

To: Dr. Caposey Board of Education From: Heidi Deininger Re: Board Report

Date: 8/13/2024

School Improvement Plan:

The OJSHS School Improvement team worked this summer to develop the school improvement plan for the year. It was determined that our goals would be:

- 1. Increased students outcomes: 3-5% increase in students meeting/exceeding the benchmark on IAR and at least meeting the state average on ACT
- 2. College/Career/Life Readiness: All 7-9th grade students will complete a student portfolio that is aligned with the Profile of a Graduate
- 3. Instructional leadership will be provided by the administrative team and instructional coach weekly.

Next Steps: The next steps for our plan is to determine the baseline data (once school starts) and set benchmarks for each of the goals.

We will share the link to the School Improvement Plan when the department goals are added.

Theater Project Update:

The new seats have been installed and look really good. We are waiting for the nameplates of the donors that will be installed on the seats when they arrive. The vendor said that they should be done on August 23. Our new custom folding chairs will be arriving around September 20. We will be distributing the old seats to our donors as soon as possible. We are tentatively planning an open house for the community over Autumn on Parade weekend.

Starting the School Year

We are excited and looking forward to the 2024-25 school year. This year, we have added two new Advanced Placement (AP) classes, three new dual credit classes, a new high-interest science class (Forensics) and two new "life ready" courses that were student requests (Senior Seminar - focusing on financial literacy and Foods & Nutrition). We are excited to continue our forward progress that has lead us to increased student outcomes. We are 99% staffed with some excellent new hires. We are very proud of how clean the building is and how beautiful our grounds look.

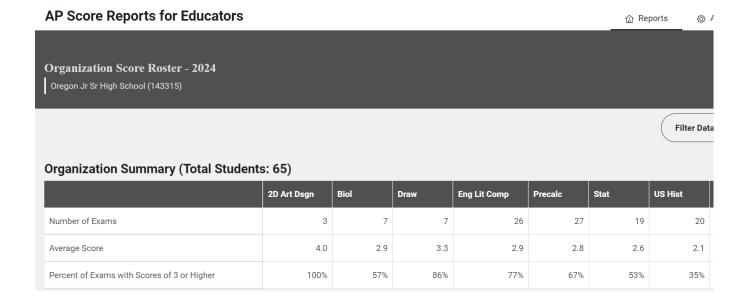
Our school vision is: Increased student outcomes through PERFORMANCE THAT ELICITS PRIDE

Our school mission is: *Empower scholars to lead & take pride in cultivating a thriving school community*

***For your information, we have enrolled 30 new or returning students and have had 12 move out of our district. We are looking forward to growing Hawk pride in our new students.

Data Share:

We are very proud to share the following Advanced Placement (AP) scores with you. We are excited for this opportunity to challenge our students and help them earn college credit (3+ on AP test). Below you can find the AP classes that we taught in 2023-24, the average score and the percentage of exams with a score of 3 or higher.



High School standardized testing change:

The state of Illinois signed a contract with ACT for the upcoming year, switching the high school test from SAT (which we have taken since 2016) to ACT. In the upcoming weeks, we will be spending time learning about the test, taking a practice assessment and putting together a plan for preparing students to be as successful as possible.

Upcoming Dates

- August 14 First Day of School
- August 23 Red & White night for athletics
- September 13 Inaugural Hall of Fame introductions at the football game
- September 14 Inaugural Hall of Fame dinner (Rock River Center 6:30)
- September 16-20 Homecoming Week (Parade Weds 6:30)
- September 21 Homecoming Dance (Rock River Center 7-10:00)