



# Oakes Public School

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Dear OES Parents:

On Wednesday, May 20th, we conducted our Annual Review for the 2023-2024 school year. To conduct the review, we gathered data on student achievement and analyzed current programming. Based on our Needs Assessment and current Title I Program; priorities of our Schoolwide Program are identified below: ·

- K-2 teachers adopted a new reading series called, Superkids, with this being the first year of implementation. Educators have expressed their extreme satisfaction with the program and look forward to seeing improved test scores in the upcoming years due to the rigor of the content. Educators will receive continued learning opportunities with the focus on the Science of Reading.
- In March, 3-6 educators began the process of a curriculum adoption cycle for a new ELA reading series. In August, these educators will begin implementation and are excited to also see improved test scores.
- The continuation of a 100-minute reading block and 100-minute math block has been shown positive results. Learners are grouped based on their skill levels for a portion of the instruction block, allowing for personalized instruction and remedial instruction as needed based on data from interim assessments.
- This school year, a team of educators met on a biweekly basis with a clear focus on learner intervention. This team has a goal of revision to our MTSS PATHWAY, as it is essential in meeting learner levels of understanding. This document includes the prescribed programming specifically targeted to address needs of all students no matter where they are on the skills continuum.
- A goal is to graduate learners that exhibit our school-wide commitments and Portrait of a Graduate (POG) skills set. All learners K-6 will be exposed and explicitly taught the 16 Habits of Mind. This meets our priority in creating a growth-oriented learners, problem solvers, and critical thinkers. This was the first year of implementation in grades K-5, learners, and educators alike, enjoyed this blocked time weekly to instill these habits into the minds of us all. Next year, all sixth graders will be included in this learning as a part of their school day. In future years, grades 3 and 6 will have a final showcase project displaying how they have played out these habits in their school and community.
- Personalized Competency Based Learning remains at the forefront of learning. Educators will increase the quality of learning time by providing an individually created pathway for each student to increase agency and engagement. By creating individual pathways based on data from continual assessment, students will be afforded opportunities for intervention, enrichment, and acceleration.



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On the spring 2023 NDSA ELA test, 51% of our students in grades 3-6 scored in the proficient or advanced range. On the spring 2023 NDSA math test, 47% of our students in grades 3-6 scored in the proficient or advanced range. On the spring 2023 NDSA science test, 62% of our students in grade 4 scored in the proficient or advanced range.

Oakes Public School Board presented 3 goals by spring of 2027:

Goal 1:

OPS WILL INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO ARE PROFICIENT OR ABOVE IN 3RD GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) AS MEASURED BY THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE ASSESSMENT (NDSA) ELA FROM 48% IN SPRING 2022 TO 80% IN SPRING 2027.

Goal 2:

OPS WILL INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO ARE PROFICIENT OR ABOVE IN 10TH GRADE MATH AS MEASURED BY THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE ASSESSMENT (NDSA) MATH FROM 20% IN SPRING 2022 TO 65% IN SPRING 2027.

Goal 3:

OPS WILL INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO ARE CHOICE READY AS MEASURED BY THE NORTH DAKOTA CHOICE READY REPORT FROM 60% IN SPRING 2022 TO 95% IN SPRING 2027.

These goals are not just grade level specific but rather a collaborative team effort of all educators, learners, and grade levels.

In spring 2023, all students in grades K-6 completed the STAR math and STAR reading test, which is our longitudinal global interim assessment. On the spring 2023 STAR reading test, 58% of our students in grades K-6 scored at grade level or above and 57% of our students met their expected yearly growth goal. On the spring STAR math test, 70% of our students in grades K-6 scored at grade level or above with 54% of our students meeting their expected yearly growth goal. Our data on this assessment was at or above last year's performance.

If you would like more information on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Greg Dobitz, Oakes Elementary Principal by email at [greg.dobitz@k12.nd.us](mailto:greg.dobitz@k12.nd.us) or Tara Steiner, Oakes Elementary Title 1 Educator at [tara.steiner@k12.nd.us](mailto:tara.steiner@k12.nd.us).