

XIV. Performance Measures

Accomplishment of Goals and Objectives

In Olathe, students continue to score above the nation and state on all standardized assessments given (ACT and SAT).

State assessment results in reading, writing and mathematics continue to be above the state average as well.

Results such as these do not just occur.

It takes the dedicated leadership of administration and staff, as well as the efforts of students and parents. The community and Board of Education support the concept of continuous improvement, high standards and accountability.



Awards and Recognitions (2017-18)

Accomplishments

Olathe Public Schools are known for innovative programs, excellence in teaching, technology rich classrooms and well maintained buildings and grounds. With a strong reputation for educational excellence, community and parent support.

- Students in the Olathe School District scored a composite score of 23.8 on the ACT exam, which is the third highest in the district's history.
- The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) recognized the Olathe School District for excellence in budget presentation with the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for the 2017-18 budget year.
- Olathe Public Schools had 19 students named National Merit Scholarship finalists.
- The Read 180 program in Olathe Public Schools now ranks in the top 10 percent in the United States according to recent data and growth provided by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) representatives.
- Ravenwood Elementary has earned two Promising Practice Awards from the Kansas State Department of Education in partnership with character.com.
- Two Olathe elementary schools have received honors from the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). Fairview Elementary received the KSDE Challenge Award in third-grade reading and math. Central Elementary received the KSDE Challenge Award for Academic Achievement in fourth-grade math.
- Regency Place Elementary received a \$5,000 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) grant from Century Link.
- Custodians at Olathe South High School, Indian Trail Middle School and Madison Place Elementary received building assessment awards through SupplyWorks.
- Two Olathe high schools were named to the top-15 in the U.S. News and World Report's list of Best Kansas High Schools. Olathe Northwest High School was ranked eighth and Olathe North High School was ranked 14.
- Seven Olathe students received a perfect score of 36 on the ACT exam.
- The Olathe Northwest High School Scholars Bowl team earned the Kansas 6A state championship.
- The Olathe North High School Mock Trial team was named the 2018 Kansas state champion and has earned the right to compete at the National Mock Trial Championship.
- Austin Shively, Olathe Northwest High School senior, earned the 2018 Kansas state title in both Dramatic Interpretation and Humorous Interpretation.
- Olathe Public Schools had 24 students to receive the Seal of Biliteracy based on their academic achievement in English and an additional foreign language.
- Two Olathe students were selected received community awards from the Olathe Human Relations Commission. Olathe North student Amanda Yoksh and Olathe Northwest student Daytona Hodson received the Youth Community Award.
- Olathe East High School placed third in the Burns & McDonnell Battle of the Brains competition. As winners of the Spartan Award, Olathe East received \$20,000 in grants.
- Evan Kappelman, Olathe East High School junior saxophone player, was selected to the Bands of America National Jazz Band.
- California Trail Middle School earned top honors at the 2018 Science Olympiad Regional Tournament.
- Georgia Mitchell, Olathe North High School senior, was named American Academic Competition Institute's (AACI) Student Trainer of the Year.
- Alexandria Stephenson, Olathe North High School senior, received one of three Grand Awards which were presented to the top three senior projects that meet the stringent requirements for entering the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair.
- Olathe North High School junior Reem Atallah earned first place in Human Resources Management Series in the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) International Career Development Conference.
- Olathe North High School chemistry teacher Amy Clement was awarded the 2017 Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher in the Midwest region as selected by the American Chemical Society.
- The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) selected Bruce Wellman, chemistry and engineering teacher at Olathe Northwest High School, as one of 10 math and science teachers to serve as a 2017 STEM Teacher Ambassador.
- The Kansas School Superintendents' Association (KSSA) has selected Olathe Superintendent John Allison as the 2018 Kansas Superintendent of the Year.
- Andrew Heinicke, Olathe Public Schools special services coordinator, was named Emporia State University's 2017 Outstanding Recent Graduate from the School of Education.
- Chisholm Trail Middle School seventh-grade science teacher Melissa Kinzer was named one of the state's Kansas Horizon Award winners.