



Osceola Indians



Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable summer. As we begin this new academic year, I want to express how grateful we are for your continued partnership and support. The energy and excitement that come with the start of a new year are felt across our district, and we are committed to providing your children with the best possible educational experience.

Our dedicated teachers, administrators, and support staff have been hard at work preparing classrooms, updating curriculum, and planning engaging lessons to ensure that every student feels welcomed, challenged, and supported. This year, we will continue to focus on academic excellence, student well-being, and creating a safe environment for all.

As always, strong communication between home and school is key to student success. We encourage you to stay involved, ask questions, and reach out to your child's teachers or school leaders if you ever have concerns. Thank you again for trusting us with your child's education. We're looking forward to a wonderful year filled with growth, learning, and achievement.

Sincerely,

Brian Wishard
Superintendent of Schools



Welcome Back Night

The Elementary, Jr. High, and High School will be holding a "Welcome Back" night Thursday, August 14th 6:00-7:00 pm. This will allow students and parents to drop off school supplies, meet their teachers, learn some of the classroom policies, set up lockers, and pick up their class schedules. This will be for the 3 year olds, Pre-K/Early Childhood Development through 12th grade. Hope to see you there!

Bus Schedule

First Student Bus Company will be providing bus transportation for our district. Lisa Cox is the bus manager. She may be reached at 660-251-1553.

Families will be contacted about any changes in the regularly scheduled pick-ups. New families will be informed of the approximate scheduled time of pick-up at the time their student is enrolled. Any questions regarding the bus route schedules may be directed to the elementary office at (417) 646-8333. During the first week of school, bus drivers may be adjusting their times as they become familiar with the routes.

Please notify the driver ahead of time (if possible) if your child will not be riding. Many factors affect the time the bus arrives at your home. If the bus arrives early, the driver will wait until your scheduled pick-up time, if needed. Encourage your child to be ready at least 10 minutes prior to your scheduled pick-up. Please call the office by 2:30 p.m. if you need to change your child's drop off location. To maintain an efficient schedule, it will take the cooperation of all riders.

Buses will be equipped with FM band radios for communications with the school.

Start of School

The first day of school for the 2025-2026 school year is Tuesday, August 19, 2025. Students in grades PK-6 have been pre-assigned to their classes, and when they arrive at school they will be directed to their classroom and teacher. Breakfast begins and buses arrive at 7:40 am, classes begin at 8:00 am.

4 day week

School will be in session Tuesday through Friday beginning at 8:00 am. Interior doors will unlock at 7:30 am. Students may arrive anytime between 7:30 am and 7:55 am. They will be marked tardy if they arrive after 8:00 am. School will dismiss at 3:36 p.m.

PARENT PORTAL



The portal/app gives ALL parents and students access to assignments, grades, and attendance.

- iPhone: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/teacherease-parents-students/id1232341133>
- Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.teacherease.mobile.android&hl=en_US

School Enrollment Dates

Elementary (Grades K-6) -- Only for new students in the district, enrollment will be held August 6th, 7th, and 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day.

7th Grade students and parents should plan to attend 7th grade orientation at 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 6th. Students will receive their schedule and locker number at that time.

8th -12 Grade students can pick up a copy of their course schedule (and 9-12th grade students will select lockers) on Thursday or Friday, August 7th and 8th from 8:30am-3:00 p.m.

Students in Grades 7-12 **NEW** to the district can enroll on Wednesday, August 6th between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

New Employees

We have new employees in the district listed below. Please take the time to introduce yourself and welcome them to Osceola.

Paul Carney (Weights, Football Coach) Dawn Bonk (Special Education Teacher) Ayden Billington (Para) Rodney Leiber (Returning) Mackenzie Wohlers (2nd Grade Teacher)



School Cancellation

When school cancellation is likely, please be aware that in the case of school closing the public will be notified by the following methods: School Facebook website, School Messenger, Local radio and television media.

The District will post school cancellations on the Osceola School District facebook page. Springfield television and radio stations are contacted. We encourage you to access these stations for information. School closing information may be available on other media outlets and websites but we have no control over these and cannot guarantee the availability or accuracy of the information. In order to ensure you are contacted in the event of a school closing or emergency, please make sure your most recent contact information is updated and on file with the school district!

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/osceola-public-schools-mo/id6479171693>

Android: <https://www.osceola.k12.mo.us/>

College Credit and Advanced Placement Classes Offered

Classes for college credit will be offered at the Osceola High School for the 2025-2026 school year. Classes include Advanced Livestock, Advanced Agronomy, Advanced Literature, Speech & English IV. There will be numerous additional online dual credit courses available through our partnership with Missouri State University & Springfield Public School's LAUNCH program. College credit for those weighted classes is available only to juniors and seniors completing the classes. Payment for these classes will be made during the first few weeks of the school year to the respective universities.

Student Accident Insurance

Note: The school does not carry accidental or health insurance on students.

The school encourages all families to carry accidental and health insurance on their children. Students will be required to provide proof of insurance before participating in some activities. Families interested in student accident insurance are encouraged to contact their insurance agent. Families meeting income guidelines may be eligible for insurance through Missouri's MCPlus program, interested parents should call 1-800-348-6627.

Sex Offenders Law

Please note that a state law and school policy make it illegal for sex-offenders to visit school property under most circumstances. Specifics can be found on the school website under [board policy KK](#).

Release of Student Information

Osceola Schools will release the names, addresses, and telephone numbers to military recruiters upon request. Parents have the right to request that the information not be disclosed. If you wish this information not to be disclosed, you need to request in writing that the information be withheld without your prior written consent.

The school may also release directory information to other parties when appropriate. The district has determined that the following information regarding the district's students is not harmful or an invasion of privacy and therefore will release this information without first obtaining parental consent. If a parent, guardian, or person acting as a student's parent in the absence of a parent or guardian, or the student (if 18 or older) does not want the district to release the information listed below, they must notify the district in writing within ten days of receiving this mailer of the information they do not want to be released.

The following information may be released without obtaining parental consent: Student's name; parent's name; address; telephone number; electronic mail address; date and place of birth; grade level; major field of study; enrollment status (e.g., full-time or part-time); participation in officially recognized activities and sports including audiovisual or photographic records of the openly visible activities thereof (e.g., artistic performances, sporting contests, assemblies, service projects, awards ceremonies, etc.); weight and height of members of athletic teams; dates of attendance; degrees, honors, and awards received; most recent previous school attended; and photographs including photographs of regular school activities that do not disclose specific academic information about the child and/or would not be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy.

Breakfast and Lunch Program

You will need to send money in advance (preferably by the week or month) so that your child may purchase breakfast, lunch, milk, or A La Carte items. The money needs to be put in an envelope with your child’s name, grade, and amount included. Meal Payment Envelopes may be picked up in the Elementary and High School offices. All monies received after 9:00 a.m. will be credited on the next business day.

Each time your child purchases a meal, the money will be deducted from their account. If you do not wish your child to purchase A La Carte items a block can be put on the account. Elementary students are not permitted to purchase A La Carte items. If your child is on the free/reduced lunch program you must send money before they may purchase additional milk or A La Carte items. There will be no cash transactions handled through the breakfast or lunch line.

Your JH/HS child has been assigned a Personal Identification Number (PIN) that they will need to memorize and enter on a keypad in order to purchase breakfast, lunch, milk, or A La Carte items. Elementary students will have a lunch card.

Please note Nutrislice is no longer available for the school lunch menu. To access the menu please look at our school website or [click here](#).

Free and reduced lunch applications are available in the offices and will be handed out during the Welcome Back Night. Click on the forms to print from home:

Free and Reduced Lunch Form [here](#).
Please complete the forms and return to school as soon as possible. 2025-2026 prices for breakfast and lunch are below:

<i>Breakfast</i>		<i>Lunch</i>	
<u>Grades K-6</u>	<u>Free</u>	<u>Grades K-6</u>	<u>Daily Lunch</u>
<u>Grades 7-12</u>	<u>Daily Brkfst</u>	Reduced price	\$0.40
Full Price	\$1.45	Full Price	\$1.95
Reduced Price	\$0.30	<u>Grades 7-12</u>	<u>Daily Lunch</u>
Extra Milk	\$0.50	Full price	\$2.05
A La Carte	Prices Varires	Reduced price	\$0.40

Immunization Requirements for School Children

Please provide a current copy of immunizations for ALL students on the first day of school.

All eighth graders must have a Tdap and meningitis vaccination. ALL seniors must also have a meningitis vaccination. If the senior received one prior to age 16 they must get a booster shot. NO EXCEPTIONS.



School Supplies!

For the Elementary School Supply List [click here!](#)

For the JH/HS School Supply List [Click here!](#)

Osceola School District
2025-2026 CALENDAR

August– 9 Days
12 New Teacher In-service
13-15 Teacher In-service
14th Welcome Back Night 6-7 pm
19 First day of school
25 School in Session

AUGUST 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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JANUARY 2026						
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January– 16 Days
1 New Year’s Day
5 Teacher In-service
6 Students Return
19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

September– 19 Days
1 Labor day
8 School in Session
15 School in Session

SEPTEMBER 2025						
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FEBRUARY 2026						
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February– 16 Days
2 Teacher In-service
16 President’s Day

October– 19 Days
13 Columbus Day
15 End of 1st Quarter (37 Days)
27 P/T conferences
31 Halloween

OCTOBER 2025						
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MARCH 2026						
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March– 14 Days
9 Teacher In-service
16-20 Spring Break
13 End of 3rd Quarter(40 Days)
30 School in Session

November– 14 Days
10 Teacher in-service
11 Veterans Day
24 School in Session
26-28 Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER 2025						
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APRIL 2026						
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April– 17 Days
3 Good Friday(No School)
5 Easter Sunday
13 Teacher In-service

December –12 Days
8 Teacher In-service
19 End 2nd Quarter(36 Days)
End of 1st Semester (73 Days)
25 Christmas

DECEMBER 2025						
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MAY 2026						
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May– 13 Days
4 Makeup Day
17 Graduation 3 pm
18 School in Session
21 Last Day (11:30 Dismissal)
End of 4th Quarter (35.5 Days)
End of 2nd Semester(75.5 Days)
22 Teacher Work Day
25 Memorial Day

Totals: 148.5 Days
1074 Hours

