

Annual Report to Public—OCABS Charter School

Presentation at the OCABS Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 10th

5:00 pm in the school cafeteria

By November 15th each year, every public school in Arkansas is required to publish in a local newspaper an annual report. The report must “outline the school’s progress toward accomplishing our program goals, accreditation standards and addressing any deficiencies” that have been identified by the Arkansas Department of Education.

From the OCABS School Board:

In this **Annual Report**, we present our OCABS Charter School’s program goals and accreditation status. OCABS (Osceola Communication, Arts and Business School) does not have any deficiencies from the Arkansas Department of Education; therefore none are listed in this report.

Program goals

OCABS is a small, innovative, year-round, open-enrollment public charter school providing a fully accredited high school diploma to its students. In the 2009-2010 school year, we have students enrolled in grades 7-12. The school’s goals are as follows:

1. Adhere to our ACSIP (Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Program)
2. Meet our measurable goals as listed in our Charter with the Arkansas Department of Education
3. Ensure that all our students meet or exceed AYP (adequate yearly progress) on all state mandated End-of-Course exams and tests within the next four years.

Accreditation Standards

OCABS met all accreditation standards in the 2008-09 school year and holds an accreditation letter from the Arkansas Department of Education.

These standards include

1. All OCABS teachers are licensed through the Arkansas Department of Education.
2. Increase parental understanding of the smart core graduation requirements

Continual Improvement

OCABS does not have any state mandated deficiencies to correct. In an effort to self-improve, we audited ourselves and identified improvements that we wish to carry out over the next four years. We voluntarily created a four-year plan to accomplish our desires. Items in the plan include

1. Build “Panther Pride” through the further development of our 6S program
2. Implement our Parent Involvement Plan through our PTO.
3. Increase the effectiveness our wellness program to create healthier students, improve students’ Body Mass Index, BMI, and decrease school absences due to illness.

4. Increase methods to ensure that all of our students meet our 95% attendance goal
5. Continue to build strong character and a sense of philanthropy in our students using the *Choosing Civility, The 25 Rules of Considerate Conduct* philosophy and *Complaint Free* living.
6. Prior to graduation, ensure that all of our students have enrolled in at least one current credit college class.
7. Ensure that 100% of our graduates are approved for college scholarships
8. Partner with area businesses to ensure our students embrace a strong work ethic and provide our students with opportunities for internships, apprenticeships and school credit for work.
9. Abide by the Malcolm Baldrige Education Criteria and receive the Governor's Arkansas Quality Award
10. Continue our zero tolerance of student misbehavior and disruption in the classroom

Any questions about this report can be sent to us, via e-mail, at ocabs@yahoo.com or by calling the school office at 622-0550. The public is encouraged to keep up the school through the school's website, www.osceolacommunityschool.com.