



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 (2023-24)

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.

Outstanding Students

- Blue Star Ceremony Ensemble Scholarship Award – Delaine Mock, Olathe East High School
- Blue Star Community Impact Award – Olathe South High School
- Blue Star Outstanding Orchestra – Olathe East High School for their performance of “Sister Act”
- Blue Star Outstanding Lead Performer – Sydney Carter as Deloris Van Cartier in “Sister Act”
- Qualified for the International Science and Engineering Fair — Mahi Kohli, Olathe North High School
- Qualified for the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium national event — Mahi Kohli, Olathe North High School
- Two of the four Grand Awards given at the Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair — Soyee Cho and Mahi Kohli of Olathe North High School
- One of 45 recipients of the Rudd Scholars full-ride scholarship program — Martha Garcia, Olathe West High School
- First-place honors in the Kansas Association of Broadcasters competition — Adam Donner, Emma Stanfield and Evan Stanfield of Olathe Northwest High School
- Kansas Career and Technical Education Scholars — Zeina Adnan, Audrey Bryant, Adriana J. Cazares, Alexandria Decker, Mikayla Ezala, Avalyn Gehlen, Malorie McRostie, Anna Persaud, Reese Pritchard and Chloe Tyrrell of Olathe East High School; Lizbeth Garcia-Crisanto and Scarlett Shade of Olathe North High School; Kellan Quinn of Olathe Northwest High School; Belinda Chen of Olathe South High School; Laci Lester, Addison Smith, Ellen Steer and Elizabeth Taylor of Olathe West High School
- Gold medals in the Kansas SkillsUSA championships — Jordan Chenoweth, Cameron Fehrenbacher and Addie Johnson, Olathe Advanced Technical Center
- Five top-10 finishers in the KC BizFest business competition for high school students

- First place at the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium regional competition — Mahi Kohli, Olathe North High School
- First place in the Overall Culinary competition of the Kansas ProStart Invitational — Olathe Advanced Technical Center team
- Regional Science Bowl champions — Olathe North High School team
- 2024 National High School Spirit of Sport Award from the National Federation of State High School Associations — Merik Dismang, Olathe East High School
- Spirit of Sport Award from the Kansas State High School Activities Association Student Advisory Team — Merik Dismang, Olathe East High School
- Thespy performances at the 2024 Kansas Thespyan Festival — Lake Sowles, Olathe South High School, Solo Musical; Tess Conner-Ortiz and Liliyanna Brown, Olathe North High School, Duet Musical Dance; Evan McCoy, Aidan Davis and Aaron Shirley, Olathe West High School, Group Musical
- 2024 Kansas Thespyan Festival top honors — second place in Creative Costumes, Olathe Northwest High School; first and third place in Quiz Bowl, Olathe North High School; second place in Tech Challenge, Olathe West High School
- Top 20 finalist in the Burns & McDonnell Battle of the Brains STEM competition — Olathe East High School team
- Selected as president of the Area I Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) — Elsie Cordell, Mission Trail Middle School
- Placement at Northeast Educators Rising Regional Conference, advancing to state — Brooklyn Bowers, Halle Bruss, Hailey France, Isabella Hermansen, Colt Hughey, Khloe Luckey, Madisynn Milstead, Olathe East High School
- National Merit Semifinalists — Ruoping Li, Olathe East High School; Sahitha Chundururu, Andrew Dai, Edward Eastland, Soren Flannery, Anjali Hocker Singh, Luke Hui, David Lye, Anna Mayfield, Luke Montemayor, Landon Pribyl and Eva Smith, Olathe North High School; Andrea Diehl, Ian Edwards and Ella Novion, Olathe Northwest High School; Logan Carr, Jakob Kuehnen, Garrett Ledford and John McCarthy, Olathe South High School; Caleb Chacon and Connor Lyons, Olathe West High School

- Third in the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament — Isabella Foster and Hannah Cleveland, Olathe North High School

Outstanding District and Schools

- No. 4 Best Employer in Kansas as named by Forbes Magazine
- Third-best public school district in the Kansas City metropolitan area according to Ingram’s magazine
- 2024 Best Communities for Music Education as named by the National Association of Music Merchants
- 2024 In-Print Award — Graphic Communications Department
- Bronze status on the 2023 Advanced Placement Program School Honor Roll — Olathe Northwest High School
- One of 726 schools in 36 countries to be named an Apple Distinguished School — Central Elementary School
- Among the top 10 public schools in Kansas as named by U.S. News and World Report — Olathe Northwest High School
- Civic Advocacy Network Award from the Kansas State Department of Education — Heatherstone Elementary School, for its farm to table program

Outstanding Athletes: CHAMPIONS!

- The Olathe Northwest High School girls’ golf team won the title, officially making them back-to-back state championship winners.
- The Olathe West girls’ cross-country team placed first at state.
- Olathe North High School senior Anjali Hocker Singh won the girls state title for the fourth year in a row, which has only been accomplished by an individual seven times in state history.
- The Olathe East boys’ soccer team won its fifth state title in school history.
- The Olathe North High School gymnastics team won the 6A state championship.
- Olathe Northwest High School junior Emmy Keller placed first in all-around and bars.
- Olathe North senior Lindsey Ray placed first in beam and floor.
- The Olathe Northwest High School dance team won its second state title in program history.

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Kansas State Assessment

The Kansas State Department of Education provides students the opportunities to measure their learning in grades 3 through 8 and grade 10 in English Language Arts and Mathematics and in grades 5, 8 and 11 in Science. Olathe students regularly score

well above the state averages in every subject area and at every tested grade level. Schools and the district use these summative results to improve programs for its students.



- Olathe South High School sophomore Nicole Redmond won the 6A state title in the 120-pound weight class.
- Olathe West High School junior Makayla Rivera won the 6A state title in the 235-pound weight class.
- Olathe North High School juniors Cael Alderman and Alec Samuelson won the 6A state title in the 126-pound weight class and 152-pound weight class, respectively.
- Olathe East High School senior Keaton Kristoff won the 200 Individual Medley and 100 Backstroke at the 6A state championship.
- Olathe East High School won the 200 Medley Relay team, which included seniors Keaton Kristoff and Micah Leslie and juniors John Costello and Kobe Otero.
- Olathe East High School senior Micah Leslie won the 100 Butterfly at the 6A state championship.
- Olathe East High School won the 400 Freestyle Relay state title, which included seniors Micah Leslie, Keaton Kristoff, Garrett Seyler and Blake Nelson.
- The Olathe South High School baseball team won the 6A state championship.
- The Olathe West High School boys golf team won the 6A state championship.
- The Olathe West High School boys track team won the 6A state championship.
- The Olathe Northwest High School girls track won the 6A state championship.
- The Olathe Northwest High School softball team won the 6A state championship.
- Olathe North High School senior student Ian Quarles won first place in pole vault.

- Olathe North High School senior Elijah Madden won first place in long jump and triple jump.
 - Olathe South High School junior Dylan Plath won first place in the 800M.
 - Olathe West High School junior Dayton Richardson won first place in the 400M.
 - Olathe West High School students Braeden Gillam, Bryce Austin, Dylan Velasco and Teyvn Gasaway won the 4 X 100 state championship.
 - Olathe West High School students Gunnar Hornung, Isaac Shilling, Logan Montgomery and Owen Diediker won the 4 X 100 state championship.
 - Olathe Northwest High School senior Val Galligan won first place in discus, javelin and shot put.
 - Olathe West High School senior Bree Newport won first place in the 1600M.
 - Olathe West High School students Jasmine Stiede, Kolby Brown, Laynie Clements and Kalyn Willingham won first place in the 4 X 800.
 - Olathe East High School freshman Irene Gettya won first place in diving.
 - Latinx Counselor of the Year award from the Latinx Education Collaborative — Samanta Landa, Olathe North High School
 - 2024 Kansas Master Teacher — Sara Hoffman, Canyon Creek Elementary School
 - 2022-23 Section 5 Boys' Track and Field Coach of the Year as named by the National Federation of State High School Associations — Levi Huseman, Olathe North High School
 - Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame class of 2024 — Jeff Hulse, Olathe East High School, retired
 - One of three winners of the Principal Advocate Award from the Kansas School Counselor Association — Greg Oborny, Regency Place Elementary School
 - Kansas Athletic Trainers' Society Hall of Fame inductee — Wayne Harmon, Olathe North High School
 - Top 10 finalist for the 2023 National History Teacher of the Year Award — Rachel Swearingin, Manchester Park Elementary School
 - 2024 Kansas Teacher of the Year as named by the Kansas State Department of Education — Taylor Bussinger, Prairie Trail Middle School
 - 2023 Kansas History Teacher of the Year as named by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History — Rachel Swearingin, Manchester Park Elementary School
- Staff Awards**
- 2024 Rising Star Award from the Community for Coaches organization — Anders Hanson, Olathe East High School
 - One of seven 2024 Kansas State University High School Science Teacher of the Year awards — Rhonda Reist, Olathe North High School
 - Named by the Kansas State Department of Education as one of three state mathematics finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching — Lindsay Croft, Central Elementary School
 - Area I High School Principal of the Year as named by the Kansas Principals Association — Chris Zuck, Olathe Northwest High School