a schoolwide Title I school OVCA receives Title I, Part A funding which is intended to help ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments. As the largest federal program supporting public education, Title I targets resources to the districts and schools where the needs are greatest. The funding is allocated to the school according to the percentage of students who are economically disadvantaged.

Title I Funding may provide:

- Additional staff
- Professional development
- Intervention programs
- Parent involvement programs
- Strategies for raising student achievement
- Ensuring students' access to scientifically based instructional strategies

Annually, a Title I planning committee at OVCA conducts a comprehensive needs assessment to identify the current state of the school identifying the strengths and weaknesses as reflected in both the qualitative and quantitative data. If you would like to participate in serving on the Title I planning committee please contact Katherine Young at [kyoung@okvirtual.org](mailto:kyoung@okvirtual.org).

## GIFTED & TALENTED

OVCA provides Gifted & Talented students supplemental resources and enrichment through the Gifted & Talented program each school year. OVCA seeks to identify students who have high intellectual, academic or creative thinking skills to participate in our Gifted and Talented program.

Students may be identified in two categories. Category 1 identification is based on a standardized test of abilities score at or above the 97th percentile. Category 2

identification uses multiple criteria (ability test scores, achievement test scores, and/or recommendation) to place in the gifted program.

- If a student was identified while enrolled at a prior school district the parent may submit the documentation for the student to be identified at OVCA.

Gifted learners may benefit from individualized programming options to ensure appropriate challenge and engagement. OVCA offers a variety of options to serve the gifted learner:

- Flexible Pacing- some courses are only offered by semester
- Individualized Instruction
- Ongoing Assessment
- Proficiency-Based Promotion with qualifying assessment and progress; 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> some courses are only offered by semester
- Creative/Academic Competition through K12 Virtual Schools LLC (Stride K12) online clubs
- Interest groups through K12 Virtual Schools LLC (Stride K12) online clubs
- Early grade promotion with qualifying assessment and progress
- In person and virtual enrichment opportunities
- Concurrent enrollment opportunities in high school
- Honors classes in high school
- Gifted Individualized Learning Plan

For more information about the OVCA Gifted & Talented Program or to request your student being identified as Gifted & Talented please email the **mailto:** Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher, Phillip Przybylo, pprzybylo@okvirtual.org.

- It is important to consider the long-term goal of early completion of courses to determine the best path for the student. Students who wish to work ahead in order to graduate early are encouraged to work with their counselor and/or the Gifted Resource Teacher to develop a plan for additional courses and/or accelerated pacing. Demonstrated success in current courses is required before exploring accelerated pacing or early graduation paths.

In Elementary and Middle School, students who wish to work ahead in individual courses must request approval from the course teacher. Demonstrated success in the course and a plan for two-way communication for the purpose of feedback and instruction is required to work ahead. Completion of all assignments, including the final exam is also required.

Students who participate in selected Gifted & Talented enrichment activities can opt out of 1- 2 history or science lessons in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade depending on the activity.

## LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

A Home Language Survey (HLS) is required to be on file for every student enrolled at

OVCA. OVCA uses the home language survey responses to begin the identification process of English language learners. Identified English Language Learners are provided supplemental support through English Language support and instruction and, when applicable, supplemental curriculum. The tutor serves as an advocate and support system while helping the student gain proficiency in English. The person providing the English Language support and instruction will partner with the student, Learning Coach, and general education teachers.

If your student may need ELL services, please contact the Special Programs Director Katherine Young at [kyoung@okvirtual.org](mailto:kyoung@okvirtual.org) or 405.259.9478 ext. 2173

### **LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT PARENTS**

Notification of Language Assistance Services: Any parent who is limited in speaking, writing, or reading English may request the school to provide access to services such as interpreter and/or translated documents. To request services please email Katherine Young at [kyoung@okvirtual.org](mailto:kyoung@okvirtual.org). Prompt access to the appropriate services and/or translator will be coordinated.

Asistencia de idioma: Cualquier padre que se limita al hablar, escribir o leer Inglés podrá solicitar a la escuela para proporcionar acceso a servicios tales como intérprete y / o documentos traducidos. Para solicitar los servicios envíe un correo electrónico o llamar al Coordinador de ELL. Se coordinará el pronto acceso a los servicios apropiados y / o al traductor.

### **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES TEAM**

The Student Support Service team (SSS team) consists of Community Family Advisors, a Family Resource Coordinator, and Student Support Administrator.

The **Community Family Advisor (CFA)** is the single point of contact for families. The Community Family Advisor stays with the family throughout enrollment at OVCA. All communication comes through the Community Family Advisor via email, phone calls and online meetings.

Community Family Advisors support students throughout the school year by creating successful school schedules, monitoring progress, assisting students with motivation, providing plans to get students back on track, and building programs/events based on needs of the families in that area (community).

Community Family Advisors schedule in person and online events, so that students have the opportunity for social gatherings, study groups and enrichment.

A **Family Resource Coordinator** advocates for local and national resources to give students access to necessary social services. The goal is to build an infrastructure of support within the school, for anything that may jeopardize a student's education, such as medical challenges, domestic issues, legal trouble, or even computer and Internet problems.

A **Student Support Administrator** is the administrative support for the Community Family Advisors and supports engagement interventions for all OVCA students.

## **REPORT CARDS AND GRADES**

## GRADING POLICY

Grades are assigned based on the following scale:

- A = 90-100%
- B = 80-89%
- C = 70-79%
- D = 60-69%
- F = 0 – 59%

Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

High School students will have a Grade Point Average (GPA) listed on their transcript. OVCA used a weighted GPA system to determine class rank, Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and eligibility for Honor Roll and National Honor Society. GPA is determined by total grade points earned by total credits attempted.

The following values are assigned to each full year course:

- A = 4
- B = 3
- C = 2
- D = 1
- F = 0

High School Honor classes for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

- A = 4.25
- B = 3.25
- C = 2.25
- D = 1.25
- F = 0

OVCA HS Advanced Placement/College courses carry the following weighted values:

- A = 5
- B = 4
- C = 3
- D = 2
- F = 0

Students taking concurrent courses at technology centers that are part of approved Associate in Applied Science degree programs may work with their technology center to obtain a college transcript indicating their applied credits. A student may submit their college transcript to OVCA to be awarded weighted credit based on the guidelines listed above. Upon enrolling in OVCA, prior credits will be transcribed per OVCA weighted grades policy.



Students may repeat a course in which they have earned an F; however, both grades will be reflected on the student transcript and figured into the overall grade point average. One does not erase the other. Credit in a specific subject will only be granted once for that class, and the other course will receive credit for an elective class. See [OVCA Board Policy 2050](#)

## REPORT CARDS

Report cards are sent at the end of each quarter for Elementary and at the end of each semester for Middle and High School students. Student must have been enrolled a minimum of 26 days in a quarter to receive a report card. Middle School students also receive a progress report at the end of first quarter and third quarter. Students must be enrolled by the below dates to receive a report card for that quarter.

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Enrolled on or Before</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	September 12, 2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	November 2, 2023
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	February 3, 2024
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	April 19, 2024

Report cards will include final course grades, as well as credit earned for each High School course. Grades are finalized at the last day of each quarter/semester. Report cards will not be revised for work done in June and/or July.

Report cards will only display grades for courses taken at OVCA. OVCA does not assign or issue grades for coursework completed through a Career Tech program or college/university.

Information regarding the student's progress in those courses must be obtained from the Career Tech or college/university. Transcripts will reflect grades as reported to OVCA by the Career Tech or college/university. Counselors will verify ongoing attendance with the Career Tech Center or college/university. If a counselor is unable to obtain such verification, students will be asked to provide evidence of ongoing attendance.

Report cards and progress reports are emailed to both the legal guardian's and learning coach's personal email account. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the staff of any changes in email address during the school year. OVCA will send the report cards to the most current email address listed. Also, remember that student's grades for each course are available through the course homepage 24 hours a day and are the most current and dependable method of viewing student's grades.

For high school students, final transcripts are available 2-3 weeks after the last day of the semester. To obtain a transcript, please contact the school registrar.

### **ELEMENTARY LETTER GRADE DETERMINATION**

Letter grades are based on three categories: OLS Assessments, Growth Assessments & Teacher Graded Assignments. Category weights for each grade level can be found in [Appendix B](#). Weights may change based on curriculum or state proficiency expectations. Any changes will be communicated through homeroom teacher prior to the end of the quarter.

**OLS Assessments** are calculated by the average of the scores the student receives on the lesson, unit and semester courses in the OLS. Assessments not completed by the Monday after their due date according to the daily plan in the OLS will be marked with a M for missing in the OLS Gradebook, which greatly impacts the overall average as it acts as a zero in the gradebook.

**Growth Assessments** – OVCA utilizes the Growth Assessment at the beginning of the year, mid-year and end of year to determine the academic needs of our students. Students will receive a participation grade for completing the assessment during the assigned testing window. Students who complete the assessments during the testing window will receive full credit (50 points) as a participation grade.

Students who do not complete the assessments during the assigned testing window will receive a 0 as a participation grade and will have their account locked until the assessments are complete.

**Teacher Graded Assignments (TGA)** – Teachers will assign and collect assignments (including writing) periodically throughout the year. Late penalties of 20% apply to assignments submitted after the due date. Example: A student scores 100% on work but turns assignment in late—final grade 80%. Reminders will be posted in the OLS announcements, sent through email, mentioned in Class Connects, and in the grade level newsletters. Teachers will offer assistance during Class Connects so students will be able to submit work on or before the due date. Writing TGAs are submitted by teacher direction (including OLS File Share, Email, and Seesaw Learning) at least quarterly.

Each teacher reserves the right to require other assignments to help students master grade level objectives. Additional assignments will be sent in email and explained in classes. It is the student's responsibility to review email daily and attend required class connects sessions to receive information about additional assignments. These additional assignments will be included in report card grades and posted in the OLS Gradebook.

#### **ELEMENTARY PE GRADING POLICY**

PE is a course that contains one lesson per week with a fitness log to be completed daily. Students will document time spent on physical activities on the fitness log provided in the PE lesson and complete the lesson activities. PE grades will be figured once a quarter based on completion of lessons in the PE course. The grading scale for PE is an S for satisfactory and a U for unsatisfactory although the gradebook reflects an A-F grade scale. Students that stay on-track with lesson completion will receive an S for satisfactory. Students that complete less than 50% of the expected lessons will receive a U for unsatisfactory.

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL LETTER GRADE DETERMINATION**

Except for Middle School PE and Foreign Language, all Middle School and High School students' grades are determined by the sum of points a student earns on all graded

assignments and tests. Points earned by student/ total points possible = Grade

Example: In his/her math class, the student earns 563 points out of a total of 700 possible points. The grade would be 80%. (563/700 =80%)

Points are earned for a variety of assignments within each course. Assignment types vary each course but may include items such as practice lessons, threaded discussions, web exploration, labs, journal entries, class discussions, quizzes, checkpoints, tests, interim assessments, Class Connect attendance, supplemental work done in third-party platforms (i.e. Exact Path), and projects.

Point values for each assignment type can be viewed in the gradebook within the course.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL BENCHMARKS GRADING POLICY**

Beginning of Year (BOY), Middle of Year (MOY) and End of Year (EOY) growth benchmark tests will be graded and will count toward all core course grades. Below is how students will be graded in courses based on their testing outcomes. Grades will be out of a total of 10 points.

The chart below outlines how and when points are earned for test completion.

<b>Growth Assessment Math/ELA Grading Policy (MOY and EOY)</b>	
Student exceeds growth projection	Extra Credit (teacher discretion)
Student meets growth projection	10/10
Student grows but does not meet projection	8/10
Student stays the same (does not grow)	6/10
Student drops in growth	5/10
Student test incomplete	0/10

<b>Growth Assessment Sci/SS/Electives Grading Policy (MOY and EOY)</b>	
Science: Math Test Completed	10/10
Social Studies: Reading Test Completed	10/10
Electives: Reading Test Completed	10/10
All: Math/Reading Incomplete	0/10

### **HONOR ROLL & ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Students are recognized for their hard work each at the end of each grading period based on the criteria below:

	<b>Honor Roll</b>	<b>Academic Excellence/ Principal's Honor Roll</b>
<b>Elementary and Middle School</b>	All A's and B's in every subject and S in PE	All A's in every subject and S in PE
<b>Middle School</b>	All A's and B's in every subject	All A's in every subject
<b>High School</b>	GPA of 3.0 or higher for the semester	GPA of 3.5 or higher for the semester

**Commented [GA5]:** We no longer use this grading policy for FL.

### **HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Students in grades 9-12 and with a cumulative GPA above 3.5 and who also demonstrate good character and leadership skills may be invited to join the OVCA chapter of the National Honor Society. Students will be evaluated annually for induction in the spring. Membership requires active participation including monthly meetings and volunteer requirements.

### GRADE CHANGES DUE TO TECHNICAL ERRORS

OVCA understands technical errors occur. Should a technical error result in a discrepancy between the gradebook a student/Learning Coach sees and the gradebook the teacher sees, the Learning Coach or student must contact the teacher for an appointment. Grades in the gradebook will not be changed by a teacher unless the student meets the teacher in the online classroom such as Zoom/Newrow and shares his/her screen with the teacher so that the teacher can help determine the technical error for proper reporting.

### APPEAL OF ASSIGNMENT GRADE (K-12)

Should a dispute over an assignment grade arise, the student or Learning Coach should first contact the course teacher. If the issue is not resolved within 3 business days, the student or Learning Coach may appeal to the principal.

### APPEAL OF FINAL QUARTER/SEMESTER GRADES (K-12)

Parents or Learning Coaches may appeal a student's final grade for a course up to 30 days after the end of a quarter or semester. Appeals will not be considered later than 30 days after the end of a quarter. To begin an appeal, contact the principal.

## GRADUATION

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PLANS

In High School, counselors develop Graduation Plans (Grad Plans) that chart the path to graduation. The goal is to complete all high school graduation requirements in four years or less. Grad Plans are developed as part of the Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP) process. Students will participate in activities designed to help them explore post high school options such as career interest surveys, goal setting, job applications, job shadowing/internships, scholarship applications, financial aid planning, community service, and completing the FAFSA. The ICAP process will help students identify specific courses that will help him/her to meet post- secondary goals. Grad Plans are updated each semester and are available from the Quick Links area on your landing page. Access your plan-on-demand to know your progress toward graduation. Please review your Grad Plan carefully for accuracy.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

OVCA students must complete 23 credits, participate in all assigned state testing, and

complete the financial literacy requirements to be eligible for graduation from OVCA. At least 25% (6 credits) of the required credits for graduation must be completed while enrolled at OVCA. As with all other credits, these may be earned through OVCA courses, Career Tech Courses or concurrent enrollment.

**CREDIT REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION**

In accordance with the Achieving Classroom Excellence Act of 2005 (70 O.S. § 11-103.6) and Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy standards, students must complete the requirements of the college preparatory/work readiness curriculum to graduate from OVCA unless the student’s parent approves the student to enroll in the core curriculum. Successful completion of either curriculum will result in a student receiving a standard diploma. To enroll your student in the core curriculum, please complete the curriculum choice form located in the appendix. Your student’s counselor can help your student choose the best graduation path for their future needs.

Students must earn the following credits to graduate using the core curriculum. **Parent permission is required to enroll a student in the core curriculum.**

Core Diploma Graduation Grad Year Core Curriculum Requirements	
Language Arts	4
Mathematics	3
Laboratory Science	3
History & Citizenship Skills	3
Computer Technology	1
Fine Arts/Speech	1
Electives	8
<b>Total Number of Units Required</b>	<b>23</b>

Students must earn the following credits to graduate using College Preparatory/Work Ready Curriculum:

College Prep/Work Ready Diploma Requirements	
Subject Area	Required Credits
Language Arts	4
Mathematics	3 (Alg 1 or higher in grades 9-12)
Laboratory Science	3

	(1 Life Science, 1 Physical Science, 1 with rigor Above Biology I or Physical Science)
History & Citizenship Skills	3
World Language (WL)	2 of same or 2 CT
Computer Technology (CT)	2 or same WL
Additional Unit	1 from above
Fine Arts/Speech	1
Electives	6
<b>Total Number of Units Required</b>	<b>23</b>

### **TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION**

In accordance with the requirements of 70 O.S. Section 1210.508, beginning July 1, 2016, students will no longer be required to pass end of instruction tests to graduate high school unless Oklahoma law requires otherwise.

Students entering ninth grade during or after the 2016-2017 school year will be required to participate in the OVCA approved assessments mandated by state law to complete graduation requirements.

Every high school student shall participate in the Math, English and Science state assessments to graduate from OVCA. Students entering ninth grade during or after the 2017-2018 school year must also complete the US History state test prior to graduation.

Additionally, OVCA may require students to meet any other high school graduation testing requirements as may be developed and adopted by the Oklahoma State Board of Education pursuant to 70 O.S. Section 1210.508(A).

Beginning with the Class of 2025, Oklahoma students must take a 100 question test using the questions from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website. The law requires that students get at least 60 of the 100 questions correct in order to graduate. See House Bill 2030 (2021)

To the extent allowed by law and approved by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the Head of School may grant exceptions to the testing requirement for graduation or require participation in district level testing to satisfy the testing requirement for graduation for extenuating circumstances on a case by case basis. See [OVCA Board Policy 2030](#)

### **PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION**

Students must complete and demonstrate satisfactory knowledge in 14 areas of instruction related to financial literacy, including such topics as credit card debt, saving money, interest, balancing a checkbook, understanding loans, identity theft, and earning an income to graduate from a public high school in Oklahoma. OVCA offers Personal Financial Literacy as an elective credit. Lessons throughout the semester

course will cover the required components of financial literacy. Students assessed with alternative standards through the Oklahoma Alternative Assessment Program (OAAP) may demonstrate mastery of the PFL standards if they meet the following criteria: 1) receives substantive and substantial instruction in life-skills curriculum, and 2) demonstrates the acquired knowledge of the student by alternative measures as required by the IEP.

### **INDIVIDUAL CAREER ACADEMIC PLAN (ICAP)**

Oklahoma law now requires students to graduate high school prepared for the workforce or a post high school education plan. ICAP items will include but are not limited to career interest surveys, goal setting, job applications, job shadowing/internships, scholarship applications, financial aid planning, community service, and completing the FAFSA. Components of ICAP will be interweaved into students' English courses, and students will earn grades for the items completed. Further details and instruction will be provided by the teacher.

All students in grades 9-12 are required to complete items for their ICAP. Students will see a ICAP course on their course list and should follow all due dates. Each student will have an ICAP teacher assigned to them or you may contact our college and career readiness coordinator, Katie McAskill at [kamcaskill@okvirtual.org](mailto:kamcaskill@okvirtual.org).

For more information, please visit the State Department of Oklahoma's website:

<https://sde.ok.gov/documents/2017-08-29/what-is-icap>

### **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

OVCA hosts an in-person 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony in May of each year. Parents often organize a graduation for Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are interested in organizing a graduation for Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, please contact your Community Family Advisor.

The location of High School graduation will be determined each year by the board and administration. Attendance and participation are optional, but students are required to purchase and wear a cap and gown to participate in the ceremony. Caps and gowns will be purchased through a vendor selected by the school. Pricing and ordering information will be given to students in advance. Please contact your Community Family Advisor if you would like to participate in graduation but purchasing the cap and gown would cause hardship.

Students meeting at least one of the following criteria will be invited to participate in the May ceremony:

- Have earned a minimum of 23 credits and participated in all required state exams as outlined above by the end of May.
- Have earned a minimum of 22 credits and participated in all required state exams PLUS agree to enroll in summer school to complete that last 1 credit.

- Completed all graduation requirements and officially graduated in December.

Students may graduate in December of their senior year if they enter the year needing 3 or fewer credits to graduate and the only year-long course needed is English 4 (British Literature). Students will take both first and second semesters of English 4 in the fall, plus four additional courses to equal a full-time student.

Students wishing to graduate early must be approved to do so prior to the start of the school year. There is not a separate graduation ceremony for December graduates.

### HONOR GRADUATES/ VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS

Honor Graduates will be recognized as those students who have a minimum of a 3.75 weighted grade point average. The Valedictorian for the senior class will be the student(s) having the highest weighted grade point average and ranked first in his/her graduating class. The Salutatorian will be the student(s) with the second highest weighted grade point average and ranked second in his/her graduating class. To qualify as a Valedictorian or Salutatorian, the student must be enrolled with OVCA at the beginning of the fall semester of his/her senior year. Cumulative grade point average through the fall semester of the senior year will be used to determine all graduation honors.

See [OVCA Board Policy 2020](#)

## COLLEGE/CAREER

### CAREER PREPARATION OPPORTUNITIES

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy provides students several opportunities to explore a variety of careers through coursework and specialized programs. These programs assist students in making informed decisions about college and career options that best fit their interests and goals.

Students can use 1-2 elective class periods a day to perform community service or unpaid job shadowing in the community. Online options may be available in certain fields. Students have the opportunity to earn to 0.5 elective credit upon completion of the program.

Students who are interested in being part of an internship, should contact the OVCA High School College and Career Readiness Coordinator, Katie McAskill [kamcaskill@okvirtual.org](mailto:kamcaskill@okvirtual.org). Internship combines classroom instruction and an on-site 16-week intern experience. Upon completion of the course students have a better understanding of employment soft skills and specific career options.

Students should expect internships to be unpaid. Paid internships are permitted if agreed upon by the student and employer. See [OVCA Board Policy 2070](#)

### **OKLAHOMA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP**



Oklahoma's Promise is a program set up by the Oklahoma Legislature for 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students that will help pay for their college and career technology education if their parents' income from taxed and untaxed sources is \$60,000 or less at the time the student applies to the program. Under current legislation, a student would not be eligible for the scholarship in any year that their family income exceeds \$100,000. Income is verified annually when student completes the FAFSA for each new school year.

#### **Scholarship benefits:**

If the student meets the program's requirements and takes the required courses, Oklahoma's Promise will pay his/her tuition at an Oklahoma public two-year college or four-year university. It will also cover at least a portion of tuition at an Oklahoma accredited private college or university or for courses offered at public technology centers that qualify for credit from an Oklahoma public two-year college.

For more information regarding the program or to obtain an online application, visit: [www.okpromise.org](http://www.okpromise.org) or by phone at 1-800-858-1840 (405.225.9239 in OKC area) or by email at [okpromise@osrhe.edu](mailto:okpromise@osrhe.edu).

You may also contact your counselor for further assistance.

#### **COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS**

The ACT and SAT are college entrance tests designed to assess a student's academic readiness for college. These entrance exams are the most important tests that a student can take for college admission and scholarship awards if he/she plans on attending a college and/or university. Students will take the exam during 11th grade as part of the required state testing. However, students planning to attend college are encouraged to take the exam multiple times to increase their scores. Increasing scores could help provide more opportunities for the students as they enroll in colleges and apply for scholarships.

The ACT measures skill levels in English, writing, reading, math, and science reasoning. The SAT, typically used for east and west coast school admission, tests reading, writing and math skills as well. The ACT and SAT tests are timed, and a fee is charged. If the cost of the test is a concern, you may be eligible for an ACT Fee Waiver. Information about the eligibility requirements and how to request a fee waiver is available from the high school counselor.

The following websites give information on test dates, location and costs and serve as an excellent test prep tool as they provide you with sample testquestions.

- ACT - [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- SAT - <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/dates-deadlines>

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#### **CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT / DUAL CREDIT**

High school juniors and seniors are strongly encouraged to participate in an early entry program in which they attend college courses for college credit while they are finishing their requirements for high school graduation. State law now requires all concurrent enrollment courses be entered on a student's high school transcript as either academic

or elective credit. All concurrent courses will count in GPA and class rank. English Composition and college courses that are less than 3 credit hours will be transcribed as 0.5 high school credit. All other college courses will be transcribed as 1.0 high school credit.

Concurrent College Enrollment Courses comparable to state-mandated core curriculum courses taken by concurrent enrollment may be counted toward meeting the minimum graduation requirements. For example, if a student takes a government course from a university, he/she may also count it as a year of high school government.

Concurrent students may not enroll in remedial (zero-level) coursework offered by colleges and universities designed to remove high school deficiencies.

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy will use the following guidelines to comply with 70 O.S. §628.13 for any student taking classes through concurrent enrollment from a college or university:

- Students must complete the Concurrent Enrollment Agreement form before enrolling in a college or university. This form outlines OVCA's requirements for concurrent enrollment including participation in a monthly online check-in meeting to ensure student is still enrolled and continuing to complete concurrent coursework. This form must be returned to the counselor.
- Grades and credits received from the concurrent enrollment class will be posted to the high school transcript. Grades will be averaged into the GPA. Letter grades will be transcribed as follows: A=95, B=85, C=75, D=67, F=64. Clep grades will be posted as a 92% (passing assigned by College Board). Students must be aware that if they are taking a college course, the grade earned in the class will impact the student's high school GPA and class rank. Furthermore, if a student does not pass a college course, he/she may not meet the high school requirements for graduation. Grades from Concurrent courses must be sent to the counselor immediately upon receiving the grades.
  - Fall semester enrollment- grades must be sent to the student's counselor no later than the first Friday of January.
  - Spring semester enrollment- grades must be sent to the student's counselor no later than the first Friday in June.
  - Failure to meet deadlines will result in the student being enrolled in a full course load at the school for the next semester.
- Travel hour is a time built in as a course to allow students to travel to the location and allow additional time to work on courses. Any student taking a concurrent course qualifies for a travel hour. Only one travel hour will occur per student. High school class schedules will be adjusted as follows to ensure the student is enroll full-time and OVCA and allow for travel time for the student to attend the concurrent class:
  - 1 concurrent class – the student must take 4 classes at OVCA
  - 2 concurrent classes – the student must take 3 classes at OVCA
  - 3 concurrent classes – the student must take 2 classes at OVCA
- Attendance and withdrawals of the concurrent enrollment class will be handled

as follows:

- Students reported as a “No Show” for a concurrent class will need to immediately report to their high school counselor to get the appropriate classes scheduled into their high school schedule.
- Students that drop their concurrent enrollment class will need to immediately report to their high school counselor to get the appropriate classes scheduled into their high school schedule. If a student drops a class within the first 10 days of the semester, they will be enrolled in the appropriate number of courses at the high school for full credit. If the student drops the concurrent class after the first 10 days of the semester, they will be enrolled in the appropriate number of courses at OVCA for no credit. The principal has the discretion to consider exceptions to this rule.

#### **OKLAHOMA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT OPTION:**

Students may take college-level courses through Oklahoma colleges and universities. Check with your local college or university to verify they offer concurrent enrollment for high school juniors and/or seniors. Students are responsible for additional costs, including but not limited to, books and fees, charged by colleges and universities for concurrent enrollment courses.

Check with your local college or university for more details. For a detailed description of requirements, please visit:

[https://secure.okcollegestart.org/College\\_Planning/Prepare\\_for\\_College/concurrent\\_enrollment.aspx](https://secure.okcollegestart.org/College_Planning/Prepare_for_College/concurrent_enrollment.aspx)

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Student must be eligible for admissions to the college or university under regular admission criteria.
- Student must meet the requirements listed here:  
[https://secure.okcollegestart.org/College\\_Planning/Prepare\\_for\\_College/concurrent\\_enrollment.aspx](https://secure.okcollegestart.org/College_Planning/Prepare_for_College/concurrent_enrollment.aspx)
- Student must contact their counselor to review qualifications and ensure appropriate college forms are completed correctly.
- Students must provide proof of their enrollment in a college program before the first 10 days of each semester. Proof should be a schedule indicating the courses to be taken each semester. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of The OVCA’s approval to participate and the student will be enrolled in a full course load (6) for the semester with OVCA. Additional verifications throughout the semester may also be required.

#### **CAREER TECH PROGRAMS (VOCATIONAL EDUCATION)**

Juniors and seniors who are on track for graduation are strongly encouraged to attend an area Career Tech Center program while still attending high school. Some Career Tech Centers also offer programs to sophomores. Students are responsible for contacting their local Center to determine program offerings, application deadlines,

and admission requirements; these will vary from one Career Tech Center to another. To determine the Career Tech Center your student is eligible to attend, please contact your High School counselor or visit <https://www.okcareertech.org/technology-centers> for more information.

Tuition is not charged for eligible high school students, but additional supplies may be required.

Students must obtain and complete the appropriate forms from the technology center AND must meet with the counselor to be approved by OVCA to attend a Career Tech program.

- Students must be on track for graduation to be approved to participate in a Career Tech program.
- Students are limited to attending Career Tech half time and must be enrolled in at least 3 OVCA or the equivalent in concurrent enrollment courses per semester.
- Students must pass all OVCA courses to maintain approval to continue in Career Tech the following semester.
- Students must provide proof of their enrollment in a Career Tech program before the first 10 days of each semester. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of OVCA's approval to participate and the student will be enrolled in a full course load (6) for the semester with OVCA.

Grades and credits received from the Career Tech will be posted to the high school transcript. Grades will be averaged into the GPA. Students must be aware that if they are taking a Career Tech program or course, the grade earned in the class will impact the student's high school GPA and class rank. Grades from Career Tech must be sent to the counselor immediately upon receiving the grades.

- Fall semester enrollment- grades must be sent to the student's counselor no later than the first Friday of January.
- Spring semester enrollment- grades must be sent to the student's counselor no later than the first Friday in June.

Failure to meet deadlines will result in the student being enrolled in a full course load at OVCA for the next semester.

## TECHNOLOGY USE

### STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND ACCEPTABLE USE GUIDELINES

**See [OVCA Board Policy 3070](#)**

This section describes the policies and guidelines for the use of the program and exists to ensure that all students are aware of and understand their responsibilities when accessing and using resources.

Administration reserves the right to update or alter this agreement at any time. Such

revisions may substantially alter access to OVCA's instructional computing resources. Instructional computing resources include any computer, software, or transmission system that is owned, operated, or leased by OVCA.

Students enrolled in the Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy should be aware of the following guidelines and expectations. Any activity that is not listed here, which violates local, state, or federal laws, is considered a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use Guidelines.

**Failure to follow these guidelines could result in the:**

- Removal of student access to OVCA's instructional computing resources, which could result in his/her inability to complete learning activities.
- Suspension or expulsion from OVCA.
- Involvement with law enforcement agencies and possible legal action.

**Accountability**

- Posting anonymous messages is not permitted unless authorized by the course's online teacher. Impersonating another person is also strictly prohibited.
- Students must use only their own user names and passwords and must not share these with anyone.
- Students may not interfere with other users' ability to access the OLS or disclose anyone's password to others or allow them to use another user's account. Students are responsible for all activity that is associated with their usernames and passwords.
- Students should change their password(s) frequently, at least once per semester or course is encouraged.
- Students must not publicly post their personal contact information (address and phone number) or anyone else's.
- Students must not publicly post any messages that were sent to them privately.
- Students must not upload, transmit, or post material that is intended for personal gain or profit, non-academy commercial activities, non-academy product advertising, or political lobbying on a school owned instructional computing resource.
- Students may not use academy instructional computing resources to sell or purchase any illegal items or substances.
- Students may not upload, download, or install any software on academy instructional computing resources that are not specifically required and approved for student assignments.
- Students may not post any MP3 files, compressed video, or other non-instructional files to any academy server.

### **Inappropriate Behavior**

OVCA retains the right to remove content or files from a Dropbox/File Share folder, content from discussions, and profile pictures without advance notice or permission of the user when the content is found to be inappropriate or offensive.

Inappropriate or offensive content includes, but is not limited to:

- insults or attacks of any kind against another person,
- obscene, degrading, or profane language,
- harassment (continually posting unwelcome messages to another person) or use of threats,
- material that is obscene or defamatory or which is intended to annoy, harass or intimidate another person. This includes "spam" mail, chain e-mail, viruses, or other intentionally destructive content.
- derogatory comments, including those regarding race, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability, political persuasion, body type, physical or mental health, or access issues.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3070](#)

### **Monitoring**

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy reserves the right to review any material transmitted using academy instructional computing resources or posted to an academy instructional computing resource to determine the appropriateness of such material. OVCA may review this material at any time, with or without notice. E-mail transmitted via an academy instructional computing resources is not private and may be monitored.

### **Indemnification Provision**

OVCA assumes no responsibility for information obtained via the Internet, which may be illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or offensive. OVCA assumes no responsibility for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from the use of instructional computing resources. OVCA also denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through user access. Any statement, accessible on the computer network or the Internet, is understood to be the author's individual point of view and not that of OVCA, its affiliates, or its employees. OVCA assumes no responsibility for damages to the user's computer system. OVCA assumes no responsibility for charges received by students or families by their cell phone or mobile providers.

### **STUDENT INTERNET SAFETY**

Students must not reveal on the Internet personal information about themselves or other persons. For example, a student should not reveal his/her name, home address, telephone number, or display photographs of him/herself or others to persons outside of OVCA.

Students cannot agree to meet in person with anyone they have met only on the Internet and who is not affiliated with OVCA. First meetings with fellow students should

be at school sponsored events.

## SOCIAL SESSIONS AND SHARING CONTACT INFORMATION

Students are permitted to share contact information during online social sessions held in Zoom/Newrow or other online platform with parent/legal guardian permission. Only students whose parent/legal guardian have completed the electronic permission slip will be able to attend the optional online session where contact information may be shared. Sessions are monitored by OVCA staff, but it is the responsibility of the parent to discuss personal family rules and expectations regarding which contact information may be shared with classmates.

Parents are further advised that information and images shared during these social sessions may be available to all users of these sessions and are therefore no longer private. OVCA cannot guarantee the security of information that is disclosed or communicated online in such sessions, and parents authorize the release of such information at their own risk.

The right to participate in social sessions is a privilege. If, in the sole and exclusive opinion of OVCA, the conduct of a student warrants the termination of this privilege, a student will be removed from the social sessions.

Learning Coaches can engage with one another within the LC Community Group (In K12 App). It is a place to provide effective ways for Learning Coaches to communicate with each other and provide resources that will enhance the support of their student(s).

See [OVCA Board Policy 3200](#)

## WEBCAM POLICY

OVCA teachers and students are encouraged to use webcams during online sessions. This Face to Face interaction can increase relationships and strengthen the learning process. The webcam environment must be sterile and appropriate for schooling. Families are responsible for ensuring a home learning environment that complies with OVCA's requirements for webcam usage. This includes, but is not limited to, a visual or audible learning environment viewable during class connect sessions that is free of any signs, flags, symbols, words, or pictures that may be considered obscene, discriminatory, or profane. The failure to comply with applicable policies and the Compact should result in disciplinary action consistent with the Student Conduct and Discipline. To verify student engagement, students may be required to turn on webcam and interact with OVCA staff. OVCA may move forward with student safety protocols if staff are unable to connect with students in a face to face setting (Webcam, Zoom, Newrow, etc).

See [OVCA Board Policy 3240](#)

## NETWORK ETIQUETTE

Students are expected to follow the rules of network etiquette or netiquette. The word "netiquette" refers to common-sense guidelines for conversing with others online. Students are encouraged to abide by these standards:

- Establish instant message user names and e-mail addresses that are appropriate for the school setting.
- Avoid sarcasm, jargon, and slang. Swear words are unacceptable.

- Never use derogatory comments, including those regarding race, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability, political persuasion, body type, physical or mental health, or access issues.
- Focus your responses on the questions or issues being discussed, not on the individuals involved.
- Be constructive with your criticism, not hurtful.
- Review your messages before sending them. Remove easily misinterpreted language and proofread typos.
- Respect other people's privacy. Do not broadcast online discussions, and never reveal other people's e-mail addresses.

## STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE

### POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS (PBIS)

PBIS is emphasis on a school-wide system of support that includes proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments. As part of PBIS, OVCA has created the following schoolwide expectations:

- Be Responsible
- Be Resilient
- Be Respectful

Responsibility is a key factor of being successful in an online school. Being responsible would include items such as completing assignments each week by Sunday at midnight, completing all benchmark assessments by the due date, attending all required Class Connect session, responding to emails, and being responsible for your actions at in person events.

Being resilient means not giving up, even when times are challenging. Students need grit and resolve to be successful in school and beyond. Contacting a Teacher/Community Family Advisor when help is needed, asking questions in class, trying your best, reviewing work for to understand and correct errors, not giving up on assignments and introducing yourself to someone new are all ways to be resilient.

Respect can be demonstrated in many ways. Listening to your Learning Coach, following directions, participating in Class Connect, encouraging classmates, arriving on time to classes and in person events are all ways to demonstrate respect.

Teachers and staff will encourage and watch for positive examples of following the schoolwide expectations. Teachers may give rewards to students that display OVCA attributes. OVCA encourages Learning Coaches to partner with teachers to watch for and reward positive behaviors.

### DISCIPLINARY ACTION STEPS

For the FULL policy on DISCIPLINE, please refer to [OVCA Board Policy 3070](#)



## LOCKING A STUDENT'S ACCOUNT

If your student receives a notice that his/her account has been locked, this is a request for immediate attention. A locked account means that school staff have repeatedly tried to contact the student or Learning Coach to discuss an important situation (such as missing a deadline, poor Class Connect attendance or failure to attend state testing), is not receiving a reply and the student is not complying with the requested action. Please complete the desired action (such as finishing the benchmark test, scheduling a meeting to set up a Back on Track plan or attending state testing) to have your account unlocked and resume working on other assignments. If you are unsure what action is needed to have your account unlocked, please contact your Community Family Advisor immediately.

## HARRASSMENT OR BULLYING

Harassment or bullying in any form is not permitted at OVCA. Staff are provided with training regarding preventing identifying, responding to and reporting incidents of bullying. OVCA is committed to ensure all Learning Coaches and students are aware of the bullying prevention activities and the bullying policy. Class Connect sessions are held to educate students about bullying prevention. Students are encouraged to inform OVCA staff if they are the target of or a witness to bullying. *"Bullying" means any pattern of harassment, intimidation, threatening behavior, physical acts, constant obscene language, verbal or electronic communication directed toward a student or group of students that results in or is reasonably perceived as being done with intent to cause negative educational or physical results for the targeted individual or group and is communicated in such a way as to disrupt or interfere with the school's education mission or the education of any student. Bullying includes physical bullying, emotional bullying, social bullying, and/or sexual bullying. Bullying is not limited towards students; it can be towards staff or administration.*

To make a report, students or Learning Coaches can contact the Community Family Advisor, counselor, principal or other school staff. All reports will be investigated and dealt with appropriately according to the OVCA Bullying policy and state law.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3020](#)

## DRESS CODE

Students attending in-person events should dress in a manner that is modest and does not create an unsafe or threatening environment. Specific dress code requirements may be set for special events such as Prom or graduation.

## SCHOOL EVENTS

Students attending school events are subject to the school's dress code. Threatening behavior, fighting, and inappropriate language will result in the parent being contacted immediately. No smoking, tobacco in any form, including e-cigarettes, alcohol or illegal substances are permitted at OVCA sponsored events. The student will be removed from the field trip until an authorized adult arrives for pickup and depending on the severity of the situation, the police may become involved immediately. Students may be suspended from attending in person events through a 3-strike policy for minor infractions. There is zero tolerance for severe infractions such as bringing a weapon,

bullying or violating the drug free policy.  
See [OVCA Board Policy 3070](#) and [OVCA Board Policy 3090](#)

## WEAPONS

A student who uses, possesses, controls, or transfers a weapon, or any other object that can reasonably be considered, or looks like, a weapon at any school sponsored in person event including, but not limited to outings, prom, graduation, academic competitions, and testing shall immediately be expelled from OVCA. The expulsion may, however, be modified by the Head of School or designee on a case-by-case basis and the local criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system will be notified. A "weapon" means (1) possession, use, control or transfer of any firearm, (2) any other object if possessed, used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including but not limited to, knives, brass knuckles, billy clubs, or (3) look-alikes of any of the weapons defined above. Items such as baseball bats, pipes, bottles, locks, sticks, pencils and pens may be considered weapons if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm. Self-protecting devices should not be brought to any in-person school sponsored event.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3070](#)

## TOBACCO POLICY

OVCA cares about the health of students, employees and patrons. Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy is committed to a tobacco-free environment. The possession or use of tobacco products while on school property, class connect sessions or at school sponsored events is prohibited at all times. A student who uses or possesses a tobacco product at any school sponsored in person event including, but not limited to outings, prom, graduation, academic competitions, and testing shall immediately be expelled from OVCA. The local criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system may be notified. The expulsion may, however, be modified by the Head of School or designee on a case-by-case basis. See [OVCA Board Policy 3030](#)

## DRUG, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, ALCOHOL POLICY

A safe environment includes an alcohol and drug-free environment. Sale, distribution, use, or possession of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, illegal drugs, mood altering substances, or other materials expressly prohibited by federal, state, or local laws is not permitted on school property, class connect sessions, or at school functions. The sale, distribution, or abusive use of prescription, patent, over the counter, or imitation drugs is not permitted. A student who violates this policy at any school sponsored in person event including, but not limited to outings, academic competitions, and testing shall immediately be expelled from OVCA, and the local criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system will be notified. The expulsion may, however, be modified by the Head of School or designee on a case-by-case basis.

OVCA prohibits the consumption, smoking, or possession of marijuana on any school property, during school, at any after or before school events and activities and in any vehicle transporting students for school purposes.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3190](#)

## PROHIBITION OF GANGS AND GANG-RELATED BEHAVIOR OR INCIDENTS

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy (OVCA) recognizes that the possibility of the presence of the emerging gang-related behavior and gang-related incidents in our schools can create an atmosphere of intimidation and harm. The mere presence of such a condition can be disruptive and potentially dangerous. It is, therefore, the policy of OVCA that gangs and gang-related behavior or incidents are prohibited at any OVCA school activities or events.

**Violation of Policy:**

Students who violate this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action or may be subject to the filing of criminal charges depending upon the severity of the infraction. Students who violate this policy may be suspended.

**Notification of Suspected Gang Activity:**

Any school employee, as defined by subsection A of Section 650.7 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, who has reason to believe that a child under the age of eighteen (18) years is involved in gang activity shall notify the person designated by the school district. Upon receiving such a report, the person designated by the school district may report the matter to the nearest local law enforcement agency. The report may be made by telephone, in writing, personally or by any other method prescribed by the school district. A school district employee or contractor who, in good faith and exercising due care in the making of a report pursuant to subsection A of this section, shall be granted immunity from all civil or criminal liability which might be incurred or imposed by making such report.

See [OVCA Board Policy 3250](#)

## TITLE IX PROCEDURE

Title IX protects students from all forms of sex discrimination, including discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, parental status, or marital status.

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy is committed to providing an environment that is free from all forms of sex discrimination, which includes gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual violence, as regulated by Title VII and Title IX, and to ensuring the accessibility of appropriate grievance procedures for addressing all complaints regarding all forms of sex discrimination and sexual harassment. Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy reserves the authority to address sex discrimination and sexual harassment even if the same, similar or related circumstances are also being addressed under another policy, whether of Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy or another entity. Furthermore, Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy reserves the right to pursue sexual misconduct violations that fall outside of the scope of Title IX based on Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy's judgment that the alleged actions are contrary to any part of its code of conduct.

Any individual, who believes they may have experienced any form of sex discrimination or sexual harassment ("grievant"), or who believes that they have observed such actions taking place, may receive information and assistance regarding the school's policies and reporting procedures from any of the following:

- **Title IX Coordinator:** Megan Moser, [memoser@okvirtual.org](mailto:memoser@okvirtual.org); (405) 259-9478 ext 3010; 1117 S Douglas Blvd Suite F, Midwest City, OK 73130
- **Head of School:** Audra Plummer, [aplummer@okvirtual.org](mailto:aplummer@okvirtual.org); (405) 259-9478 ext 2041; 1117 S Douglas Blvd Suite F, Midwest City, OK 73130

*Additionally, you may contact the Office of Civil Rights by calling 1-800-421-3481.*

See [OVCA Board Policy 2060](#)

## ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT (AHREA) ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

In compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHREA), this is annual notification that the School's Asbestos Plan may be obtained by contacting the school office at (405)259-9478. Currently, no asbestos-related actions have been taken or planned in the school.

## RIGHT TO UPDATE

OVCA maintains the right to update this handbook at any time. Updated handbooks will be posted on the OVCA website. Updated board forms will always be available on the websites listed below.

## Appendix A: Forms

Oklahoma State Department of Education Forms

### **OSDE Core Curriculum**

Graduation Requirements – **Class of 2024** [PDF]

Graduation Requirements – **Class of 2025** [PDF]

Graduation Requirements – **Class of 2026** [PDF]

### **OSDE College Preparatory/ Work Ready Curriculum**

Graduation Requirements – **Class of 2024** [PDF]

Graduation Requirements – **Class of 2025** [PDF]

Graduation Requirements – **Class of 2026** [PDF]

For other graduating classes, see [OSDE High School Graduation Checklists \[PDF\]](#)

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy Forms

Please visit [www.okvirtual.net](http://www.okvirtual.net) to view available forms

- Click on “Student Support Services” at the top, then on “Forms” from the drop-down menu.

## Appendix B: Elementary Grading Category Weights

OVCA 2023-24 Kindergarten Grading Structure			
Content	Category	Assignments	Weight
Phonics K E1	Growth Assessments	Star Assessments	20%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	60%
	Assessments & Teacher Graded Assignments	ex: Progress Monitoring and Teacher Graded Assignments	20%
ELA K E1	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	80%
	OLS Assessments	ex: Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	20%
Math K E1	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	20%
	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	60%
	Assessments & Teacher Graded Assignments	ex: Progress Monitoring and Teacher Graded Assignment	20%
Science K E1; Spotlight on Music K	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	40%
	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	60%
Social Studies K ED; Art K E1	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	100%
Physical Education and Summit ED	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	100%, S or U
OVCA 2023-24 Transitional 1st Grade Grading Structure			
Content	Category	Assignments	Weight
ELA	Growth Assessments	Star Assessments	20%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	60%
	Assessments & Teacher Graded Assignments	ex: Progress Monitoring and Teacher Graded Assignments	20%
Math	Growth Assessments	Star Assessments	20%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	60%
	Assessments & Teacher Graded Assignments	ex: Progress Monitoring and Teacher Graded Assignments	20%
*Social Studies, Science, PE, Art	Teacher Graded Assignments (projects and participation)	Teacher Graded Assignments (projects and participation)	100%

\*Transitional First will only receive letter grades for Language Arts and Math; other courses will be based on projects and participations so Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory will be awarded.

OVCA 2023-24 1st Grade Grading Structure			
Content	Category	Assignments	Weight
Phonics 1 E1	Growth Assessments	Star Assessments	20%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	60%
	Assessments & Teacher Graded Assignments	ex: Progress Monitoring and Teacher Graded Assignments	20%
ELA 1 E1	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	80%
	OLS Assessments	ex: Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	20%
Math 1 E1	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	40%
	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	40%
	Assessments & Teacher Graded Assignments	ex: Progress Monitoring and Teacher Graded Assignment	20%
Science 1 E1; Spotlight on Music Grade 1	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	40%
	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	60%
Social Studies 1 ED; Art 1 E1	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	100%
Physical Education and Summit ED	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	100%, S or U
OVCA 2023-24 2nd Grade Grading Structure			
Content	Category	Assignments	Weight
ELA 2 Summit	Growth Assessments	Star Assessments	20%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	60%
	Assessments & Teacher Graded Assignments	ex: Progress Monitoring and Teacher Graded Assignments	20%
Math 2 Summit	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	30%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	30%
	Growth Assessments	Star Assessments	20%
Spotlight on Music Grade 2	Assessments & Teacher Graded Assignments	ex: Progress Monitoring and Teacher Graded Assignments	20%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	40%
Science 2 E1	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	60%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	80%
Art 2 ED	% of Expected Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	20%
	OLS Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	100%
Social Studies Grade 2 Summit ED	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	100%
Physical Education and Summit ED	OLS Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	100%, S or U
OVCA 2023-24 3rd Grade Grading Structure			
Content	Category	Assignments	Weight
ELA 3 Summit and Math 3 Summit OK	Growth Assessments	Star360 Assessments	20%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS and Readiness & Interim Assessments	75%
	Assessments & Teacher Graded Assignments	ex: Progress Monitoring and Teacher Graded Assignments	5%
OK Studies 3, Science 3, Spotlight on Music 3	OLS Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	70%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	30%
Foreign Language, Art, & State History	OLS Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	100%
Physical Education	OLS Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	100%, S or U

<b>OVCA 2023-24 4th Grade Grading Structure</b>			
<b>Content</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Assignments</b>	<b>Weight</b>
ELA 4 Summit OK and Math 4 Summit OK	Growth Assessments	Star360 Assessments	20%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS and Readiness & Interim Assessments	75%
	Teacher Graded Assignments	ex: Progress Monitoring and Teacher Graded Assignments	5%
American Studies 4 Summit ED, Spotlight on Music, Science 4	OLS Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	70%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	30%
Foreign Language & Art	OLS Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	100%
Physical Education	OLS Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	100%, S or U
<b>OVCA 2023-24 5th Grade Grading Structure</b>			
<b>Content</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Assignments</b>	<b>Weight</b>
ELA 5 Summit OK and Math 5 Summit Oklahoma	Growth Assessments	Star360 Assessments	20%
	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS and Readiness & Interim Assessments	75%
	Teacher Graded Assignments	ex: Progress Monitoring and Teacher Graded Assignments	5%
Science 5	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	70%
	OLS Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	30%
Early American History Summit and Spotlight on Music 5	OLS Assessments	ex. Lesson & unit checkpoints in the OLS	100%
Foreign Language & Art	OLS Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	100%
Physical Education	OLS Progress	ex: Lesson completion in the OLS	100%, S or U



## Appendix C: Immunizations

### Guide to Immunization Requirements in Oklahoma: 2022-23 School Year

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All children two months of age and older must present an immunization record or file for an exemption before they are allowed to attend child care or school in Oklahoma. Please read the bullets below for essential information.

Age/Grade	Required Immunizations with Cumulative Doses required	Recommended Immunizations
<b>Child Care</b> <i>Up to date for age</i>	4 DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) 1-4 PCV (pneumococcal) ◆ 1-4 Hib ( <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B) ◆ 1 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) 1 Varicella (chickenpox)	3 IPV (polio) 2 Hep A (hepatitis A) 3 Hep B (hepatitis B) Seasonal influenza (flu)
<b>Preschool/Pre-K</b>	4 DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) 1 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) 1 Varicella (chickenpox)	3 IPV (polio) 2 Hep A (hepatitis A) 3 Hep B (hepatitis B) Seasonal influenza (flu) 2 <sup>nd</sup> varicella at 4 years old Polio on or after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday
<b>Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup></b>	5 DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) * 2 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) 1 Varicella (chickenpox)	4 IPV (polio) ◀ 2 Hep A (hepatitis A) 3 Hep B (hepatitis B) Seasonal influenza (flu) 2 <sup>nd</sup> varicella at 4 years old Polio on or after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday
<b>7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup></b>	1 Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) ● 5 DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) * 2 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) 1 Varicella (chickenpox)	4 IPV (polio) ◀ 2 Hep A (hepatitis A) 3 Hep B (hepatitis B) ■ Seasonal influenza (flu) 2-3 HPV (human papillomavirus) 1-2 MCV4 (meningococcal ACWY) 2-3 Men B (meningococcal serotype B)

The current childhood immunization schedule may be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>.

- Doses administered 4 days or less before the minimum intervals or ages are counted as valid doses. This does not apply to the 28-day minimum interval between doses of live vaccines not administered on the same day.
- If a parent reports their child had varicella disease (chickenpox), the child is not required to receive varicella vaccine. Record the child's history of varicella.
- The first doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), varicella, and hepatitis A vaccines must be administered on or after the child's first birthday (or within 4 days before the birthday), or they will not count toward the immunization requirement and must be repeated.
- It is not necessary to restart the series of any vaccine if a dose was given late or if a dose is past due. Additional doses of a vaccine series that are administered after the due date do not affect final immunity.
- Children may be allowed to attend child care and school if they have received at least one dose of all required vaccines due for their age or grade, and the next doses are not yet due. They must complete the remaining doses of vaccine on schedule. These children are in the process of receiving immunizations.
- Hib and PCV vaccines are not required for students in preschool, pre-kindergarten, or kindergarten programs operated by schools, unless the facility is a licensed child care facility. Hib and PCV vaccines are required for children attending licensed child care facilities.
- ★ If the 4<sup>th</sup> dose of DTaP is administered on or after the child's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, then the 5<sup>th</sup> dose of DTaP is not required.
- ◆ The number of doses of PCV and/or Hib may range from 1 to 4 depending on the age of the child, when the first dose was given, and type of vaccine used.
- ◀ If the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of IPV is administered on or after the child's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, and at least six months from the previous dose, then the 4<sup>th</sup> dose of IPV is not required.
- Students 11 through 15 years of age who have not received Hep B vaccine may receive a 2-dose series of Merck® Adult Hepatitis B vaccine to comply with this requirement. All other children (younger or older) must receive 3 doses of pediatric hepatitis B vaccine.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a dose of Tdap on or after the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday even if previously received. An inadvertent dose of DTaP on or after the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday may be accepted for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Tdap requirement.

**For more information call the Immunization Service at (405) 426-8580 or visit our website at: <http://imm.health.ok.gov>.**

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**Versions in Spanish can be found here:**

<https://oklahoma.gov/health/prevention-and-preparedness/immunizations/vaccines-for-school.html>

**Para información en español, visita:**  
<https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/personal-health/immunizations/vaccines-for-school.html>

## Meningococcal Vaccines for Preteens and Teens



All preteens and teens should get vaccines to protect against meningococcal disease. Talk with your child's doctor or nurse about meningococcal vaccination to help protect your child's health.

### Why does my child need meningococcal vaccines?

Meningococcal vaccines help protect against the bacteria that cause meningococcal disease. Meningococcal disease can refer to any illness caused by a type of bacteria called *Neisseria meningitidis*. Meningococcal disease is not very common in the United States, but teens and young adults are at increased risk.

The two most common types of illnesses include infections of the

- Lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis)
- Bloodstream

Even with treatment, about 10 to 15 out of 100 people with meningococcal disease will die from it. Meningococcal vaccines are the best way to protect preteens and teens from getting meningococcal disease.



### When should my child be vaccinated?



Dose 1: Ages 11-12  
Dose 2: Age 16

All preteens and teens should get 2 doses of the meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY) vaccine. They should get the first dose at ages 11-12 and a booster dose at 16 years old. If your teen hasn't gotten this meningococcal shot, talk to their doctor or nurse about getting it as soon as possible.

Teens and young adults (16 through 23 years old) may also get a serogroup B meningococcal (MenB) vaccine (2 doses). The preferred age to get MenB vaccine is 16 through 18 years old. Talk with your teen's doctor or nurse about meningococcal vaccination to help protect your child's health.

### Are meningococcal vaccines safe for my child?

Researchers have studied the meningococcal vaccines very carefully and they are shown to be very safe. Like any vaccine, meningococcal vaccines may cause mild side effects, like redness and soreness where the shot was given (usually in the arm). Note that your child can get both meningococcal vaccines during the same visit, but in different arms.

Some preteens and teens might faint after getting a meningococcal vaccine or any shot. To help avoid fainting and injuries related to fainting, preteens and teens should sit or lie down when they get a shot and then for about 15 minutes after getting the shot. Serious side effects from meningococcal vaccines are rare.

### How can I get help paying for these vaccines?

Most health insurance plans cover routine vaccinations. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program also provides vaccines for children 18 years and younger who are uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid-eligible, American Indian, or Alaska Native. Learn more at [www.cdc.gov/Features/VFCprogram](http://www.cdc.gov/Features/VFCprogram).



Talk to your child's doctor or nurse about meningococcal vaccines, or visit [www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/vaccine-info.html](http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/vaccine-info.html)



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