



2025-2026 Budget Presentation

Board of Education Meeting
April 29, 2025



Key Components in Formulating a Budget

Students' Current and Future Academic Needs

- Initiatives to Meet Students' Current Needs
- Academic Programs to Inspire Future Growth

Population Trends

- Current Enrollment & Enrollment Trends
- Staffing Needs & State Staffing Data

Facilities & Operations that Create Positive School Cultures

- Safe and Spirited Facilities
- Operational Needs that create positive school cultures





In spite of multi-year budget cuts, the Ocean Township School District is committed to implementing an outstanding, comprehensive educational program designed to meet the needs of every student today and for their tomorrow.



Academic Highlights and Goals



Early Childhood

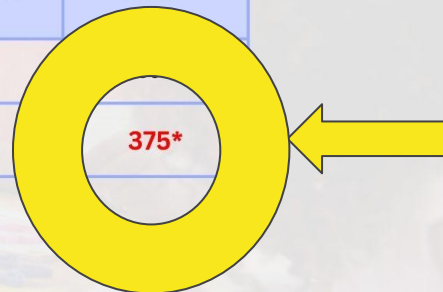
In six years time, the district has developed a thriving Early Childhood program for every 3 and 4 year old residing in Ocean Township.





Projected Preschool Plan 2025-2026

Year	OTES Wanamassa Wayside	Acelero Learning Center	Total Preschool Sections	Total Preschool Seats
2024 - 2025	22	2	24	
2025 - 2026	24	1	25	

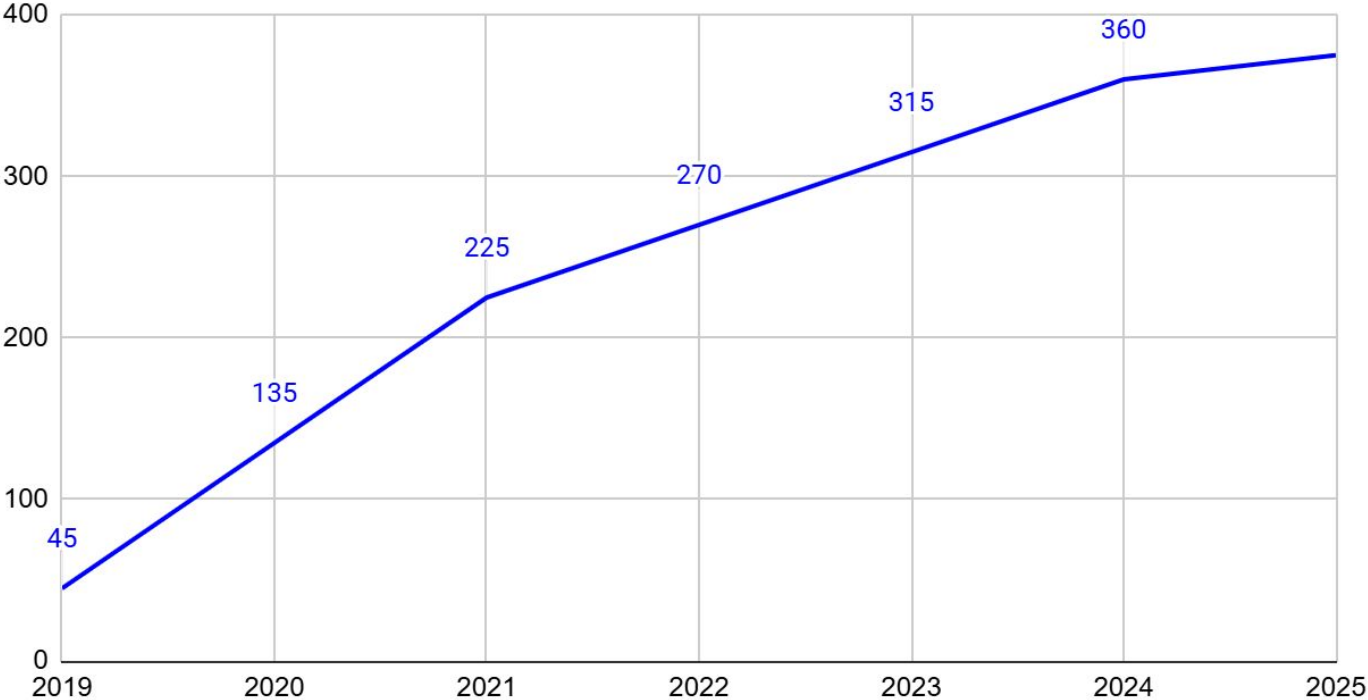


*303 general education seats/72 special education seats

Preschool Plan for 2025-2026



Preschool Enrollment



Preschool Expansion 2019-2025



ESL Initiatives

The district has committed to redesigning the way we deliver instruction for our Multilingual Learners. We continue to collaborate and make adjustments to our district in order to better serve all students and families.



K-12 ESL & Bilingual Programs: Our Team, Beyond the Classroom

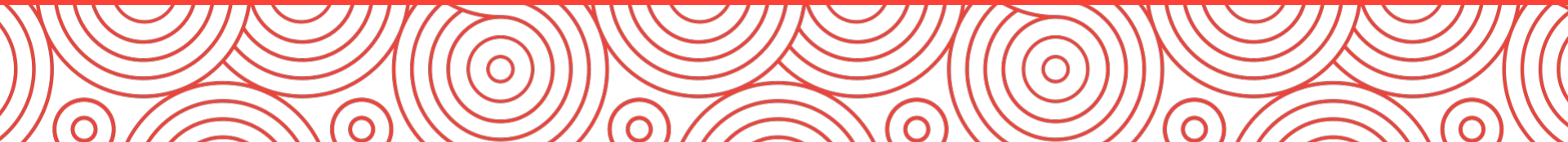


- ★ 12 ESL certified educators district wide (K-12)
- ★ 1 ESL Instructional Coach
- ★ 1 Bilingual Instructional Assistant
- ★ Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (K-12)
- ★ 1 ML Community Outreach Coordinator
- ★ District Wide PD - ML Academy





- ★ Increase participation in Seal of Biliteracy
- ★ Extend collaborative partnerships to all content areas
- ★ Build community awareness and family engagement



Elementary

Academic initiatives in Early Literacy and Mathematics are changing outcomes for students. Ocean Township teachers, interventionists, and instructional coaches have become highly trained in the science of reading and are closing literacy gaps for our Spartans.



LEGACIES LAUNCH HERE

Leading Early Literacy Instruction for All Spartans, K-5



The Township of Ocean School District

The Science of Literacy

Science of Reading	Science of Writing	Knowledge Building
Phonemic Awareness Phonics Word Recognition Fluency Vocabulary Comprehension	Explicit Writing Instruction Writing Practice Collaboration and Feedback	Language Comprehension Building Background Knowledge Activating Prior Knowledge Asking Questions Problem Solving Collaborating with Peers

Adapted from McGraw Hill Education

Our Instructional Approach

The Spartan Early Literacy Journey





IMSE-Orton Gillingham Comprehensive Training
(41 out of 43 K-3 Classroom Teachers)
(13 out of 16 Interventionists)

IMSE Morphology Plus Training
(5 Interventionists)
(2 Classroom Teachers)

Core Program and Professional Development

NJDOE & RUTGERS PARTNERSHIPS

1

**NEW JERSEY TIERED SYSTEMS
OF SUPPORTS-EARLY
READING GRANT (3 YEARS)**

2

**DATA-DRIVEN
INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING
MODEL GRANT (4 YEARS)**

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The Spartan Early Literacy Journey



Secondary

The vertical articulation between TOIS and OTHS grows stronger every year. Learning pathways such as Business, Finance, Visual & Performing Arts, Esports, Technology, and Computer Science are introduced at TOIS, spark interest among our students, and then skillfully honed at OTHS. Our High School does an outstanding job of preparing and graduating highly skilled, marketable students.



OTHS Technology Department

Build your Spartan Legacy Starting Today!

8th Grade Preview Day



Township Of Ocean School District

OTHS Visual and Performing Arts Department

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8th Grade Preview Day



Township Of Ocean School District

Building and Maintaining Spartan Legacies!





Ocean Township High School

has been recognized for the

2024 AP[®] School Honor Roll

for developing an AP program that creates a college-going culture and gives students opportunities to earn college credit and to maximize their college outcomes. Ocean Township High School is also honored with the 2024 AP Access Award for ensuring AP coursework is equally available to students no matter their backgrounds.

Awards and Recognition



SPARTAN SUCCESS



AP Enrollment

Science ^35% (137-185)

English ^71 (65-111)

Math ^36% (69-94)

Social St. ^28% (129-165)

World Lang. ^70% (10-17)

Equity & Access

Career Readiness

Spartan Schools Enrollment

5% increase from
2022/23-2024/25

32% of all Spartans
belong to a
Spartan School

Dual Credit/ Enrollment

Since 2022, nearly doubled the
number of opportunities
from 14 to 27--one
additional post-secondary
partner





Bridging Strengths and Solutions

Increasing opportunities for exploration

Expand period to allow for more in depth lessons

Increased instructional time

Senior options for early release, internships, networking

Shorter block

Reduced gap between classes

Instruction spread over a longer period of time

Smaller number of AP conflicts

Testing equity

Unit Lunch

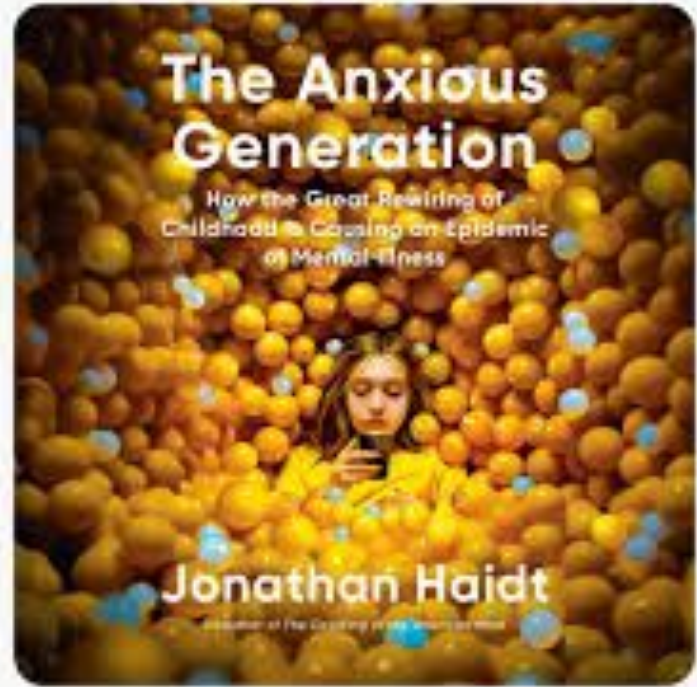
OTHS Rotate and Drop Schedule



Community



WAIT
until
8th



Spartan Partners and Parents working together for our students.



Township of Ocean Early Childhood Advisory Council
Invites You To A



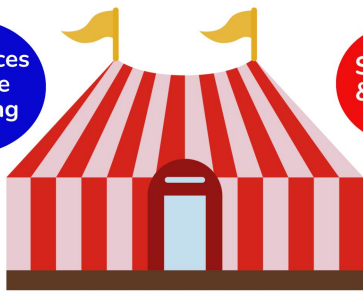
PRESCHOOL



COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

Resources
& Face
Painting

Snacks
& More!



Tuesday May, 20, 2025
4:30-6:30 PM

Ocean Township Elementary School Gym
555 Dow Ave, Oakhurst, NJ 07755

Questions? Interested in having a table? Call Lauren Moore,
Preschool Social Worker/CPIS 732-531-5600 x2402

Township of Ocean
Department of Special Services
Proudly Presents:



SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES FAIR



A FAIR FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL
NEEDS & THEIR FAMILIES TO ACCESS
WONDERFUL RESOURCES IN THE
COMMUNITY. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday May 14, 2025
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Ocean Township High
School Cafeteria

Vendors and Families:

Join our mailing list & get more information & reminders
about this event sent directly to you!

tinyurl.com/OTSPEDFair



Innovation and Arts NIGHT

Join us for a night of innovation and art. Student work will be on
display and families can participate in hands-on, innovative activities.

23
APRIL
6:30pm

Location:

Township of Ocean Intermediate
School
1200 West Park Avenue
Ocean, NJ 07712

Walkup Activities

- Makey Makey
- Ozobots
- VR Goggles
- Green Screen Music Video
- OTHS Spartan Schools

Live Performances

- OTHS/TOIS Band Collaboration
- OTHS/ TOIS Choir Collaboration
- OTHS Drama Club
- OTHS/TOIS Dance Teams
- TOIS Art Show Displays
- Elementary STEAM Tank Presentations

EVENT SIGN-UPS

[Family STEAM
Challenge](#)

[Mario Kart
Tournament](#)

[Escape Room](#)

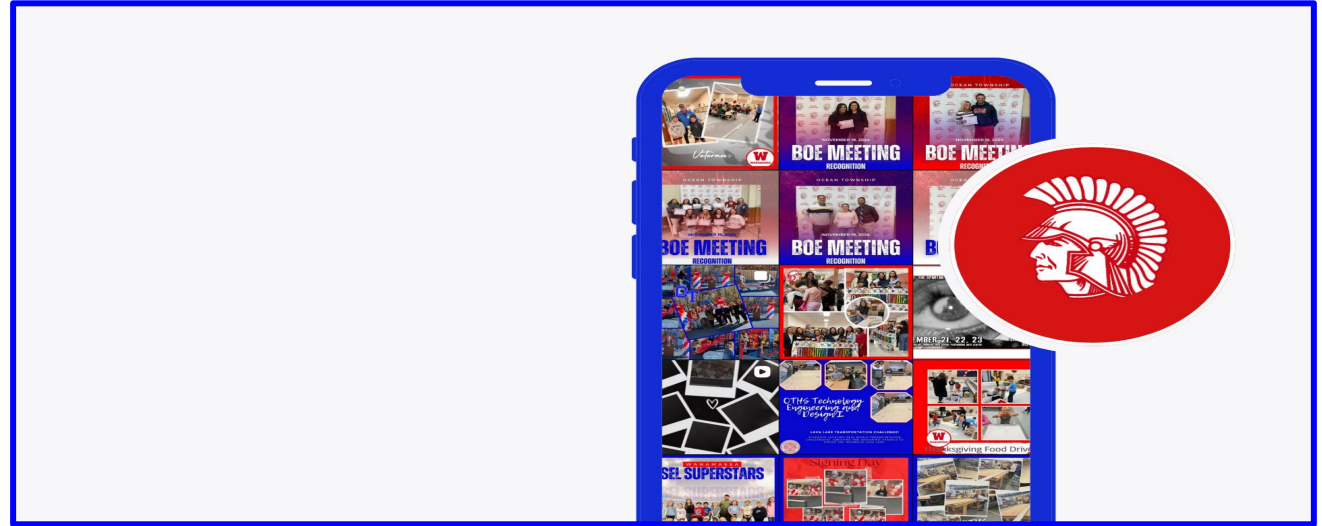
Parent/Community Outreach Offerings



Recognition



Increased Student & Staff Recognition



The 2024-2025 School Year is full of tremendous achievements. Our Spartans have excelled in the classroom, on the field, and in extracurricular competitions at every level.

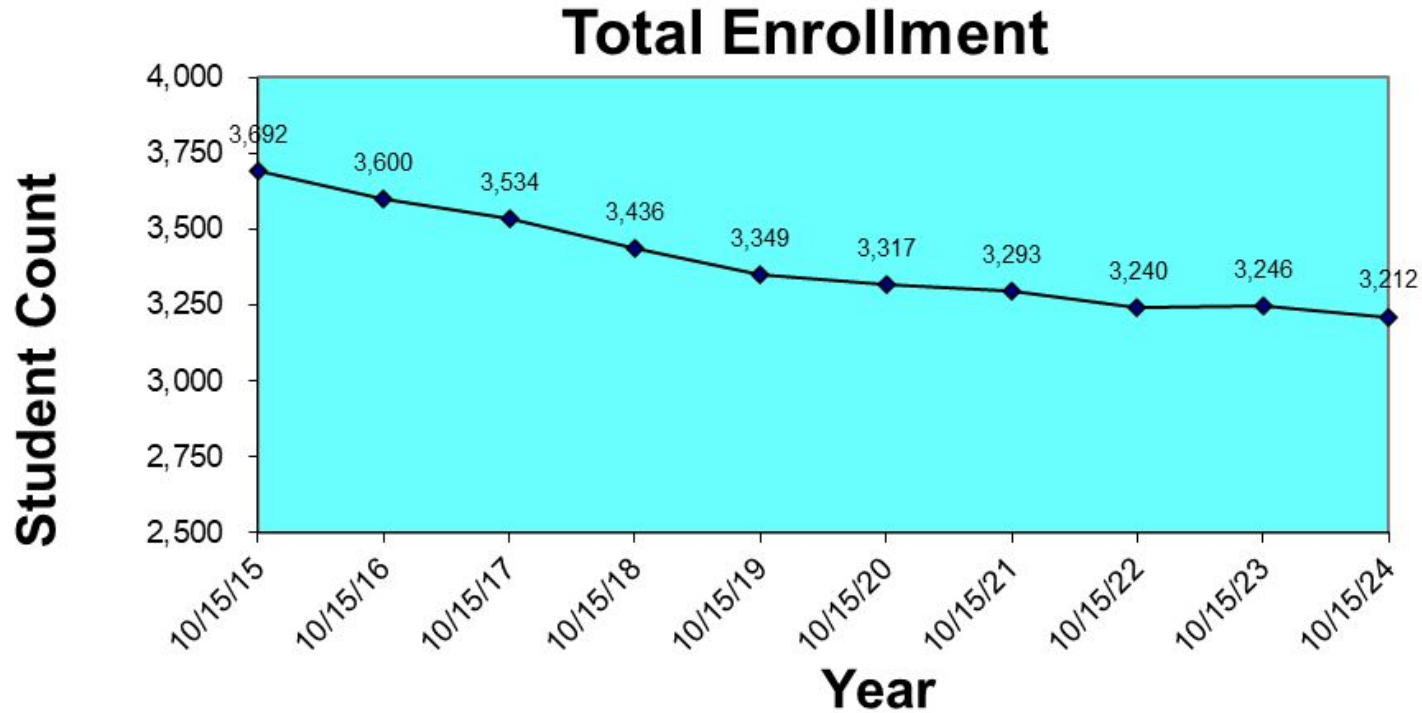
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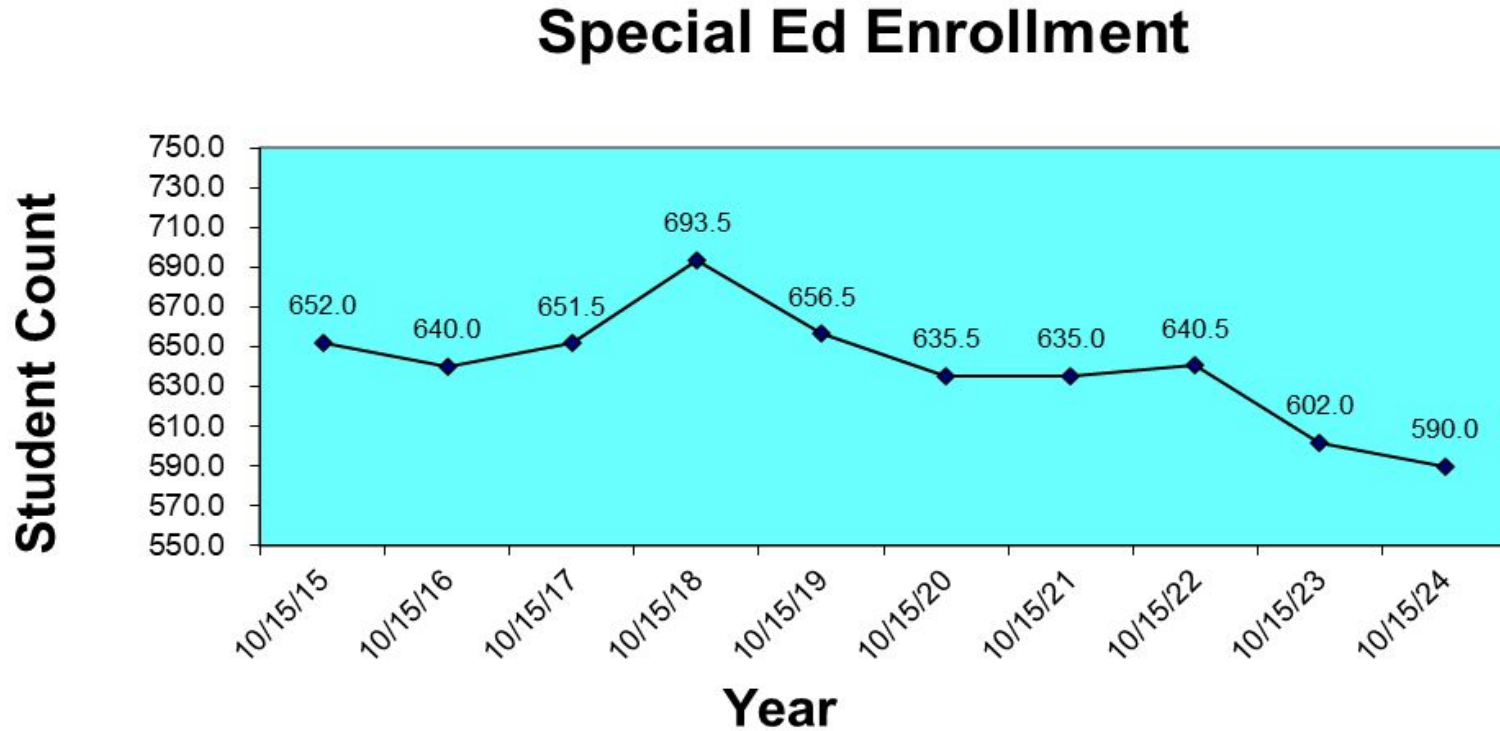
Enrollment Trends



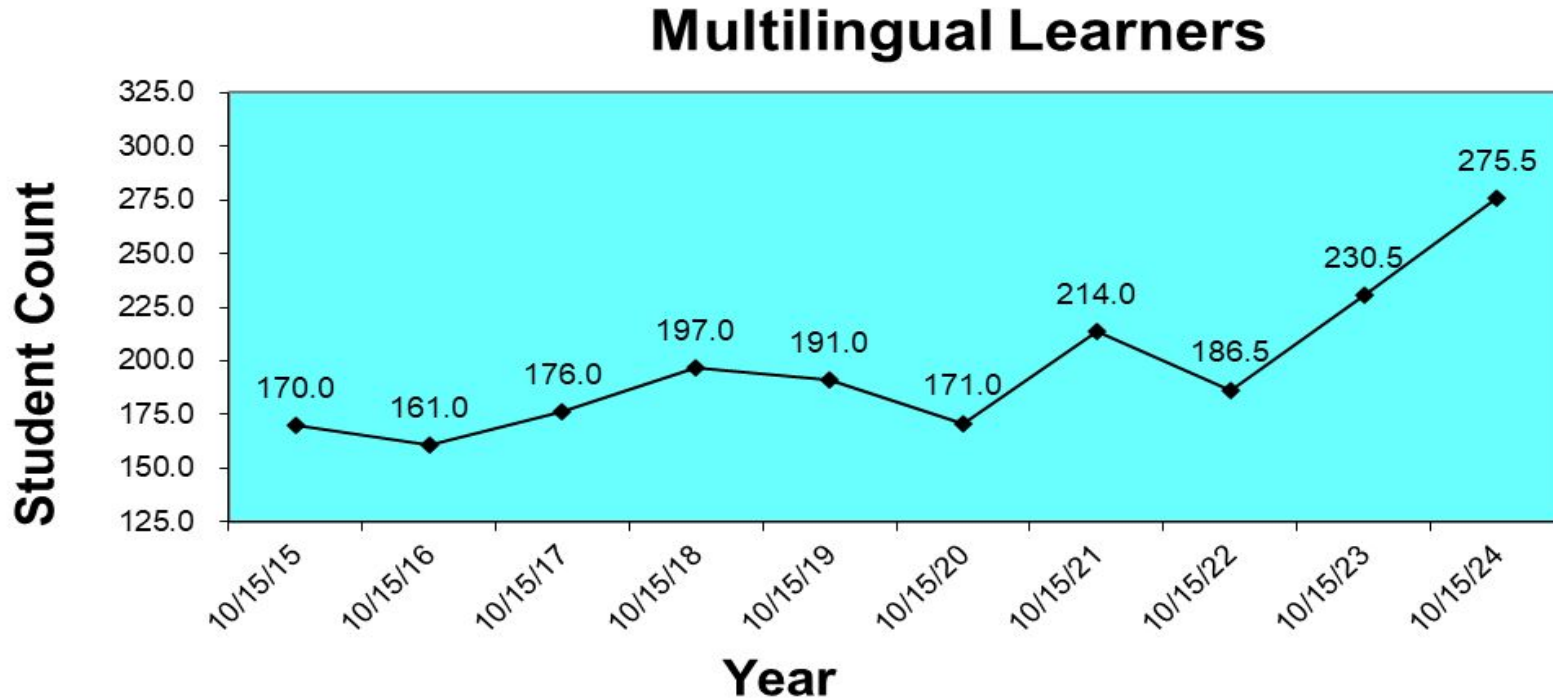
2015-2024 Total Enrollment



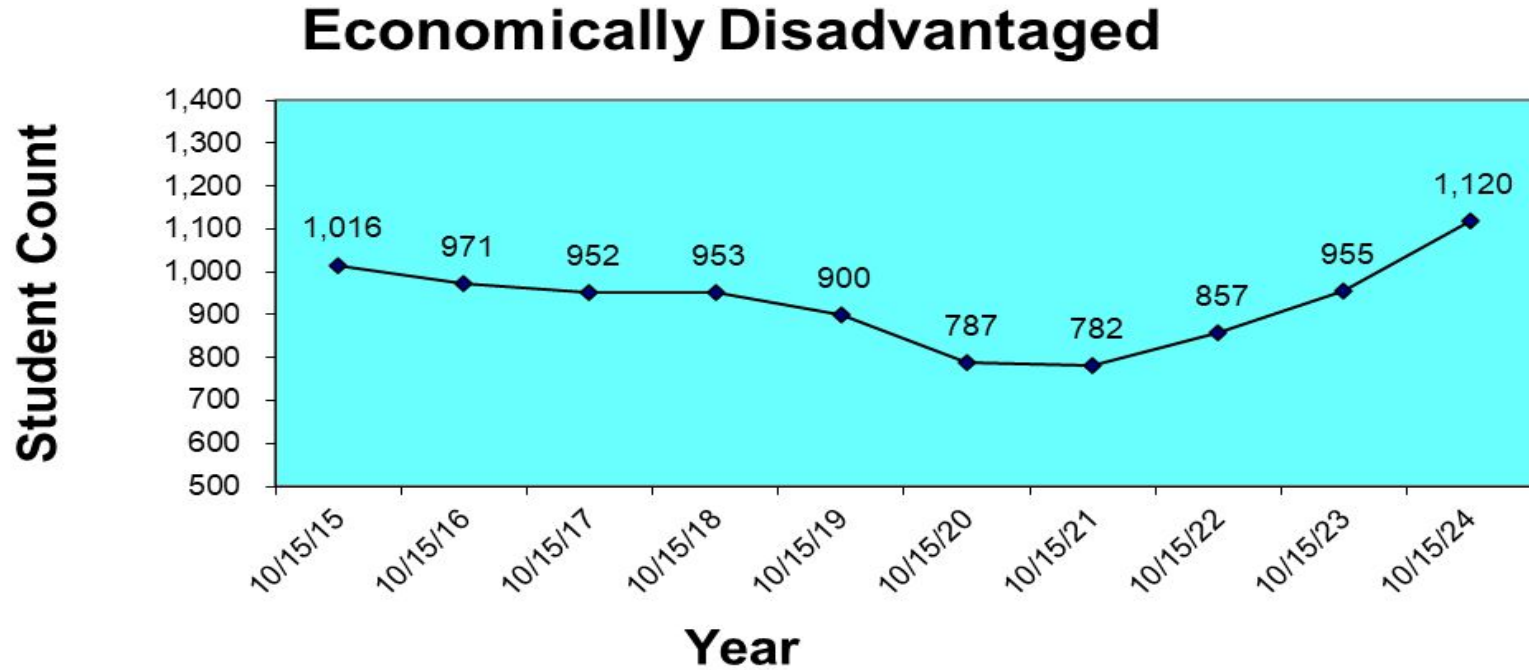
2015-2024 Special Education Enrollment



2015-2024 Multilingual Learner Enrollment



2015-2024 Economically Disadvantaged Enrollment



Staffing Ratios - 2023-2024 Data

The data listed below compares Ocean Township to other K-12 school districts in New Jersey with a student population like ours, 1800-3500 students. There are 74 school districts in that group, and the data below shows where we rank within that group.

Ratios	Ocean	Group Avg.	Ocean's Rank
Students : Teachers	9:1	12:1	73 out of 74
Students : Support Staff	55:1	67:1	56 out of 74
Students : Administrators	132:1	145:1	36 out of 74
Faculty : Administrators	17:1	15:1	9 out of 74



Budget Planning

2025-2026 School Year



Budget Challenges

- 15-20% Increase in Health Care Costs
- 20-30% Increase in Utility Commodity Costs
- Out of District Placement Costs – Tuition and Transportation
- Consumer Price Index, Northeast Region up 3.5 % from a year ago
- Reduction in Federal Grant Funding per Guidance from the Office of Grants Management



Budget Reductions

- Capital: Requests denied include a heat curtain, new windows, stadium turf, new sinks, carpet replacement, tile replacement, interior doors, furniture.
- Supply Cuts from all Departments
- Technology: Requests denied include large room projectors, additional radios, large tv monitors, ceiling mounted microphones, additional cameras.
- Personnel:
 - 27 positions have been eliminated
 - 18 professional - admin, elementary & secondary teaching, counseling
 - 9 support - grounds, IA, IT, secretary
 - Additional stipend positions eliminated
 - only ones that have not been filled in recent years

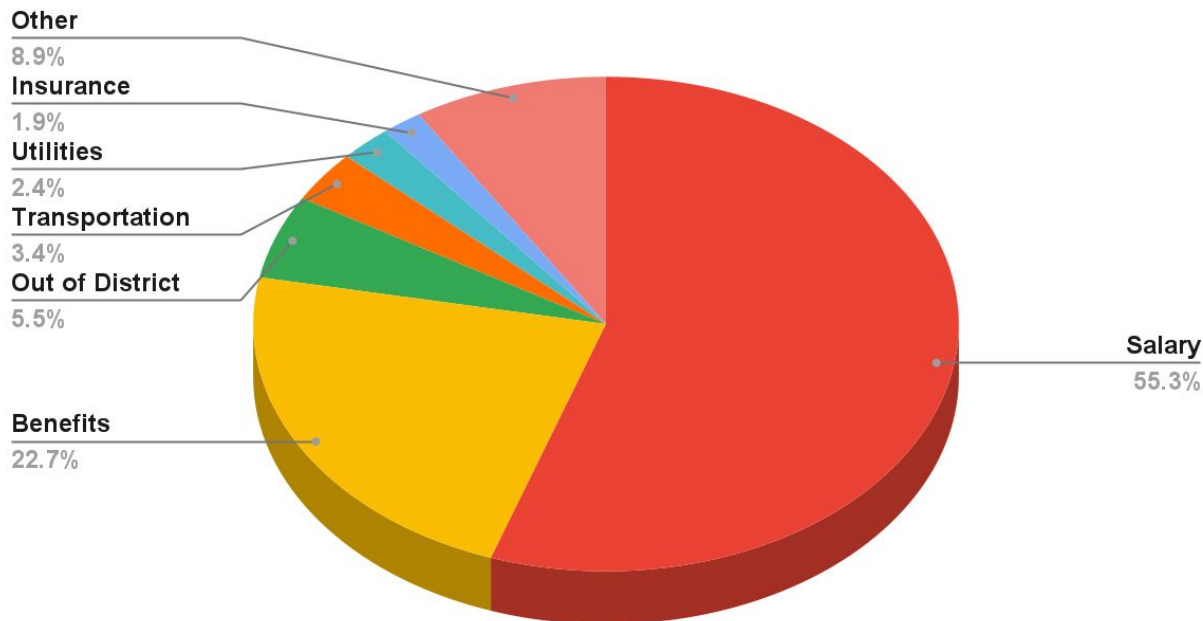


Budget Improvements

- Capital: Requests approved include cafeteria equipment, pole vault pit cover, exterior doors, new bus, new bleachers at OTES, new gym floor at OTIS.
- Technology: Requests approved include additional security measures.
- Academic Supplies: Elementary Literacy, Intervention expenses(due to reduction in grant funding), ESL Online Learning Platform
- Personnel: Added ESL teacher, 2 preschool teachers, 2 preschool instructional assistants.



2026 Operating Budget Expenditures (\$88,559,599)



2026 Budget - Tax Levy

2.00% Increase	\$1,490,624	2.00%
Healthcare Waiver	\$ 314,699	0.42%
Cap Banking	\$ 200,208	0.27%
Total 2026 Tax Levy	\$2,005,531	2.69%

	Annual Increase Monthly Daily		
Average Assessment \$931,676	173.21	14.43	0.47



Questions

