



IMPORTANT DATES FOR APPLICATIONS

Students and Parents are strongly encouraged to attend ONE of the Recruiting Meetings

Recruiting Dates: October 3rd or 19th, or November 9th or 27th

at the Odessa College Saulsbury Campus Center at 6:00 pm in the Zant Room (upstairs)

Application Opens Online: October 10, 2023 at 8:00 am

Application Deadline: January 15, 2024 at 11:59 pm

OCA Lottery and Principal Verification: January 23-26, 2024

Student & Parent Notification of Acceptance by Email: January 30, 2024

Deadline to respond to the Acceptance Email: February 2, 2024

PLEASE READ APPLICATION CAREFULLY / READ IT WORD FOR WORD, PLEASE

OCA Student Applicant:

Greetings from the Blue Wolf Family!! Odessa Collegiate Academy Early College High School (OCA) is an accelerated academic and technology-based high school program located on the Odessa College (OC) campus. After 4 years of study, our students earn a distinguished high school diploma, an Associate Degree from Odessa College, and will make plans to transfer to a university of their choosing to complete their 4 year bachelor degree. OCA will average between 450-500 students for the 2024-2025 school year and will accept approximately 125 incoming Freshmen. Our students take about 20 Honors-level high school classes from trained and certified ECISD teachers over four years and approximately 20 college classes from OC professors. As a result, our students graduate with BOTH a high school diploma and a college associate degree (worth 60+ college hours) at the end of their senior year. In addition, students accepted into our program take their college classes tuition-free.

OCA is looking for self-motivated and highly organized students who accept the challenge of rigorous classes that require daily and weekend homework, and also writing-intensive assignments. Our students receive a windows-based Lenovo laptop for working on all their high school and college coursework in Blackboard. After our students graduate, they are expected to transfer to a four-year university and finish their bachelor's degree at their chosen college. Our students choose from five degree plans for their associate degree: **Biology, Business Administration, General Studies - Liberal Arts, General Studies - STEM, and Teaching EC-6th Grade.**

Are you willing to work hard, participate in all your classes, manage your daily homework, attend tutoring, have excellent attendance, and strive for consistent A's and B's? In that case, OCA may be the place for you! Earning your associate degree by the time you graduate from high school gives you a significant advantage as you transfer to a four-year university. **Are YOU ready to meet the academic challenges and join the OCA Blue Wolf Family?** We hope so!

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Admission Criteria for Incoming Freshmen:

The criteria for selecting students for admission are below:

- Student must meet the requirements for promotion from 8th to 9th grade.
- Student must have completed ALL portions of the application for admission.
- Principal reviews the 1st Semester Grades and Attendance of the 8th Grade Student in early January
- Student and parent(s)/guardian(s) may be asked to attend an interview with the OCA and OC staff.
- Student must attend the ECHS Summer Bridge Program which will be July 29 – August 1, 2024.
- While attending OCA, if the student experiences issues with attendance, tardiness, discipline, low grades due to lack of effort, inability to pass college placement exams, or lack of parent/guardian cooperation, the administration reserves the right to recommend that the student be dismissed from OCA and return to his/her home campus.
- Most students OCA will accept are incoming Freshmen (current 8th grade students) for the 2024-25 school year. Each year we accept approximately 125 students for the incoming Freshmen class.

OCA will award priority points in the lottery to students who are:

- English Language Learner
- Socio-economically disadvantaged
- At-Risk, according to PEIMS standards identified by ECISD
- Sibling (brother or sister) to a current OCA student
- Have a parent who is a Full Time Employee of ECISD
- Have a parent who is a Full Time Employee of Odessa College

TRANSFER STUDENT CONSIDERATION – PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF THE CRITERIA BELOW APPLIES TO YOU:

- Transfer students are considered if there is room in their grade level cohort and if the student meets expectations for admittance. Before consideration of 10th, 11th, or 12th grade, the principal will meet with the student and parent and will review their high school transcript to ensure the student is on track to graduate on time. If the student has college credits, that transcript will be reviewed, too. Please contact the school if you are interested in transfer options. This application must still be completed for transfer students.
- OCA also considers or accepts transfer students from other Early College High School programs in Texas. Please contact the school if this applies to you.
- OCA considers or accepts 10th grade students at the beginning of the school year in August OR in early January at the beginning of the 2nd semester IF the grades and credits on their high school transcript are acceptable. Please contact the school if this applies to you.
- OCA also considers or accepts 11th grade students at the beginning of their 11th grade year in August IF they have passed the Reading and Writing portion of their TSIA2 Exam before the school year begins. This allows the 11th grade student to take college classes immediately. Please contact the school if this applies to you.
- OCA also considers or accepts 12th grade students at the beginning of their 12th grade year in August IF the student has already passed the Reading/Writing and the Math TSIA2 Exam, and has already taken/passed a significant amount of college classes which would allow the 12th grade student to graduate with an associate degree in May. Please contact the school if this applies to you.

1. We have read and understand the above admissions criteria for OCA. YES NO

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PROGRAMS / Associate Degree Plans: Please read about the recommended college courses you would take in each degree plan:

Biology

- OC courses provide students majoring in biological sciences with a broad and sound foundation for advanced study at an upper-level, 4-year university.
- Probable College Courses taken: Frameworks, PE, Speech, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Macro-Economics, Texas Government, English Composition I & II, US History, College Biology, College Chemistry, British Literature I & II, College Algebra, Genetics, US Government, Pre-Cal, Calculus I, Micro-Biology.

Business Administration

- Business administration is a broad field of study and contains many possible majors. Courses offered include those required by a 4-year university at the freshman and sophomore levels.
- Probable College Courses taken: Frameworks, PE, Speech, Art Appreciation, Texas Government, Business Principles, Business Computer Applications, English Composition I & II, US History, Business Math I & II, College Biology, British Literature I & II, Macro-Economics, Micro-Economics, US Government, Business Law, Accounting I & II.

General Studies - Liberal Arts emphasis

- Take classes to explore your interests. Customizable to meet the needs of your future 4-year university goals.
- Probable College Courses taken: Frameworks, PE, Speech, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Art History, Western Civilization I & II, English Composition I & II, US History, College Biology, British Literature I & II, College Algebra, Macro-Economics, US Government, Texas Government, Pre-Calculus, Creative Writing

General Studies - STEM emphasis

- Take classes to explore your interests. Customizable to meet the needs of your future 4-year university goals.
- Probable College Courses taken: Frameworks, PE, Speech, Art Appreciation, BCIS, Macro-Economics, Texas Government, English Composition I & II, US History, College Algebra, College Biology, British Literature I & II, Pre-Calculus, US Government, Intro to Engineering, Calculus I & II, Engineering Statistics

Teaching – Early Childhood - 6th Grade

- The Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) is a specialized academic associate degree program designed to transfer in its entirety to a baccalaureate program that leads to initial Texas teacher certification.
- Probable College Classes taken: Frameworks, PE, Speech, Art Appreciation, Texas Government, College Biology, Physical Geology, English Composition I & II, College Chemistry, Intro to Teaching, Intro to Special Topics (Education), British Literature I & II, College Algebra, Macro-Economics, US Government, Lifespan Development by Grade Level, Texas History, Math Fundamentals I & II

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Program of Study:

Select the program you would like to pursue while at OCA.

2. Choose ONE:

Biology

Business Administration

General Studies – Liberal Arts

General Studies STEM

Teaching EC-6th

Future Student / Parent Recruiting Nights:

If you would like to learn more about OCA and our Programs of Study, we are holding 4 Parent & Future Student Recruiting Nights.

You can meet the Principal, Counselor, & Current Students and learn more about Odessa Collegiate Academy.

Those nights are:

- **Tuesday, October 3rd, 6:00 pm, Zant Room, OC Saulsbury Campus Center**
- **Thursday, October 19th, 6:00 pm, Zant Room, OC Saulsbury Campus Center**
- **Thursday, November 9th, 6:00 pm, Zant Room, OC Saulsbury Campus Center**
- **Monday, November 27th, 6:00 pm, Zant Room, OC Saulsbury Campus Center**

Choose only 1 Recruiting Night to attend.

- **If you would like to learn more about OCA before or after you submit your application, or have questions, we encourage you to contact the school and make an appointment to meet with the OCA Principal.**

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Student Essay:

To be completed by the STUDENT in their OWN WORDS. The essay is OPTIONAL, and has no impact on acceptance or not acceptance, but does give the OCA Principal and/or Counselor the opportunity to learn more about the applicant.

3. Show off your writing skills with an essay of **300-500 words** answering the three prompts below. The OCA Principal and/or Counselor, will read your essay to learn more about you. Please make sure you **address all 3 prompts completely** in your essay. It is important that the essay be no shorter than 300 words and no longer than 500 words. Write concisely, please.
 - What would you like to do as a profession after you graduate college and why?
 - If one of your friends asked you to explain why you want to attend OCA, what would you tell them? Please be specific.
 - An early college high school offers/requires coursework that combines both high school and college courses in a collegiate setting. Explain why you feel prepared to handle this type of educational experience.

Essay:

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Student Commitment and Student Expectations:

Student must read the following and sign at the bottom to indicate understanding.

OCA, in partnership with OC, is a school of unique programs committed to student success. Self-determination and personal independence in a public school can only exist when all students, parents, and staff share a set of values and standards.

As an OCA student, I will adhere to the following guidelines to help me be successful:

- I will attend school every day to learn and arrive at all classes on time; tardiness will result in missed knowledge and disciplinary action.
- I will maintain satisfactory attendance (90% or better).
- I will contact my OC instructors myself when I am going to miss a college class.
- I understand my college classes may end after the regular school day, and I will attend these classes.
- I understand my college classes may occur on ECISD Student Holidays, and I will attend these classes.
- I will demonstrate the ability to be an independent worker by keeping track of homework, turning in assignments on time, and completing work with simple modifications (as may be stated in an IEP or 504 plan).
- I will attend After School Tutorials and Saturday Tutorials as assigned.
- I will seek help in class and attend tutoring when I need additional help.
- I will strive to follow the OCA Core Values, honor the school rules, and accept the consequences listed in the OCA and Odessa College Student Handbooks and the ECISD Code of Conduct.
- If I make a mistake, I will tell the truth and accept responsibility for my actions.
- I will behave maturely and respectfully, cooperating with teachers, OCA staff, OC staff, visitors, and classmates at all times.
- I will act safely and respectfully in all school and community environments.
- I will abide by the ECISD student dress code.
- I will wear my School ID on campus at all times (Student ID's are \$20 to replace)
- My backpack will have an OCA backpack tag at all times (backpack tags given to students)
- I will remain informed of all OCA requirements and policies.
- I will have my parent/guardian attend required parent meetings 3 to 4 times a year.
- I will replace lost or destroyed property. (i.e., school equipment, student laptops, textbooks, supplies, etc.)
- I understand the AVID elective is required each year while I am a student at OCA.
- I agree to stay at OCA for four full school years.
- I commit to attending OCA all 4 years and graduate with an OCA high school diploma, an Associate Degree from Odessa College, and plan to attend a university of my choosing after graduation to finish my 4-year bachelor degree.

Failure to adhere to these commitments could result in a student losing their placement at OCA. In addition, the student's parent/guardian will be notified, and a mandatory conference will be scheduled.

4. Student Signature:

Parent / Guardian Responses:

Please answer the following completely, your answers will not determine acceptance or not acceptance.

5. Please check the appropriate box for the following questions:

- Is your student currently in the AVID program at his/her school? YES NO
- Do you consider your family economically disadvantaged? YES NO
- Does your student have a sibling currently attending OCA?
If YES, type the name of the OCA student below. YES NO

- Is your student a child of a current full time Ector County ISD employee?
If YES, type the name of the Ector County ISD employee below. YES NO

- Is your student a child of a current full time Odessa College employee?
If YES, type the name of the Odessa College employee below. YES NO

- Does your student qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch Program? YES NO

- Does your student have medical needs that our campus nurse needs to know? YES NO
 - If YES, what are those medical needs?

6. An early college high school student must be disciplined academically as well as socially. What do you see as your student's greatest strength?

Enter your answer:

7. What support systems does your student need? (example – time, tutoring, technology support, social/emotional support)

Enter your answer:

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Parent / Guardian Commitment and Expectations:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must read the following and sign at the bottom to indicate understanding.

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As an OCA parent/guardian, I/We will adhere to the following guidelines to help our students be successful.

- I/We will make certain our child is at school on time every day, missing only for illness or emergencies.
- I/We will always notify the high school when our child is absent, and I/We will ensure all school work is completed.
- I/We understand our students' college classes may end after the regular school day, and our student is expected to attend. I/We will plan for transportation after these classes are over for the day.
- I/We understand our student's college classes may occur on ECISD Student Holidays, and our student is expected to attend. I/We will plan for transportation on these days.
- I/We will plan for our students to have transportation after the regular school day, by no more than 1 hour.
- I/We will plan for transportation whenever our student needs to attend after school tutorials.
- I/We will plan for our student to attend Saturday Tutorials whenever it is assigned.
- I/We will always be available to our students and to the school staff to address any concerns.
- I/We will make sure that our student completes all assignments by due dates/deadlines.
- I/We commit to supporting our students to be successful in high school and college classes.
- I/We will strive to help our students follow the OCA Core Values, honor the rules, and accept the consequences listed in the OCA and Odessa College Student Handbooks and the ECISD Code of Conduct.
- I/We will help our students abide by the ECISD dress code.
- I/We will remain informed of all OCA requirements and policies.
- I/We will attend required parent meetings 3-4 times a school year.
- I/We will replace lost or destroyed property. (i.e., school equipment, school laptops, textbooks, supplies, etc.)
- I/We understand the AVID elective is required each year as a student at OCA.
- I/We commit to having our student attend OCA all 4 years and graduate with an OCA high school diploma, an Associate Degree from Odessa College, and plan to send our student to a university of their choosing after graduation to finish their 4-year bachelor degree.

Failure to adhere to these commitments could result in a student losing their placement at OCA. In addition, the student's parent/guardian will be notified, and a mandatory conference will be scheduled.

Please acknowledge to continue the application.

I/We understand to the above detailed parent / guardian commitment and expectations.

8. Signature – Parent / Guardian 1:

9. Signature – Parent / Guardian 2: (only if applicable)

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Parent / Guardian Considerations:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must read the following and answer YES or NO to the questions below.

Transportation

The Ector County Independent School District (ECISD) provides transportation for OCA students. Families request bus services online like you would for any other ECISD school.

Curriculum

Every student in OCA is given the opportunity to challenge themselves by taking Honors high school classes taught by ECISD teachers and college courses taught by OC professors starting their freshman year of high school. The number of college classes will increase as students' progress from their freshman year to their senior year.

Campus

OCA is located on the OC campus in Deaderick Hall. Students will take their high school coursework in Deaderick Hall with ECISD high school teachers and college coursework with OC Faculty in various Odessa College buildings as assigned.

YES NO 10. I/We understand and agree to the above-detailed parent/guardian considerations.

Internet/Technology at Home:

OCA is a technology-based high school. Therefore, **ALL OCA families must have dependable internet services at home.** Students are expected to work on assignments at home while online in the evenings and during the weekends. In addition, our students turn in most of their assignments online in Blackboard. Without dependable internet service at home, our students would struggle significantly and be academically disadvantaged.

If you are considering OCA as a high school for your student to attend, dependable and reliable internet service at home is a necessity.

YES NO 11. I DO have dependable and reliable internet service at home so my child can complete their online high school and college assignments.

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Athletics and Fine Arts at OHS or PHS:

Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must read the following and check the YES/NO box at the bottom to indicate understanding.

We rarely have students who try to participate in either athletics or performing fine arts (band, orchestra, choir, theatre) at Odessa High School (OHS) or Permian High School (PHS) due to the scheduling of OCA and OC classes. The 8:00 am – 3:40 pm OCA bell schedule consists of eight 80 minute block class periods that change every 9-weeks. Therefore, we cannot accommodate activities that meet during our school day as our bell schedule does not match the OHS/PHS bell schedule. OCA students must remain in class at OCA/Odessa College from 8:00 am – 3:40 pm.

Also, there is no bus transportation provided between OCA and OHS/PHS. The parent/student must provide transportation to any activities that meet before 8:00 am or after our school day ends at 3:40 pm.

We urge you to discuss your situation with the OCA Principal BEFORE you commit to any extra-curricular activities at OHS/PHS. As an OCA student, you must attend our classes from 8:00 am – 3:40 pm, daily.

Note - as an OCA student, you will receive a free membership to the Odessa College Sports Center where you can play recreational basketball, volleyball, racquetball, swim, or utilize their weight room, cardio room, or indoor track after school. You can also attend to watch Odessa College women's volleyball games or men's/women's basketball games at the Sports Center or women's softball games behind the Sports Center.

YES NO 12. We understand the above detailed athletic and fine arts considerations and restrictions.

Information for the OCA Counselor

13. Please check the appropriate YES/NO box for the following questions, your answers will not determine acceptance or not acceptance.

- Is the student an English Language Learner or in an ESL Program? YES NO
- Will the student applying be the first to graduate high school in your family? YES NO
- Will the student applying be the first to graduate college in your family? YES NO
- Does your student receive Special Education services? YES NO
- Does your student receive 504 services? YES NO

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Acknowledgement of OCA Honors Classes:

Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must read the following and check the YES/NO box at the bottom to indicate understanding.

OCA teaches high school classes using the Honors curriculum for ECISD. This is no different than attending an Honors class at Permian High School or Odessa High School (previously called Pre-AP). The rigor in the OCA classes is intentionally higher so that our students are prepared for the rigor and workload of college classes at Odessa College.

Our Honors high school classes are writing intensive, project and presentation-based, and require homework evenings and weekends. These classes require students to turn in assignments online through Blackboard. Our students are also expected to check their school emails often, usually daily. OCA students will communicate with OCA teachers and OC professors via email and monitor their grades online in Blackboard for every class.

Our Honors high school courses for OCA are weighted at 60% for Major assignments and 40% for Minor assignments. Our OCA teachers assign at least nine grades every nine weeks grading period.

Also, by enrolling in OCA, I also understand my child will no longer be designated as Gifted and Talented (if applicable) due to my child taking college classes that are in place of GT high school core classes.

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| YES | NO | 14. | We, the student and the parent, understand that if the student is accepted, he or she will be taking Honors high school classes (non-GT classes) that are writing-intensive and require homework evenings and weekends. We also understand that the student will submit assignments online in Blackboard. It is expected of the student to communicate with their teachers and professors often through their school emails and also in person. |
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Summer Bridge Acknowledgement:

Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must read the following and check the YES/NO box at the bottom to indicate understanding.

If accepted to OCA, the student will attend four days of **Summer Bridge which will be Monday – Thursday, July 29 – August 1, 2024. There will also be a required parent meeting on Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm, in the Deaderick Auditorium.**

Summer Bridge attendance July 29 – August 1, 2024 is required for the student to be admitted into Odessa Collegiate Academy.

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| YES | NO | 15. | We understand and agree to attend Summer Bridge from July 29 – August 1, 2024. |
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Student Behaviors and Expectations

Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must read the following and check the YES/NO box at the bottom to indicate understanding.

OCA students are guests and are privileged to be on the campus of Odessa College. OCA students are expected to behave as positive and polite young adults at all times. Student misbehavior that involves violations of the ECISD Student Code of Conduct can result in immediate dismissal. Examples of violations for immediate dismissal are fighting, alcohol or drug possession or use, chronic truancies or tardies, chronic bullying or harassment, threats to students or adults, refusal to complete assignments, gang-related activity, chronic misbehavior, severe violations of electronic devices, cyber-bullying, and anything that would require placement at the Alternative Education Center.

YES NO 16. We understand and agree to the above detailed student behavior expectations.

ECISD Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must read the following and check the YES/NO box at the bottom to indicate understanding.

ALL student families will apply for the ECISD Free and Reduced Lunch Program each year while at OCA. We want to ensure all students have the opportunity to qualify for free and reduced lunches. Being eligible for this program also helps our students qualify for college application fee waivers and scholarship opportunities. Grant money may also be available for schools that complete the application. Therefore, OCA must have a high participation rate concerning the application. The application is new each year, beginning July 1st. Completing the application is a yearly requirement for all students and their families in the ECISD early college high school program at Odessa College.

YES NO 17. I/We understand and agree to complete the ECISD Free and Reduced Lunch Program Application every school year, even if I/We think our family does not meet the eligibility requirements.

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Acknowledgement of Uncensored Curriculum:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must read the following and check the YES/NO box at the bottom to indicate understanding.

Uncensored Curriculum

OCA is part of a college. On college and university campuses, the free exchange of ideas is mandatory and expected. Censorship of views or opinions is not allowed or supported. For that reason, OCA parents must understand that students attending OCA will be exposed to and will be expected to participate in open exchanges of ideas, discussions, debates, and class assignments concerning every possible kind of subject matter. These subject matters may include religion, politics, human sexuality issues, etc. Views expressed about these topics may differ from the ideas and teachings they have been exposed to previously. A free flow of ideas and discussions occurs in high school and college classrooms and throughout the college environment. Every effort is made to enforce civility, reasonable restraint, courtesy, and tolerance of all ideas, beliefs, and viewpoints. However, every OCA student may have their values and beliefs challenged at various times while enrolled in this program. Students and parents must accept, understand, and agree that the school cannot, and will not, take any measures to censor ideas or opinions generated as a part of the educational process of the high school or college.

Resource and Internet Access

Access to information resources at Odessa College (OC), including the Learning Resource Center (LRC - library) and the Internet, is not filtered or blocked, as it is at other ECISD schools. However, OCA students are required to use these resources to fulfill course requirements. Therefore, they may come in contact with materials that would have been screened, censored, or filtered if they were attending a regular ECISD campus.

YES NO

18. I/We understand and agree to allow my/our student complete access to the LRC and Odessa College internet and all other informational resources available at OC with no expectation of blocking, filtering, screening, or censoring of any kind. I/We understand that the college environment is where a completely free academic environment exists and agree to participate in this environment fully.

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Acknowledgement of Monitoring and Supervision:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must read the following and check the YES/NO box at the bottom to indicate understanding.

Personal Maturity and Responsibility

OCA operates in partnership with OC. Students accepted to OCA need to adopt and exhibit a serious attitude towards their classes, learning, and academic preparation for college and the workplace. Therefore, OCA students must assume a much greater level of personal responsibility for themselves, their safety, and the results of their decisions than other high school students are expected to demonstrate. Parents must support and encourage this, as well. This high level of expectations is absolutely mandatory, especially where the following several items are concerned:

Campus Movement: Monitoring and Supervision

A college campus has people coming and going all day at all times. OCA students must move around campus from class to class, building to building, without supervision. OCA students will be in college buildings with other adult college students. OCA Juniors and Seniors may be in college classes with adult college students.

In addition, students may move around campus independently during extended schedule breaks, meal times, and the occasional canceled class. Specific places will be designated where students are expected to be when not otherwise assigned. OCA will exercise reasonable and appropriate supervision and oversight within our available staff and time limits at Deaderick Hall. Every student will eventually have a unique and individualized schedule that will require them to move around campus at different times and to and from various buildings and classrooms. For that reason, specific continuous monitoring and supervision of all students is impossible. Due to the unique academic environment offered by OCA, the school district and its employees are not responsible for student whereabouts or safety when they are not in a scheduled class, school activity, or when they choose to leave campus at a time other than dismissal time as designated by OCA/OC.

Check-In System

The check-in system, available on ECISD campuses, which requires campus visitors to submit a driver's license, will NOT be available outside the OCA space of the Deaderick Hall building. Visitors to OC will come and go, as is expected on a college campus. Parents must understand this and agree to hold their own children, not the OCA/OC staff or administration, responsible for their choices. This includes, but not limited to, who they associate with and who they accept rides from on and off-campus. Students who drive themselves or ride with others approved by their parents will be considered as having their parents' permission to come and go on-campus and off-campus. All students are required to sign out in the OCA main office if they leave campus before the end of the day.

YES NO 19. I/We understand and agree to the above detailed monitoring and supervision considerations for my student at OCA and OC.

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ECISD and OC Photo/Video Consent:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must read the following and select their YES/NO permission box.

At OCA, there are many opportunities or circumstances in which a student may be photographed or videotaped. Reasons for photographing and videotaping ECISD students include:

- Good News Publicity through local newspapers and other publications,
- Publicity through ECISD and OC publications, including the community newsletter and special brochures.
- Presentation of ECISD programs to other public organizations such as the Region 18 Service Center, other school districts, state and local educational organizations.
- OCA and OC programs and activities
- OCA and OC social media and websites

I understand that occasionally my child's name may be used in an article, presentation, picture caption, or used on OCA and Odessa College's social media sites.

YES NO 20. I DO give permission for my son/daughter to be photographed/videotaped and name used in the course of their time at OCA.

Survey & Other Information:

21. How did you learn about OCA? Check all that apply.

- Friend / Relative
- Phone / Text
- Social Media
- Flyer / Email
- Website
- Learned about OCA at my current school
- Other

You are almost done 😊!! The next page is the last page of the application. Before you go to the last page, please review your application and make sure you have completed ALL 21 items completely. Review it carefully. The directions on the last page are very important.

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LAST ITEM: THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!

You are completing a fillable PDF application document. Once completed, please save your document.

The title of your save document needs to be the FIRST and LAST name of your student.

Example – “OCA Application for John Smith” would be the title of your saved document.

You will then upload the PDF document to the online application.

Acceptance Letter Notification for Students and Parents – Please Read Carefully

ECISD / Odessa Collegiate Academy will EMAIL acceptance notifications to students/parents beginning January 30, 2024.

You must ACCEPT or DECLINE the acceptance to OCA in the email by February 2, 2024.

Failure to acknowledge / respond to the acceptance email by February 2, 2024 will result in you being removed from the list of accepted OCA students. February 2, 2024 is a hard deadline. There are no exceptions if you respond late to the email or never respond to the email.

This is consistent with OCTECHS, New Tech Odessa (NTO), and STEM Academy, which are the other choice high schools in ECISD. All 4 choice high schools (OCA, OCTECHS, NTO, & STEM) have agreed to send email notifications on January 30, 2024 and the deadline to accept or decline their schools is also February 2, 2024.

NOTE - If you are an ECISD student, OCA has access to your 1st semester grades, attendance, and discipline record. We will review them in early January and before you are considered for the lottery. There is no need to send them to us.

ALSO NOTE - If you are a non-ECISD student (attending a private, charter, or non-ECISD school) you will need to email your complete first semester grades, attendance, and discipline record to us at oca.admissions@ectorcountyisd.org or drop off a copy to our OCA main office in early January 2024. We must have this information before we review your application and are considered for the lottery. This includes Ector College Prep Middle School.

The applicant must make sure that the email address AND mailing address on the application is 100% correct.

Students who apply after January 15, 2024, will not be considered for the lottery selection.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS!

Application Opens Online: October 10, 2023 at 8:00 am

Application Deadline: January 15, 2024 at 11:59 pm

OCA Lottery and Principal Verification: January 23-26, 2024

Student & Parent Notification of Acceptance by Email: January 30, 2024

Deadline to respond to the Acceptance Email: February 2, 2024

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING TO ODESSA COLLEGIATE ACADEMY!

WE HOPE YOU BECOME A FUTURE MEMBER OF OUR BLUE WOLF FAMILY 😊!