



OAKLAND CRAIG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

APRIL 2026 PRINCIPAL REPORT

District-Wide Initiatives

1. Statewide Assessment:

- a. Statewide assessments are underway for grades 3-8. Students in grades 3-8 will take the NSCAS for math and reading. In addition, grades 5 and 8 will take the NSCAS for science. High school students have taken the following: ACT 8/9 for freshmen, Pre-ACT for sophomores, and ACT for juniors.

2. Teammates Current Match Data

- a. Active Matches: 54
- b. Volunteers with Active Mentor Status: 54
- c.

Grade	Active Matches
3rd Grade	1
4th Grade	2
5th Grade	9
6th Grade	5
7th Grade	8
8th Grade	9
9th Grade (High School Freshmen)	7
10th Grade (High School Sophomore)	6
11th Grade (High School Junior)	3
12th Grade (High School Senior)	4
Totals	54

Elementary

1. **Shout-Out** - I would like to recognize Chelsey Boden for her exceptional work in preparing our Title I paperwork for the upcoming monitoring visit on April 16th. Title I monitoring occurs every five years and requires extensive preparation and attention to detail. We greatly appreciate Chelsey's dedication and effort in ensuring we are well-prepared for this important process.
2. [April Newsletter](#)
3. **Book Blast**- We are pleased to report the success of our first-ever Book Blast initiative. Thanks to the strong support and generosity of our school community, we raised over \$21,000 to support student literacy. As a result of this effort, every student received at least five books to take home and add to their personal library. This initiative represents a meaningful investment in promoting a love of reading and supporting academic growth for all students.
4. **After School Recess**- As a follow-up to last month's report, we gathered additional feedback from families regarding our after-school recess program. A total of 56 families responded to the survey. Of those, 14% (8 families) indicated they regularly utilize the program and shared that it would have a significant negative impact on their family if it were no longer offered. Notably, four families stated that the availability of this program directly impacts their decision to enroll their child at our school.

Based on this feedback, it is evident that the program provides meaningful support to a segment of our families and should remain available. However, given the relatively low overall participation, we may want to explore adjustments to the structure of the program—such as staffing, scheduling, or seasonal implementation—to better align resources with usage while still meeting family needs.

5. **Morphology Training**- I would like to remind the Board that last summer our Kindergarten through 3rd grade teachers were trained in Orton-Gillingham (OG) as we implemented a phonological awareness curriculum into our daily schedule. As a result of this work, we have seen strong student growth and positive trends in our literacy data for the primary grades.

We are planning to build on this success by continuing our literacy initiative this summer. All 3rd through 6th grade teachers will be trained in morphology to further strengthen students' reading and writing skills. We are excited about the impact this next phase will have on student achievement.

This continued investment in staff training and instructional materials will cost just under \$15,000. While there is a financial commitment associated with this work, we believe it is a worthwhile investment given the positive outcomes we have already seen and the anticipated benefits for our students.

6. **New Staff**- Pending approval, we have successfully hired new teachers for both 5th grade and 2nd grade. We are excited to have Mya Guzinski and Ellen Eriksen join our team! In addition, we have made internal staffing adjustments. As part of this change, we will now have Jadin Ostrand and

Korri Veskerna as our 4th grade teachers. We look forward to the positive impact these additions and changes will have on our school community.

7. Class Size Projections

Grade	2026-2027 Projected Class Sizes	
	Projected #	# of Sections
Preschool	34	AM/PM
Kindergarten	22	1 or 2
1st Grade	33	2
2nd Grade	32	2
3rd Grade	19	1
4th Grade	29	2
5th Grade	29	2
6th Grade	24	1

8. 2025-2026 Enrollment

2025-2026	
Grade	As of 4/8/26
Preschool	30
Kindergarten	33(+1 -1)
1st Grade	32(+1)
2nd Grade	19
3rd Grade	29
4th Grade	29(-1 +1)
5th Grade	24(+1 -2)
6th Grade	33
Total	229

9. Total Enrollment (Preschool-6th):

April 2025	239
May 2025	239
June 2025	239
July 2025	239
August 2025	241
September 2025	235
October 2025	236
November 2025	234

December 2025	232
January 2026	234
February 2026	233
March 2026	229
April 2026	229

Oakland-Craig Junior-Senior High School Report

- **Staff shoutout**

- I would like to give a positive shout-out to Mrs. Asche and our Special Education Department. This year, Mrs. Asche joined us at the junior-senior high school as our District Special Education Director while also taking on our program serving students with the highest needs. She has played a key role in helping our team streamline routines and structures to better align with best practices. Her commitment to continuous learning, along with her ability to clearly communicate outcomes, has made a meaningful impact on our staff. I am truly grateful for the care and dedication she shows toward both our staff and students. I look forward to seeing how her leadership continues to guide and strengthen our team in the years ahead!

- **Hiring Update**

- I am excited to welcome Cameron Hyde to our staff as our next BMIT instructor. Mr. Hyde brings a strong background in business, finance, and technology, which will be a tremendous asset to our program at O-C. I also want to thank Mr. Mlinar for graciously welcoming him into his classroom this year to collaborate and observe, helping ensure a smooth transition for our students. I look forward to working alongside Mr. Hyde as we continue to expand opportunities and provide meaningful learning experiences for our students at OCHS.
- An interview has also been scheduled for our open ELA position. We will work to fill this position with a qualified candidate that is a fit for our district. In the case that a candidate is not found, an alternative option has been presented to staff members for next year’s teaching assignments.

- **April Newsletter**

- Please see the OCHS April newsletter here: [OCHS Principal's Update](#)

- **Spanish Curriculum Official Quote**

- We are requesting a 7-year license for the following for a total of \$22,877.55. This is \$4,716.45 more than I anticipated at the last meeting, due to our needs and the finalized quote from the vendor.
 - [Senderos](#) - - \$21,623.85
 - [Senor Wooly](#) - \$1253.70 for 7-year package

7-12 Historical Enrollment:

April Enrollment for 2025-26

7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
28	30	28	33	20	34	173

April Enrollment 2024-2025

7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
30	29	33	22	33	36	184

April Enrollment 2023-2024

7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
26	32	24	33	35	28	178

Upcoming Events

April 15 - Honor Roll Field Trip

April 17 - Junior High Dance

April 24 - District Music

April 25 - Prom

April 27 - FFA Banquet

April 29 - Baccalaureate

April 30 - O-C JV Track Invite

May 1 - Senior Check Out Day - O-C Junior High Track Invite

May 2 - Oakland-Craig Golf Invite and EHC Conference Track Meet

May 4 - OCHS Academic Awards Night

May 5- Junior-Senior High Band/Choir and Awards Night

May 7 - OCHS Track Invite/Make Up Day, (Modified OCHS schedule)

May 8 - WSC Math Competition

May 9- Graduation

May 11 - EHC Conference Boys Golf

