

# Owatonna Online

## Grades 4-6

Back to School - August 2025

### Message from our Principal



#### Welcome to our Owatonna Online 2025–2026 families!

We are so excited to welcome both our new and returning students to another great year of learning with Owatonna Online! As we begin the school year, we have several important events and updates to share with you.

👋 Welcome from the Director

We are excited to share that Dr. Martina Wagner is joining the Grades 4–6 team as director this year! While she is new to the elementary program, Dr. Wagner has served as Owatonna Online's director for grades 7–12 since the 2024–2025 school year. She is passionate about digital learning, values the flexibility it offers families, and is a fierce advocate for alternative learning pathways for students.

Dr. Wagner is available for questions, concerns, or just as a touch point for families. She is thrilled to meet each of you and your student!

✉ Email: [mwagner@isd761.org](mailto:mwagner@isd761.org)

📞 Phone: 507.444.8001

Warm regards,

**Martina Wagner, Ed.D**  
Owatonna Online Director

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## Open House - Tuesday, August 26th

Tuesday, August 26th, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Join us for our Grades 4–6 Open House!

Families will:

- Review programming for the year.
- Meet with a Pearson Connexus point of contact.
- Learn the ins and outs of the student learning management system.
- Explore parent resources to support student success.
- To join the open house please use the link and passcode below:

👉 <https://pearson.zoom.us/j/94438562374?pwd=IERFHKC7o8F2XFz2arIBkner7bN52e.1>

Meeting ID: 944 3856 2374 Passcode: 356072

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## Meet the Team

We are excited to welcome a mix of returning and new staff members to our Grades 4–6 program this year:

- Mr. Ruben Alvarez – Teacher (Grades 4–6) ([ralvarez1@isd761.org](mailto:ralvarez1@isd761.org) )
- Liz Morsching – Social Worker ([emorsching@isd761.org](mailto:emorsching@isd761.org) )
- Mara Shack – Art Teacher ([mschack@isd761.org](mailto:mschack@isd761.org))
- Luke Holt – Phy Ed Teacher ([lholt@isd761.org](mailto:lholt@isd761.org))
- Xandra Sorenson – Music Teacher ([xsorenson@isd761.org](mailto:xsorenson@isd761.org))
- Jen Lopez – English Language Learner Teacher ([jlopez1@isd761.org](mailto:jlopez1@isd761.org) )

We look forward to a fantastic year of learning and collaboration with this wonderful team!

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year filled with learning, growth, and community.

Thank you for being an important part of the Owatonna Online family!

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## One-on-One Teacher Meetings

Your child's teacher will be reaching out soon to schedule a one-on-one meeting. This will be a great opportunity to:

- Discuss the upcoming school year.
- Ask questions.
- Get to know your child's teacher and classroom expectations.
- K-5th Grade Before School Interviews: August 29th, September 2nd, September 3rd
- 6th Grade Before School Interviews : August 29th, September 2nd
- 6th Grade First Day of School: September 3
- 4th-6th Grade First Day of School: September 4

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## Picture Day

**School Name:** Owatonna Online

**Picture Day Date:** Monday, August 25th

**Time:** 3:00-6:00 PM

**Location:** 338 Main Street East (Owatonna Education Center)

**Picture Day ID:** EVT8KN9TK

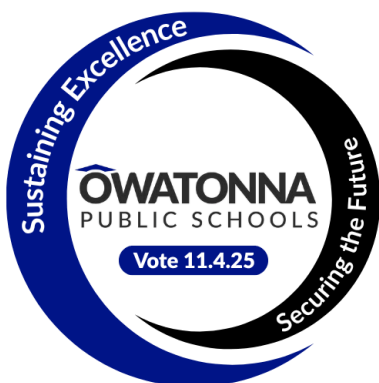
(Picture retake day: Friday, September 26th - Time TBD)



Orders placed on [mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com) will be shipped directly to the student's home.

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## School Board Votes Unanimously



At the June 16 School Board meeting, the Owatonna School Board voted unanimously to hold a special election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, asking voters to consider an increase to the district's operating levy.

The proposal reflects a shared approach by balancing district budget reductions with a request for increased community support, to help:

- maintain class sizes
- retain high-quality staff
- sustain strong academic, arts, and athletic programs

Learn more about the need for this levy and what it means for students and families by visiting: [isd761.org/levy](http://isd761.org/levy).

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## Important Dates



- **August 25:** Picture Day for grades 4-12 / Time: 3:00-6:00 PM / **Location:** Owatonna Education Center - 338 Main Street E.
- **August 26:** Open House (virtual) 3:00-4:00 PM
- **September 1:** No School (Labor Day)
- **September 2:** First day for grades 9-12
- **September 3:** First day for grades 6-8
- **September 4:** First day for grades 4-5
- **September 19:** Homecoming Parade 1:00 PM / Homecoming Football Game 7:00 PM
- **September 26:** Picture retake day / **Time:** TBD / **Location:** Owatonna Education Center - 338 Main Street E.
- **October 16-17:** No School (MEA)
- **October 31:** End of 1st Quarter
- **November 3:** No School (Teacher workday)
- **November 26-28:** No School (Thanksgiving break)
- **December 24-January 2:** No School (Winter break)

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## Infinite Campus Log In

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#### [Infinite Campus Student Portal](#)

- **The username** is the first part of the student's email address.

(no '@[isd761.org](http://isd761.org)' on the end)

- **Password** is the same as the student's Google login (lunch pin).



## Student Email Accounts



**Students** - We email you information often, so please access your email daily! All students have school email accounts and will need to log in daily. Students can do this by doing the following:  
Go to [gmail.com](https://gmail.com)

Sign in using the following information:

**USERNAME:** first initial, last name @[isd761.org](https://isd761.org) \*\*example:  
[jdoe@isd761.org](mailto:jdoe@isd761.org)

**PASSWORD:** lunch pin number.

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## Owatonna Online School Student Handbook

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## Crisis Response



The crisis response inspires hope in adults, children, youth, and their families by delivering compassionate, person-centered, recovery-based mental health support during a crisis. Please do not hesitate to use this as a resource.

1-844-274-7472

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## 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline



If you need suicide or mental health crisis support or are worried about someone else, please call or text 988 or visit the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline chat to connect with a trained crisis specialist.

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## Attendance

GENERAL ATTENDANCE LINE- **507-444-8012**

Call between 7:00-9:00 am or prior to your student's absence.

PARENT PORTAL - Great resource to check your student's attendance!

Review your profile settings regarding automated notifications, current email, and phone numbers.

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## Owatonna Online STAFF

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### TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

If you are experiencing a technology issue while learning from home, you can contact the Owatonna Public Schools Technology Department by leaving a message on the Technology Hotline at **507-444-8630**. A member of the Technology Department will contact you as soon as possible during Technology Help Desk hours.



#### [Technology Help Desk](#)

Technology Help Desk Hours:

**Monday - Friday**

7:30 am - 3:30 pm

507-444-8630

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### Important Links

[Facebook](#)

[School Calendars](#)

[Community Flyers/ Peachjar](#)

[Technology and Innovation](#)

[Nutrition Services](#)

[Children's Remedial Fund](#)

## Parent Portal

[Campus Parent English](#)

[Campus Parent Spanish](#)

[Campus Parent Somali](#)



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## **Nondiscrimination Policy**

Owatonna Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, age, gender identity or expression, or socio-economic status. Students with disabilities are entitled to a free appropriate public education that includes general education, special education and/or related aids and services. Direct reports or concerns to the Title IX Coordinator. More information can be found on the district website: [isd761.org/nondiscrimination](https://isd761.org/nondiscrimination)

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