

To: Dr. Mahoney
Board of Education
From: Heidi Deininger
Re: Board Report
Date: 2/13/2024



[School Improvement Plan](#) (click on this link to see most recent progress)

Highlights:

- Academics
 - Departments are engaged in SAT practice at all grade levels; junior high recently gave the MAP winter benchmark; scores are reported below.
- Climate/Culture
 - We had our first Profile of a Graduate parent focus group meeting on Feb 7. The group was small, but had many great ideas.
- Professional Learning
 - We have a school improvement day on Friday, Feb 16. Teachers are leading many of the sessions. We have sessions on AI, usage of tech tools, inclusion of students with exceptional needs in the classroom and coaching tools for teachers.

Some important dates:

- Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) 7th & 8th grades – Ap 2, 4, 5 8, 9, 11
- PSAT/SAT testing 9-11th grades – April 12 (junior high students will have an eLearning day)
- Prom- Saturday April 27
- 8th grade recognition night: Friday, May 17th 7:00 OHS gym
- Graduation on Sunday, May 19 at 1:00 PM (we moved it to a Sunday to avoid IHSA state track conflicts)

Student Activities

- The high school musical “The Music Man” is cast and will be performed March 7th to March 10th. We are grateful for the time and effort being poured into this by the directors.
- Congratulations to Cooper Alderks and Molly Ziegler for winning section FFA proficiency awards. They advance to districts later this month. Feb 20-23 is National FFA week. We will have building-wide dress up days and recognition of the hard work and dedication of our students in FFA.

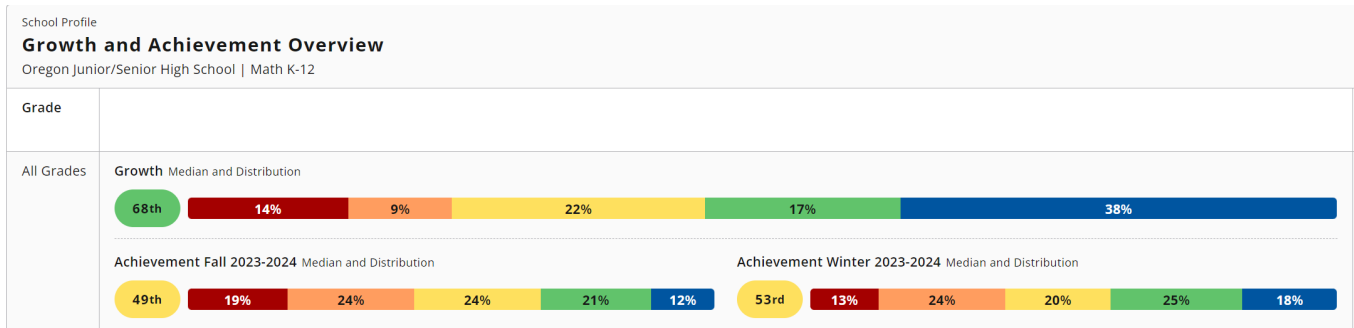
Academics

High School

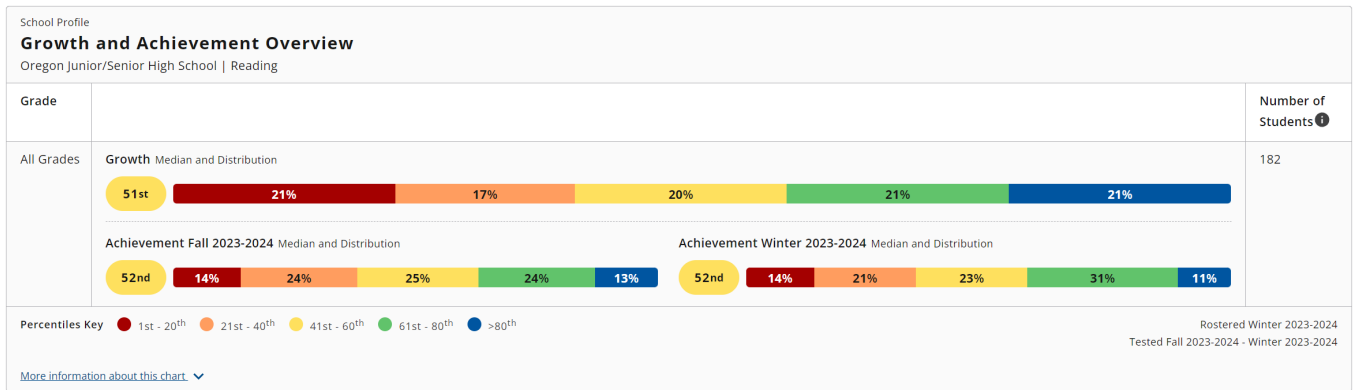
At the high school, 9-11th grade students will be taking a practice SAT/PSAT test on Thursday, February 15. Most students will be taking a Horizon practice test (Horizon is the vendor for SAT/PSAT practice tests). However, some students will take a practice test on Bluebook which is the College Board’s new assessment platform. We are hoping to identify which practice test is a better predictor of student scores. **We will report on these scores in next month’s board report.**

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Data:

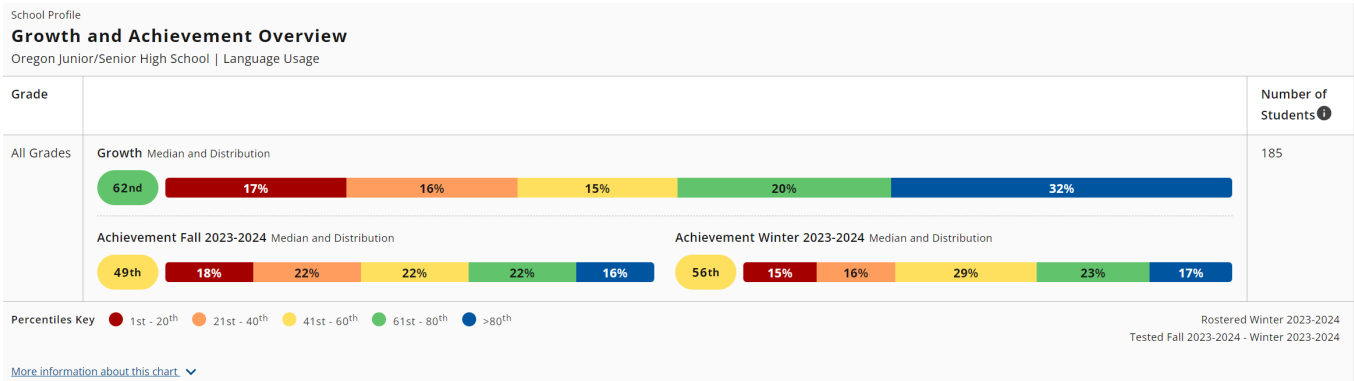
Math



Reading



Language Usage



The Leader in Me – Spotlight- Communications team

One of our six Leader in Me teams is the Leadership Communication team. They write a quarterly newsletter that is sent out to parents so families are aware of the things we are working on related to Leader in Me and growth of student leadership. Here is a link to the most recent newsletter written by Angela Mahoney <https://www.smores.com/wv6rg>

Portrait of a Graduate

- Ms. Cremeens and Dr. Deininger held two stakeholder meetings (teachers/post-secondary partners and parents) to begin the brainstorming process of the necessary skills and characteristics of our moving forward. These teams identified many important themes. We will continue our meetings with students (February 14) and community members/industry partners (Feb 21).
- Ms. Cremeens also sent out a survey to parents who weren't able to attend in person. Their feedback is very meaningful and will contribute to the themes. The initial feedback indicates that self-management, responsibility and timeliness are all strong themes from parents. Additionally, there is an indication that we have room for growth in preparing our students for life after high school.

Looking Ahead

The next month will bring many exciting and important events for OJSHS.

- We are about half-way through with scheduling. We are hoping to have all student scheduling done by March 1 so we can begin building the master schedule.
- We met with 6th grade students and shared the course selection sheet with them. We will be hosting a family night for 6th grade families on
- Our 6th and 7th grade teachers will meet to discuss and plan for the transition of 6th grade students to OJSHS.
- We will have a guest speaker (Kevin Polky) for all grade levels talking to students about resiliency and positive mindset on Feb 20th and 21st. He will also talk to parents in the evening of Feb 21. This is what was sent to families. We currently have 50 people signed up for the evening session.

OCUSD 220 Families,

Please join us for an evening with Kevin Polky, LCWS, CADC on February 21st at 6:30 PM in the Oregon Elementary School Cafeteria. Kevin Polky brings more than 30 years experience to Oregon this February, providing sessions to students, staff and parents. We hope that you will join us as he presents to our community on a topic incredibly important as we navigate a world connected socially.

Not only will Mr. Polky be joining our families on February 21st, but he will be providing impactful presentations to students and staff this month.

On February 20th, students in Grade 9-12 will attend presentations on being the light in darkness and youth suicide. Grades 4 - 8 will have sessions on February 21st regarding the 5 Steps to Developing Grit and learning to find resilience in tough situations.