



OREGON CUSD 220 STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Oregon CUSD 220 Student Services Department will address the needs of all students regarding academics, social-emotional wellness, and career and postsecondary planning.

District Staff:

Oregon Elementary School, Pre-K - 2 School Counselor: Krystal Stewart

Oregon Elementary School, 3 - 6 Social Worker: Josep Montanola

Oregon Junior/Senior High School, 7 - 9 School Counselor: Joanna Cermak

Oregon Junior/Senior High School, 10 - 12 School Counselor: Jim Turffs

Oregon Junior/Senior High School, 7 - 12 SEL Interventionist: Morgan Peterson

Oregon Junior/Senior High School, 7 - 12 Dean/Director of College and Career Readiness: Shannon Cremeens

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Academic Updates:

- OJSHS Counselors completed meetings with seniors and freshmen. During meetings, counselors discussed student academic and career plans and progress towards their post-secondary goals.
- OJSHS Counselors attended a Pre-AP informational webinar to learn more about the possibility of Pre-Advanced Placement coursework.
- Ms. Peterson held 504 Accommodation Plan meetings with staff, parents and students to collaborate on how we can best support our students who are facing challenges within the classroom.
- Counselors/social workers attended IEP and 504 plan meetings during the month of September.



Social-Emotional Wellness Updates:

- At OCUSD 220, multiple families were provided support through the NEXUS program and McKinney Vento support. McKinney Vento is the law related to identifying and supporting students and families facing homelessness, eviction, housing displacement, or unaccompanied youth living with a non-guardian. Counselors and the administrative team work to support families with school supplies and connections to community resources.
- Mrs. Stewart has been doing lessons on whole body listening, personal space, and the Zones of Regulation in Jr. Kindergarten-2nd grade, as well as in Mrs. Costa's special education room this month. She has also been meeting with students individually and with students as part of their IEP accommodations. Mrs. Stewart also completed 2 threat assessments this month which lead to students being evaluated through local agencies for additional support. Mrs. Stewart continues to collaborate with school staff, families, and outside agencies such as Nexus, DCFS, Sinnissippi, Florissa and more to assist our students and families. She also continues to attend monthly meetings and trainings throughout the district.
- Mr. Montanola met several times with twenty-seven students for individual counseling. He coordinated forty-six social groups and taught thirty-seven SEL lessons. Mr. Montanola met on a regular basis with 80 students including social groups in addition to providing 130 individualized student work classroom interventions. During class instructions, Mr. Montanola supported teachers' classrooms to check for any behavioral or social issues. Students with disruptive behavior were then supported with social work. Additionally, Mr. Montanola assists with the morning lineup. There were 17 parent contacts made to support students.
- Ms. Peterson met with many students on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to complete check-ins and review how their classes are going and continued to monitor student's progress and note where students may need additional support. Ms. Peterson continues to provide emotional support to students and help students process situations that they may be experiencing. Ms. Peterson worked with staff members to provide assistance to families experiencing hard times.
- The Erin's Law Presentations were completed at OES during the week of 9/26. Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling prevention staff provided the presentations once again to our students.
- Student leaders in grades 9-12 were trained in "See Something, Say Something" by Ms. Cremeens on September 16th. On September 23rd, the training was done at OES with students in grades 4-6 identified as leaders for this program. High school students assisted in the groups at OES. Junior high students will be trained by upperclassmen during the month of October.



College and Career Readiness Updates:

- A representative from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) met with juniors and seniors on a variety of topics on four Fridays during the month of September. Topics included the college admission process, completing college applications, paying for college, and scholarships. 5-10 students from the senior class attended each session offered. These were offered during Hawk Huddle and then again for Whiteside Area Career Center students during their lunch period each Friday.
- Colleges and military representatives visited OJSHS to meet with students and share information about their school or facility.
- Counselors attended the State Articulation Conference virtually and in-person to learn updates about state colleges and universities in Illinois regarding college admission.
- Mr. Turffs attended counselor meetings at local community colleges to learn updates about student opportunities regionally.
- Ms. Cremeens met with Liz Vos, Oregon Chamber of Commerce Director, to begin planning for a College Fair and Job Fair to be hosted at OJSHS later this school year. The school will be collaborating with the Chamber to provide these events to our students and community.
- Monthly newsletters:
August: <https://www.smores.com/y28wv>
September: <https://www.smores.com/r86kn>
October: <https://www.smores.com/nu834>