



Thank you for submitting an application to enroll your middle or high school child(ren) in the OASDs K-12 eAcademy for the 2020-21 school year! This resource is meant to assist you in making your final enrollment commitment and includes important information about eAcademy and student and parent expectations. Please read this document in its entirety, including the various links and resources, and complete the commitment request as detailed below.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

1. Read the following “Important Factors to Consider” (below)
  2. Complete the required OASD K-12 eAcademy Final Enrollment Commitment ( below)
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## **Important Factors to Consider Prior to Making a Final OASD eAcademy Enrollment Commitment**

### **Understanding eAcademy at the Middle School/High School Level**

We know that enrolling in a fully online, yearlong virtual school experience is a big decision. Please take a moment to learn more about middle school and high school learning in the OASD’s K-12 eAcademy from our very own OASD eAcademy staff.

- [Understanding eAcademy: Middle School Course Preview - Sixth Grade Language Arts](#)
- [Understanding eAcademy: High School Course Preview - Algebra 1 \(Semester 1\)](#)

### **eAcademy Daily Schedule**

- Oshkosh eAcademy follows the OASD Academic School-Year Calendar.
- Online learning at the middle and high school levels is designed for those who desire more flexibility, more of a challenge, or who excel outside of a physical classroom.
- Students in grades 6-12 are expected to spend a minimum of 6 hours a day on school work. Similar to a traditional school schedule, students will be expected to work approximately one hour per course each day. This time estimate is a combination of reading online modules, taking notes, typing documents, joining discussion threads, and connecting with their instructor(s).
- Students will log into their scheduled number of classes daily and complete the assignments due that day. Students may work ahead of schedule with teacher permission. NOTE: OASD policy requires full-time students in grades 6-11 to have six courses. If on track to graduate, grade 12 students are allowed to have five courses.
- The majority of online instruction is delivered using a flexible asynchronous format.

Teachers provide personalized instruction and 1:1 support in the online classroom using email, text, and zoom meetings. Teachers host open virtual office hours where students can get extra help and personal attention as/if needed.

- Students will be required to check in with their teacher during school hours.
- As a middle/high school parent you are an integral part of your child's education especially when choosing a fully virtual school option. Parents are expected to monitor their student's progress and maintain communication with their student's instructor or learning coach.
- Students will be using Buzz as their learning management system. Parents will be given a parent account in Genius, similar to Infinite Campus, to track progress.
- School counselors will help schedule classes based on grade level requirements or graduation requirements. **All efforts will be made to use the course schedule already created in Infinite Campus.**
- An extensive online high school course catalog is available depending on grade level. High school honors courses, AP courses, and a variety of electives are available, but may be provided by a non-OASD state certified teacher.
- Students will be expected to complete an online orientation prior to beginning a course.
- Online students may participate in extracurricular activities at their OASD home school.

| <b>Sample of Student Daily Online Schedule</b>   |  |
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| 7:30 - 8 a.m.  | Breakfast: Wake up, prepare work space/environment   |
| 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.  | Log into morning classes (Hours 1-3): Students check for announcements from teachers, and begin working through the modules assigned for that day/week with the use of the pace guide and teachers' directions |
| 11:30 a.m.   | Lunch, time to relax   |
| 12:30-3:30 p.m   | Continue with afternoon classes (Hours 4-6)  |
| 3:30 - 6:30 p.m  | OPTIONAL: Student participates in middle/high school extracurriculars at their home school   |
| <p><i>NOTE: Breaks throughout the day are encouraged, and provide opportunities for application of learning. It is essential middle school and high school students follow a daily schedule that works for them while meeting program and course expectations.</i></p> |  |

### **eAcademy Teachers**

- At the middle/high school level, the OASD's eAcademy is taught by dedicated, certified OASD teachers who are available throughout the week as needed. Teachers provide group instruction, as well as personalized, one-on-one guidance and feedback.
- Middle school and high school students will have **multiple** teachers. Students are assigned a grade-level/subject certified OASD teacher who will teach their core subjects. Additional high school electives may be taught by a state certified teacher.
- Students taking specials that require special certification will receive instruction from a teacher certified in that subject area.

## **eAcademy Curriculum**

- eAcademy uses curriculum that is both interactive and rigorous while aligned to Common Core State Standards and designed for virtual instruction. This is different from the OASD's adopted district core curriculums that are aligned to Common Core State Standards and designed for classroom instruction.
- The eAcademy curriculum will be delivered to the student at their current grade level (Math, English, Science, and Social Studies). For example, a student in 9th grade will receive 9th Grade English. To achieve success, students are expected to submit multiple assignments in each course weekly. Students can learn at their own pace; however, "any pace" still means that students must make progress in the course every week.
- To measure learning, students independently complete self-checks, practice lessons, multiple choice questions, written assignments, projects, discussion-based assessments, quizzes, and final exams.
- **Students with IEPs:** The eAcademy curriculum does not allow for modifications of the content, thus parental support is essential for students with IEPs who are not working at grade level academically (refer to your child's most recent IEP and Present Level of Performance to determine). A special education teacher will ensure accommodations available with the eAcademy curriculum/format are accessible, however, specially designed instruction is not able to be directly provided given the eAcademy curriculum format. If students have related services in their IEP (i.e. speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and or physical therapy) teletherapy will be provided.

## **eAcademy Supplies**

- The OASD will provide a device for each student.
- Families are responsible for obtaining the basic supplies needed for traditional middle school and high school core subjects.

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## **FINAL STEP: Enrollment Commitment**

After reading the important factors detailed above, it is our hope that you now have a clear understanding of the OASD's K-12 eAcademy and how it would work for your family. We know that this is an important decision and are committed to providing an exceptional, fully-virtual learning experience for your family.

**Ready to confirm or withdraw?!** Please complete the [Full Time Middle/High School Student/Parent Agreement Form](#) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

As a reminder, a full-year commitment for middle and high school students is strongly recommended as transitioning at semester may not align with the OASD curriculum.

**We are excited to welcome your family into the OASD's K-12 eAcademy for the 2020-21 school year! Additional back to school information will be provided as we approach the start of the school year.**

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