



Middle School New Student Orientation

June 2024 | OCSA School Counseling Department

O S C E O L A C O U N T Y S C H O O L F O R T H E A R T S

Welcome!

- Agenda
 - Introduction to the School Counseling Department
 - Academics
 - Student Life
 - Art area specific information
 - Registration Reminders
 - Communication
 - Q and A



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ARTS

Introduction to the School Counseling Department

○ **School Counselors**

- Ms. Karaki (Creative Writing, Dance, Visual Arts, Tech)
- Ms. Ostwald (Band, Drama, Orchestra, Vocal)

○ **College and Career Counselor**

- Ms. Gill

○ **School Social Worker**

- Ms. Frederick

○ **School Psychologist**

- Ms. Glasscock

○ **Guidance Secretary**

- Ms. Becerra
- Responsible for registration/withdraw process

○ **Data Entry Clerk**

- Ms. Roldan
- Responsible for entering grades and student/family information

Role of School Counselors



Academic success

Academic advising
Study skills
Organizational skills



Social-Emotional development

Individual and group counseling for daily issues
Referrals to mental health professionals



College and Career readiness

Acceleration
College field trips
Dual Enrollment

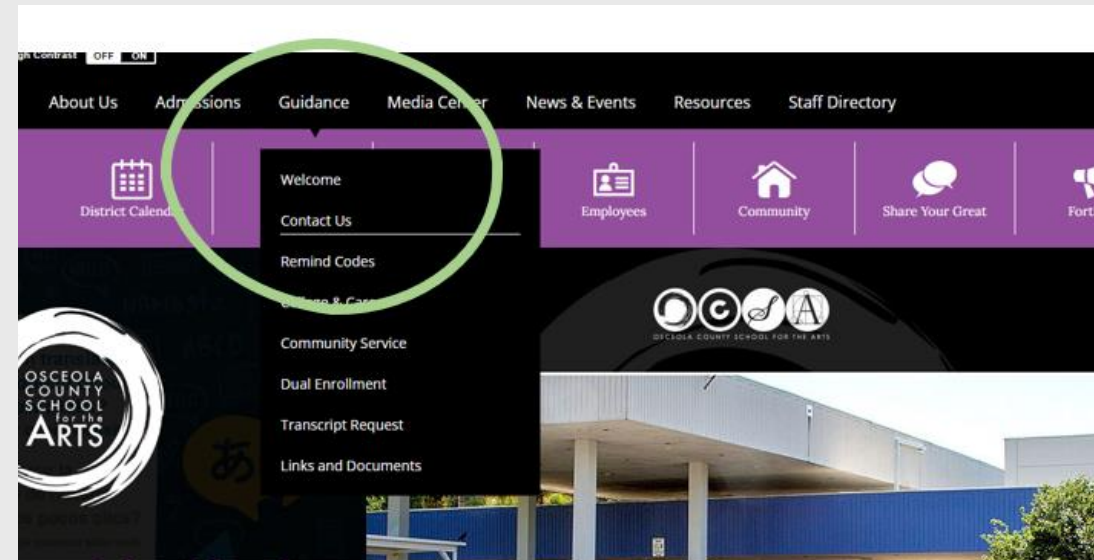
Role of College and Career Counselor

Provide a wide variety of career information and materials

communicate with students, faculty, parents and community representatives concerning career planning and college admissions, military or technical career options

How To See Your School Counselor

- Students and Parents: Schedule an appointment online
 - Under the Guidance link on our school website
- Open office every Wednesday during 2nd half of lunch
 - For quick, non-emergencies
 - Availability subject to change



Academics

Middle school progression

Art area classes

Acceleration

Sample classes

Promotion requirements

Postsecondary

How parents can help

Middle School Progression

- **Students will have 5 academic classes:**

- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Reading

- Academic classes are determined by FAST scores and progress monitoring tools.

- **Students will have 2 art classes:**

- 1st art class determined by their major area teacher
- 2nd art class determined by their major area teacher (7th and 8th grade)
- 6th graders will have:
 - Health (Semester) AND
 - Understanding Music, Intro to Art History, Intro to Technical Theater, Acting 1

Art Area Specifics- Middle School

- **Band:** Band 1-3, Keyboard, Instrumental Techniques
- **Creative Writing:** Creative Writing 1-3 and Acting 1-2
- **Dance:** Dance 1-3 (Divided into beg/intermediate)
- **Drama:** Theater 1-3 and Intro to Technical Theater (6th grade)/ Musical Theatre (7/8th Grade)
- **Orchestra:** Orchestra 1-3 and Instrumental Techniques
- **Visual Arts:** Visual Art 1-2, 2-D/3-D Studio Art, Digital Art
- **Vocal:** Chorus 1-3, Keyboard, Music Theory

Middle School Acceleration

- Some students will be eligible to take a high school level class starting in 7th Grade, depending on their FAST scores
- Algebra I, Geometry, Physical Science, Biology, Pre-AP World History (Honors Level)
- Teachers will determine within the 1st semester whether a student will be successful with their end of the course (EOC) exam.
- High School level classes will count towards high school GPA.

Sample Schedule

On level 7th Grade

Creative Writing Major

- Language Arts 2
- Research 2
- M/J Grade 7 Math
- M/J US History
- M/J Physical Science
- Creative Writing 2
- Acting 2

Accelerated 7th Grade

Creative Writing Major

- Language Arts 2
- Research 2
- Algebra 1 Honors*
- M/J Civics
- Physical Science Honors*
- Creative Writing 2
- Acting 2

Promotion Requirements (SDOC Guidelines)

- Students must earn a **final grade of a 60% (D average)** or higher in all academic classes in order to be promoted to the next grade level.
- Students who earn less than a 60% as their final grade must complete summer remediation.
- If students do not complete summer remediation, they are retained in the same grade level for the following year.

OCSA Promotion Requirements

- Students must earn a **quarterly grade of 70% (C average) or higher in all classes** to stay in good standing at OCSA.
- Students who earn a D or an F at the end of each quarter will be placed on probation, and they must bring their grade up to a C or higher the following quarter.
- Leadership will conduct a review of student's academics, behavior, attendance to determine a student's placement at OCSA.

Focus Parent Portal

- Register for a Focus Parent Account here: [Parent Portal / Parent Portal \(osceolaschools.net\)](https://parentportal.osceolaschools.net)
- Keep track of grades, assignments, attendance
- Email your child's teachers directly through Focus



How can Parents Help?

- Keep connected with OCSA
- Communicate with teachers and staff
- Encourage open communication with your child
- Practice healthy habits with your child



Student Life

Bell Schedule

Wednesday Schedule

Clubs and Activities

Transportation

Dress Code

Tips for Success

Bell Schedule

- Campus will open to students starting at 9:00 am and close at 4:45pm (3:35pm on Wednesdays).
- No supervision is provided outside these hours.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

<i>Period</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>	<i>Minutes</i>
1st/5th	9:30 AM	11:05 AM	95
2nd/6th	11:10 AM	12:45 PM	95
Academic Intervention	12:50 PM	1:20 PM	
Lunch	12:50 PM	1:50 PM	60
3rd	1:55 PM	2:45 PM	50
4th/7th	2:50 PM	4:25 PM	95

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Recital/Character Ed	2:25 PM	3:25 PM	60

Bell Schedule

- Lunch is an hour long (30 minutes for lunch, 30 minutes for intervention)
- Wednesdays from 2:25-3:25pm is reserved for recitals or Wellness Wednesdays

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Student Life- Clubs

Battle of the Books

Arts Ambassadors

TSA (Technology Student Association)

National Honors Society/ National Junior Honor Society

Thespians/ Jr Thespians

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica

EmpowHER

Student Government Association

Impact

AAPI Club

Video Game Club

OCSA Fellowship Gospel Choir

Tabletop Gaming Club

DnD Club

Odyssey of the Mind

National Arts Honor Society

Visual Arts Club

Medical Club

Black Student Union

Latin Orchestra

United Arts

Quill and Ink

Transportation

IF YOU LIVE IN OSCEOLA COUNTY, PLEASE CHECK DISTRICT WEBSITE UNDER TRANSPORTATION TAB. ENTER YOUR ADDRESS TO VIEW BUS ROUTES AND PICK UP TIMES.

IF YOU LIVE IN ANOTHER COUNTY, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.

PLEASE CHECK FOR TRANSPORTATION UPDATES ON REMIND AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

Dress Code

- Top: Polo, oxford, or dress shirt (Purple, black, navy blue, white)
 - No see-through materials
 - Please keep buttoned up shirts buttoned
- Bottoms: Jeans, khaki, or dress slacks (Navy blue, black, tan)
 - No holes
 - Appropriate length
 - Sweatpants, leggings, tights not acceptable
- No headwear without administrator approval
- Outerwear: Hoodie/ jacket with school logo, zipped hoodie
- Dance majors must come to school in dress code even if you have dance 1st or 5th period.
- Must wear Student ID

Keys to Success at OCSA

- Responsible decision making
- Communication skills- Know when to ask for help
- Read your emails, notifications, Remind etc.
- Time management and organizational skills
- Balance school and extracurriculars
- Getting out of your comfort zone
- Connect with the adults on campus
- Well-rounded student

Reminders...

- Daily attendance is mandatory
- Your engagement in the performing arts is necessary to attend OCSA
- Students will experience academic rigor
- Students are expected to follow rules and procedures of OCSA and SDOC



Art Area Information

Fees and deadlines

Fees for Middle School Art Area Classes

Class	Fees
Band	\$175 by Oct 15th, \$200 after
Orchestra	\$100
Drama	\$100 due end of August, there may be additional fees
Vocal	\$100
Visual Arts	Ranges from \$15-\$50 depending on class
Dance	\$75 due August 30th

Registration and Important Dates

New Artist Registration
Day

New Artist Registration Day

- **Date: July 17 and July 22**
- **Time: 9am-12pm, 1pm-3pm**
- **Location: OCSA Main Building**
- **Who needs to attend: Homeschool, private school, out of county schools**
- **Students are not officially enrolled as an OCSA student until this step is complete**

New Artist Registration Day (7/17, 7/22)

- **Please bring your complete registration packet!**

- **Please do not bring originals or email us any copies- we only accept physical copies of the following documents:**

- Registration Form
- Birth Certificate
- Photo ID of person registering
- Immunization Records
- Physical Exam
- Incoming 6th grade: Your full year report card from 23-24 SY
- Incoming 7th/8th graders: Middle School Transcript
- Test scores (EOC, FSA, FAST)
- Mortgage Document/ Rental Agreement
- Verification of address (if applicable)
- Utility bill or income tax records
- Withdrawal paperwork from previous school
- 504/ IEP/ EP (if applicable)

Important Dates



OCSA New Artist Registration July 17 and 22, 9am-12pm, 1pm-3pm



Schedule will be available on Focus July 22, 2024



Open House August 7, 2024
3:30pm-5:30pm



First Day of School August 12th,
2024

Communication

Remind
Codes

Contact
Information

Sign up for Announcements



○ Remind

- 6th Grade Remind Code: @ocsac131
- 7th Grade Remind Code: @ocsac130
- 8th Grade Remind Code: @ocsac129

○ School Website

- osceolaschools.net/ocsa

Contact Information

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**Art Area Point of
Contact**

Questions?

- **Remind**

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- **School Website**

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- **New Artist Registration Day**

- July 17, 22 (Middle School)
- July 18, 23 (High School)