



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 (2021-22)

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

- The Olathe Public Schools had 20 students named National Merit semifinalists. Of those semifinalists, 18 advanced to become finalists.
- Nipam Raval, Olathe North High School senior, and Emily Yan, Olathe West High School senior, were named to the 2022 Gannett Kansas All-State Academic Team.
- Gauri Yadav, Olathe North High School senior, was named a 2022 U.S. Presidential Scholar.
- Seventy-three Olathe students were named Kansas Career and Technical Education (CTE) Scholars named by the Kansas State Department of Education, accounting for more than 50 percent of the 2022 CTE scholars.
- Eight Olathe East High School students won first place awards at the Educators Rising State Conference.
- The California Trail Middle School MATHCOUNTS team won first place in the MATHCOUNTS Kansas state championship. Seventh grader Mahi Kohli earned first place in the MATHCOUNTS Kansas state championship and was one of three Kansas representatives in the national MATHCOUNTS competition.
- Miles Swaminathan, Olathe Northwest High School senior, was the Kansas male winner for the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Scholarship contest.
- Ta'Niyha Brown-Robinson, Olathe East High School senior, was named the Olathe Boys & Girls Clubs Unit Youth of the Year.

- Olathe East High School sophomore Zoe Swade and senior Leane Delerue won first place in the Pastry Arts Technical Decorating Skills of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America National Fall Conference.
- Eight Olathe students received a Thespy award from the International Thespian Society as part of the International Thespian Festival. They are: Layla Abu Saada, Madeline King, Willa Walberg, Ellie Eisele, Phoebe Mock, Addison Landes, Bre Kristian and Liv Hollan.
- Emrie Wisner, Mahaffie Elementary School third grader, won third place in 2021 Braille Challenge Finals, Apprentice bracket.
- Three California Trail Middle School eighth graders received honorable mention in 2021 ProjectCSGIRLS National Competition for Middle School Girls. They are: Ayanna Jain, Devamayi Nair and Vaishnavi Lakshman.
- Dominic Marroquin, Santa Fe Trail Middle School eighth grader, won the Olathe Spelling Bee and represented the district at the Scripps National Spelling Bee.
- The KC Scholars program awarded scholarships to 22 Olathe students in one of two categories: Traditional or College Savings Match. As part of the scholarships, students will be able to earn an undergraduate degree at select colleges and universities collaborating with KC Scholars.
- Sixty-three Olathe students earned the Kansas Seal of Biliteracy.
- Fifteen Olathe North High School students were awarded \$14,750 in scholarships from the Hispanic Development Fund (HDF). This was both a school record and placed Olathe North fifth overall in the entire KC metro for number of HDF scholarship recipients.
- More than 180 students across the district were selected to perform in one of the KMEA (Kansas Music Educators Association) All-State ensembles after a very competitive audition process.

- Two Olathe students received honors at this year's Blue Star Awards, modeled after Broadway's Tony Awards, hosted by Starlight Theater. Molly McBride, Olathe South High School, received the Dream Production Award for Choreography ("The Lightning Thief"). She also received a Performance Scholarship. Brandon Heflin, Olathe West High School, received a Rising Star Scholarship.
- Olathe East High School junior Easton Logback was named runner-up and top speaker in the Lincoln-Douglas debate at the National Speech and Debate Tournament. In addition, Olathe East received a Debate School of Excellence Award and Jylon Hollinshed, Olathe East senior, was named as a semifinalist in the Original Spoken Word category.

Perfect ACT Scores

- Isobel Li, Olathe North High School
- Joseph Wiltanger, Olathe North High School

Outstanding District and Schools

- Two Olathe schools' Kansas Association of Youth (KAY) clubs received a "Be the Spark" grant from the Kansas High School Athletic Association in partnership with Kansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, including Summit Trail Middle School and Olathe South High School.
- Westview Elementary School received the 2021 Challenge Award from the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force.
- Millbrooke Elementary School was named a Leader in Me Lighthouse School by Franklin Covey Co.
- Several Olathe Schools were ranked in the top 25 public schools in Kansas as ranked by U.S. News & World Report. They include Regency Place Elementary (11th among elementary schools), Prairie Trail Middle School (sixth among middle schools), California Trail Middle School (22nd among middle schools), Olathe Northwest High School (fourth among high schools), Olathe North High School (19th among high schools), and Olathe South High School (25th among high schools).

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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.



- Mahaffie Elementary School received the National Blue-Ribbon School Award from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Olathe Public Schools ranked No. 4 on the Forbes list of top 30 Kansas employers.
- Olathe West High School received the 2021 Green School of the Year Award from the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education.
- Olathe Public Schools was honored in the Kansas State Department of Education's 2021 Star Recognition Awards Program, receiving the silver distinction in Social-Emotional Growth and Postsecondary Effectiveness, the bronze distinction in Graduation, and the copper distinction in Prepared for High School Graduation.
- The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) recognized Olathe Public Schools for excellence in budget presentation with the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for the 2021-22 budget year.
- The Olathe Chamber of Commerce named all Olathe Public Schools educators as recipients of the chamber's 2021 Corporate Citizen of the Year award.
- **Outstanding Athletes: CHAMPIONS!**
 - Anjali Hocker Singh, Olathe North High School, was named the Gatorade Kansas Girls Cross Country Player of the Year.
 - The Olathe North High School gymnastics team won the 6A state title.
 - Ella Margheim, Olathe North High School, won first place in all four of her events at the state gymnastics championships, as well as won the All-Around category.
 - The Olathe West High School girls cross country team earned the Kansas 6A state title.
 - The Olathe South High School boys cross country team won the Kansas 6A state title.
- The Olathe West High School boys soccer team won the 6A state championship title.
- The Olathe Northwest Raven Dance Team won the National Dance Association Championships in three categories: Large Varsity Jazz, Large Varsity Team Performance and Large Varsity Game Day.
- The Olathe Northwest High School Girls Track and Field team ranked first overall in the Girls 6A State Track and Field competition.
- The Olathe North High School Boys Track and Field team ranked first overall in the Boys 6A State Track and Field competition.
- Olathe West High School 2022 graduate Elyes Ellouz was named the 2021-22 Gatorade Kansas Boys Soccer Player of the Year.

