

OAKRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Where Kids Come First

Oakridge Public Schools is a comprehensive school district that provides programming and educational opportunities for all the district residents from pre-school age through adulthood. We have an Early Childhood and Community Education Center, a Lower Elementary (grades 1-3), an Upper Elementary (grades 4-6), a Middle (grades 7-8) and High School (grades 9-12). We enjoy strong community support. Oakridge Public Schools truly is "Where Kids Come First."



2005 - 2006 Statistics

Enrollment:

Elementary:	966
Middle School:	320
High School:	605
Total:	1,891

Percentage of graduates: 85%

Graduates who further their education: 79%

Years of Operation: 40

Average class size:

Elementary:	24 per classroom
Middle School:	25
High School:	24.4

Average Teacher Seniority: 10.5 years

Certified Teachers: 100%

Teachers with Masters Degrees: 29%

Guidance: 3 Social Workers
3 Counselors

Innovative & Proven Instructional Programs

Before & Beyond K-12

Adult Education
Even Start
Head Start
Michigan School Readiness
Tuition Preschool

Elementary:

Art (Grades K - 6)
Band (Grades 5 - 6)
Developmental Kindergarten
Interdisciplinary Teaming Classrooms
Library/Media Centers
Looping
Music/Choral Music (Grades K - 6)
P.A.L.S. Physical Education Program (Grade 6)
Physical Education (Grades K - 6)
Student-led Parent/Teacher Conferences
Technology Literacy (Grades 1-6)
Traditional Kindergarten
Transition First Grade

Middle & High School:

Adaptive Studies for Students with Special Needs
Advanced Placement (AP) Chemistry
Advanced Placement (AP) English
Advanced Physical Education
Alternative Education (Grades 9 - 12)
Art (Grades 7 - 12)
Band (Grades 7 - 12)
Career Preparation & College Visits
Choral Music (Grades 7 - 12)
Conflict Management Seminar
Honors and Advanced Placement English
Jazz Band
Newspaper
Physical Education (Grades 9 - 12)
Reading and Writing Strategies
Study Trips
Vocational Consortium
Yearbook

Facilities

Some of the following have been supported by \$17.65 million bond issue, passed by voters in 1998: building renovations and additions including 13 new classrooms, new playground equipment, new high school with 25 new classrooms, new track and outdoor bleachers, window and door replacement, improved parking lots, grounds and landscaping.

Career Education

Elementary: Career exploration through literature, classroom speakers, & field trips
Secondary: ASVAB, career fairs, Career Pathways, career related classroom activities, classroom speakers, dual enrollment, Educational/Employability Development Plan, job shadowing, MOIS, vocational-technical education

Technology

District web site with Parent Internet Viewer
All teachers have at least one computer
T-1 Internet speed available to every classroom
Gigabit network (100Mb switched to the desktop)
Computer labs in every building
Phone in every classroom
Full time technical support
Shoreline Fiber Network

Family Literacy Services

Through the Oakridge Early Childhood and Community Education Center, complete family literacy services are available. Wraparound services are provided, so children can attend school and high quality child care programs while parents complete their high school diploma or GED. Parents obtain valuable parenting education, become involved in their child's schooling, and are given strategies to extend education at home. Barriers such as lack of transportation and lack of affordable child care are overcome through the integration of services from several programs, including Even Start, Head Start, Michigan School Readiness Program, Kindergarten and Adult Education.

Athletics

Member of West Michigan Conference Class B football, volleyball, basketball, track, cross country, soccer, cheerleading, baseball, softball.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Elementary

Basketball
Boy Scouts
Girls on the Run
Girl Scouts
Little League
Rocket Club
Soccer
Softball & T-ball
Student Council (Grades 4 - 6)

Middle School & High School

Academic Track (Grades 7 - 8)
Creative Writing Club
Drama (Grades 9-12)
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Geography Bee (Grades 7 - 8)
GVSU Water Quality Study
Marching Band
Medieval Banquet
National Honor Society (Grades 11 - 12)
Physics in the Park (Grades 7 - 12)
Quiz Bowl
Rocket Club (Grades 5 - 10)
Science Olympiad (Grades 9 - 12)
Service Projects
Showcase
Student Council (Grades 7 - 12)



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We take great pride in our school. Please call to schedule a tour of our facilities.