

# INFORMATION FROM YOUR COUNSELORS





# WHO ARE YOUR COUNSELORS?

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# COMMUNICATION

## General

- OS Website and OS Counseling Website
- ParentVUE/StudentVUE
- Twitter– @OSCounseling
- Facebook – Olathe South High School
- Announcements – Posted on Website
- Weekly parent email from Dr. Longenecker
- Blackboard messages

## Teacher

- Know e-mail address and website (Google Classroom, StudentVUE, etc.)
- TALK to your teacher first if you encounter difficulty

## Office

- Counselors/Registrar
- School Social Workers, Student Wellness Advocate, School Psychologists
- Administrators



# WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GRADUATE?

## Required classes:

- 4 credits of English
- 1 credit of Foreign Language/Applied Communication
- 1 credit of Fine Art—visual or performing
- 3 credits of Social Science
  - World History (freshman)
  - .5 Social Science Elective (sophomore)
  - U. S. History (junior)
  - Government (.5 senior)



- 3 credits of Math
  - 3 credits of Science—one Life Science, one Physical Science
  - .5 credit of Technology
  - 1 credit of Practical and Consumer Studies
  - .5 credit of Consumer & Personal Finance
  - 1 credit of Health & Wellness
  - 6 Individual Focus Credits
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- 24 TOTAL credits are required to graduate
  - Opportunity to earn 28 (7 credits year/4 years)



# WHAT IS GPA?

## Grade Point Average

Represents average of grades earned

Used to determine class rank

Have 6 semesters to build your GPA

- A = 4 points
- B = 3 points
- C = 2 points
- D = 1 point
- F = no points

See OS Counseling website for GPA calculator



# MEETING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must get a passing grade to earn credit
- D (60% or higher) is considered a passing grade
- Once an "F" is earned it becomes a permanent part of your transcript
  - Core classes and Consumer Personal Finance are courses that **MUST** be made up through our credit recovery program IF an "F" is earned
- Please see your counselor for credit recovery options



# ARE YOU COLLEGE BOUND?

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of Math
- 3 years of Social Science
- 4 years of Science
- 2 years of the same World Language





# PREPARING FOR POST-SECONDARY PLANS

- Visit colleges/Junior Days
- See daily announcements for college visit information – sign up with Ms. Wasson in the Counseling Office
- See homepage on the counseling website for links to register for college fairs and district college planning events
- Junior Planning Guide can be found under the Grade Level Info tab



# KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS COLLEGE ADMISSION STANDARDS

**What are Qualified Admissions?** Qualified Admissions (QA) are a set of standards used by the six state universities to review applicants for undergraduate admission. The universities that use QA are Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University. These standards are set by the Kansas Board of Regents, the governing body for the state universities. It is important to note that our Olathe Graduation Requirements must be met to graduate from Olathe Public Schools. Please consult your student's school counselor with any questions.

**What are the Qualified Admissions standards?** At its September 18, 2019 meeting, the Kansas Board of Regents (Board) approved amendments to the Qualified Admissions (QA) criteria. The new Qualified Admissions standards are below.

[https://www.kansasregents.org/resources/PDF/Academic\\_Affairs/Qualified\\_Admissions/QA2021-2022\\_Kansas\\_Board\\_of\\_Regents\\_Qualified\\_Admissions\\_Webflyer\\_2022\\_SCD.pdf](https://www.kansasregents.org/resources/PDF/Academic_Affairs/Qualified_Admissions/QA2021-2022_Kansas_Board_of_Regents_Qualified_Admissions_Webflyer_2022_SCD.pdf)



# TESTING

- ACT ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)) - recommend taking 2-4 times to maximize results
  - Use your legal name to register
  - Be sure to bring your ticket and Photo ID
  - ALL JUNIORS CAN REGISTER TO TAKE A FREE ACT and/or WORKKEYS IN FEBRUARY (check announcements for details)
- Olathe South ACT Test Prep
  - Mini workshops during AI/Advisory (see Counseling Website for details) – <https://www.olatheschools.org/cms/lib/KS01907024/Centricity/Domain/2684/2021-2022%20First%20Semester%20Second%20Semester%20Full%20Year%20ACT%20Team%20Timeline.pdf>

## October 13 testing day

- Practice ACT
- ASVAB – sign up in the Counseling Office with Ms. Wasson by October 1
- PSAT: students that want to take the PSAT must register for it through TouchBase by October 6 (\$20)



# XELLO

## Access Xello through ClassLink

- Requesting Transcripts
- Scholarships
- College and Career Exploration
- Community Service Log
- Resume Builder
- College Planning Guide



# KC SCHOLARS

- Junior Scholarship
- Application Opens early January
- \$10,000/year for up to five years
- Low to modest income students
- Must attend one of the 17 colleges or universities in the KC Scholars Postsecondary Network
- Maintain 2.5 GPA
- ACT – 16 or above OR SAT–800 or above
- Must meet minimum annual requirements
- See Ms. Schmitt in Counseling Office for more details

[WWW.KCSCHOLARS.ORG](http://WWW.KCSCHOLARS.ORG)



# NCAA

- Register w/ the clearing house during sophomore year
- 16 Core Credits (foreign language counts as core)
  - 10 must be completed prior to senior year
- ACT/SAT Required
- Grade Point Average
- Refer to Program Planning Guide or NCAA or NAIA web sites.
- Information is also on the Counseling Website
- Credit Recovery through Edgenuity is not NCAA approved

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COUNSELOR IF YOU PLAN ON PARTICIPATING IN  
COLLEGE ATHLETICS



# OATC

- Located by Olathe North
- 2 year program – Junior & Senior year
- Mandatory tour in October – check daily announcements for details
- Apply– November/December
- Must be on track to graduate with little to no need for credit recovery
- NOT a transfer program– Students attend South partial day and OATC for the other part of their day
- Transportation provided to and from South (am only)
- 2 year certification will not be awarded for one year of participation

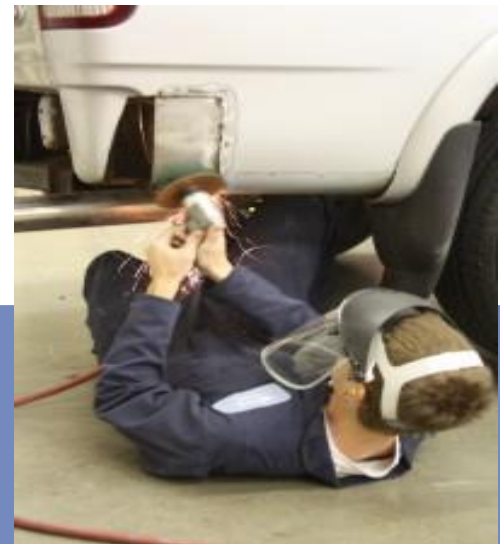


# OATC

- Animal Science and Research
- Automotive Collision Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Electronics
- Construction Trades
- Culinary Arts
- Healthcare Sciences
- EMS
- Welding Technology

Check out the OATC website:

<https://www.olatheschools.org/Page/2388>





# EARLY GRADUATION

- Attend a required meeting after spring break
- Be on track to graduate
- No need for credit recovery
- Submit a completed application
- Meet with counselor

