Owatonna Online Grades 7-12

Back to School - October 2025

Message from our Principal

Dear Owatonna Online Families,

We are off to a strong start this fall! Thank you for your partnership in helping students find success in their online learning journey. Below are some important updates and reminders for October.

🗓️ **Key Dates**

- October 3 – Quarter 1 Midpoint Check-In for Quarter 1
- October 14- Mid point for Trimester 1
- October 14- Owatonna Online Virtual Conferences (3:00-6:00 p.m.)
- Conference link to sign up will be sent out shortly (Watch your email for more details)
- October 16–17 – MEA Break (No School)
- October 31- Last Day of Quarter 1
- November 25- Last Day of Trimester 1

👩‍🏫 **Course Progress & Expectations**

Students should be working daily in their Edgenuity/EdgeEX courses to stay on track. Please remind your student to:

- Log in every school day. Click Here to review how to take Attendance in Infinite Campus.
- Check their pacing chart and progress reports.
- Reach out to teachers or their Achievement Mentor if they are falling behind.

Achievement Mentors will continue checking in weekly to support student progress and engagement.

📊 **Parent Portal & Progress Reports**

We know some families have had difficulty viewing EdgeX course progress in Parent Portal due to new software updates. While this is being resolved, families will receive weekly progress emails if you are signed up for the Parent Portal. If you are not signed up for the parent portal- Click here to learn how. You can also connect directly with your child's Achievement Mentor for updates.

🧩 **Support & Resources**

- Live Help Sessions: Teachers host scheduled times each week for students to ask questions and get extra support. Encourage your student to take advantage of these opportunities.

Tech Help: If your student is experiencing login or device issues, please contact our Owatonna Online office at studenthelp.isd761.org.

Edgenuity Best Practices for Students

To ensure student success in the virtual classroom, encourage your student to follow these best practices while working in Edgenuity:

- **Stay focused:** Work only on Imagine Edgenuity coursework and protect your login details.
- **Prioritize:** Tackle one course at a time and read announcements daily to stay informed.
- **Learn from mistakes:** Review any incorrect responses, take notes, and track grades to monitor progress.
- **Take eNotes:** Use notes throughout the course and review them before quizzes, tests, or exams.
- **Follow up on feedback:** Check the Assignment Calendar and review scores and feedback regularly.
- **Save & Exit Properly:** Always save work before logging off and make sure to log out correctly.

Following these tips will help students stay on track and develop the skills to succeed in an online learning environment.

Understanding Relative Grade vs. Actual Grade in Edgenuity

Tracking your student's progress in Edgenuity involves understanding two key grades:

- **Relative Grade**: This grade reflects the score a student would earn if they stopped working today, counting any incomplete assignments as zeroes. It's a more realistic gauge of their overall progress. *A Relative Grade of 60% or higher is considered passing,* so be sure to keep a close eye on it to ensure steady progress.

- **Actual Grade**: This grade only accounts for completed assignments, including missing work. While the actual grade may seem higher, it doesn't necessarily mean the student is on track to pass the course.**Tip:** Monitor the *Relative Grade* closely each day to stay on target for course completion and passing grades.

What about Grading Scales? Owatonna Online Grading Scales
To help students and families understand grading expectations, here's an overview of the grading scales used for Owatonna Online students in grades 7–12.

9-12 Grading Scale
- **A**: 100-94%
- **A-**: 93-90%
- **B+**: 89-87%
- **B**: 86-84%
- **B-**: 83-80%
- **C+**: 79-77%
- **C**: 76-74%
- **C-**: 73-70%
- **D+**: 69-67%
- **D**: 66-64%
- **D-**: 63-60%
- **F**: 59% and below

7-8 Grading Scale
- **A**: 100-94%
- **A-**: 93-90%
- **B+**: 89-87%
- **B**: 86-83%
- **B-**: 82-80%
- **C+**: 79-77%
- **C**: 76-73%
- **C-**: 72-70%
- **D**: 69-50%
- **F**: 49% and below

Warm regards,
Martina Wagner, Ed.D
Principal, Owatonna Online

Grades 7-12 Owatonna Online Conferences

Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 from 3:00PM - 6:00 PM. More information will be coming via email soon.

Fall Night School Session

- **Fall Session: Monday-Thursday, November 10 - December 13**
- **Online Sessions (Owatonna Online ONLY):**
  Fully virtual with academic support available Monday–Thursday, 3:30–4:30 PM.
- **Night School/Summer School Calendar:** LINK

Access: Students will also have 24/7 access to their assigned courses outside of scheduled support hours.

Couselor's Corner

Hello students and families,

College Knowledge Month
Seniors can apply to many Minnesota colleges for free during October. Check out the list of colleges here.

Free College Planning & Financial Aid Events
Free college and financial aid events are available to Minnesota students and families via Zoom this fall! The series, running six Tuesday evenings, will cover details about the college application and financial aid process, details on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Minnesota Dream Act for undocumented students, and other ways to pay for college.

What are the dates, topics and suggested audience?
All sessions are at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights and will last approximately 45-60 minutes. Participants can ask questions in the chat. Participants can attend any number of sessions. Suggested audience is 12th-grade students and their parents (s)/guardians (s).
• September 30: Explore College Options
• October 7: Apply to College
• October 14: Understand Financial Aid
• October 21: FAFSA 101 | for 12th-grade students who are U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens
• October 28: Dream Act 101 | for 12th grade undocumented students

• November 18: Scholarships 101

How can students and families participate?
All sessions will be on Zoom, but space is limited. Students and families can register at the following link: bit.ly/25CollegeSeries. Session materials and recordings will be posted on the same page after each event.

All sessions include live interpretation in Spanish, Somali, and Hmong. Attendees can ask questions in the chat and get answers from higher education experts.
Students who attend will also be entered into a drawing for a $1,000 scholarship (one entry per session attended). Space is limited, so register early!

These events are offered in partnership with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, Minnesota Department of Education, ECMC The College Place, and Minnesota Goes to College.

👉 For session dates, topics, and registration: bit.ly/CollegePlanningSeries
Questions? Email myang@ecmc.org.

Academic Check-In
Quarter 1 ends soon! Take time to review grades, connect with teachers, and make a plan if you need support. Counselors are here to help with organization, study tips, and resources.
We recommend that students attend daily homework help.

- 7th Grade Owatonna Online Live Lesson, Advisory, & Homework Schedule: [Link]
- 8th Grade Owatonna Online Live Lesson, Advisory, & Homework Schedule: [Link]
- 9-12 Daily Homework Help Schedule: [Link]

Mental Health Matters
Fall can feel overwhelming—don't hesitate to reach out. We can connect you with support inside and outside of school.

Fall Night School Credit Recovery
If your student has been referred for credit recovery, you should have received an email from their school counselor with details. Here's a quick overview:

- **Start Date:** Monday, November 10
- **Format:** Online through Owatonna's night school credit-recovery program
- **Support:** Academic help available Monday–Thursday, 3:30–4:30 PM
- **Course Limit:** Students may take only one credit-recovery course at a time. Once a course is completed, the next can be requested from night school staff.
- **End Date:** All courses must be completed by December 23

This is a great opportunity for students to get back on track. Reach out to their school counselor with any questions.

We're Here for You!

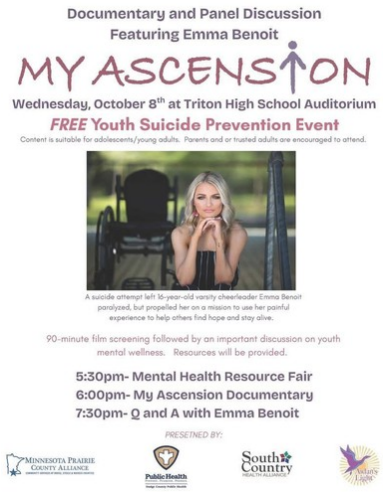
Counselors are available to help with academics, post-secondary planning, and personal support. Reach out anytime—we're glad to partner with you! Please reach out anytime for assistance:

- Mrs. Hoffner
  Email: mhoffner@isd761.org | Phone: 507-444-7857

- Ms. Bisch
  Email: jbisch@isd761.org | Phone: 504-444-7869

[October School Counselor Update]

Triton High School if offering a FREE Youth Suicide Prevention Event



When: Wednesday, October 8th
Where: Triton High School Auditorium
5:30 pm- Mental Health Resource Fair
6:00 pm- My Ascension Documentary
7:30 pm - Q & A with Emma Benoit

FAFSA OPENS

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1. Seniors and families should start gathering tax information to complete it.

South Central College Fall Events

Fall events taking place on Campus:

- PSEO Information Session- Wednesday, October 8, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Faribault and North Mankato campuses
- MEA Campus Visit Days- Thursday and Friday, October 16-17, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Faribault and North Mankato campuses
- College Information Session in Spanish- Thursday, November 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m., North Mankato Campus
- College Information Session in Somali- Tuesday, November 11, 5:00-7:00 p.m., North Mankato Campus

Please see the attachments for more information. There are also campus tours available. Here is the link to the Visit SCC webpage where a tour can be booked and events are posted.

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.

Potential Student/Family Webinars

If you know someone who is interested in enrolling their student in Owatonna Online, invite them to join one of our upcoming virtual webinars. These sessions provide a comprehensive look at our program and answer any questions families might have.

Webinar Schedule: TBD

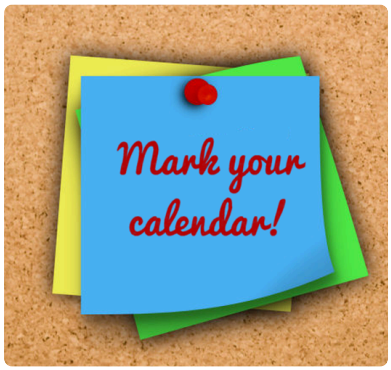
We look forward to welcoming new families to our community!

GRADUATION & SENIOR PICTURES - CLASS OF 2026

We are excited to announce that Commencement for the Owatonna High School Class of 2026 will be FRIDAY, JUNE 5th at 7:00pm at the OHS Stadium! (Rain Date: Sunday, June 7th at 7pm)

Seniors are reminded that their yearbook pictures must be uploaded here or submitted no later than December 1. Digital Photos are preferred and should be emailed to **dleer@isd761.org** or if on a CD, dropped off for Mr. Leer in the high school office. If you have questions, please contact our yearbook adviser, Mr. Leer at (507) 444-8849.

Important Dates



- **October 14:** Conferences 3:00PM-6:00PM
- **October 16-17:** No School (MEA)
- **October 31:** End of 1st Quarter
- **November 3:** No School (Teacher workday)
- **November 10 - December 23:** Night School
- **November 26-28:** No School (Thanksgiving break)
- **December 24-January 2:** No School (Winter break)

Family Support for Imagine Edgenuity

Download the Family Support Resource once your student begins working in Imagine Edgenuity. It provides simple guidance on getting started, an overview of the program, and tips for monitoring progress and engaging with your student at home.

Don't Forget to Check-in!

Just a friendly reminder to please submit your attendance once a day before 11:59 p.m. How to take attendance in Infinite Campus:

Login to Infinte Campus Student Partal

Infinite Campus Log In

Infinite Campus Log In

Infinite Campus Student Partal

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

(no '@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

Sign in using the following information:
USERNAME: first initial, last name @isd761.org **example: jdoe@isd761.org
PASSWORD: lunch pin number.

Owatonna Online School Student Handbook

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.

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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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 studenthelp.isd761.org. 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

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

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

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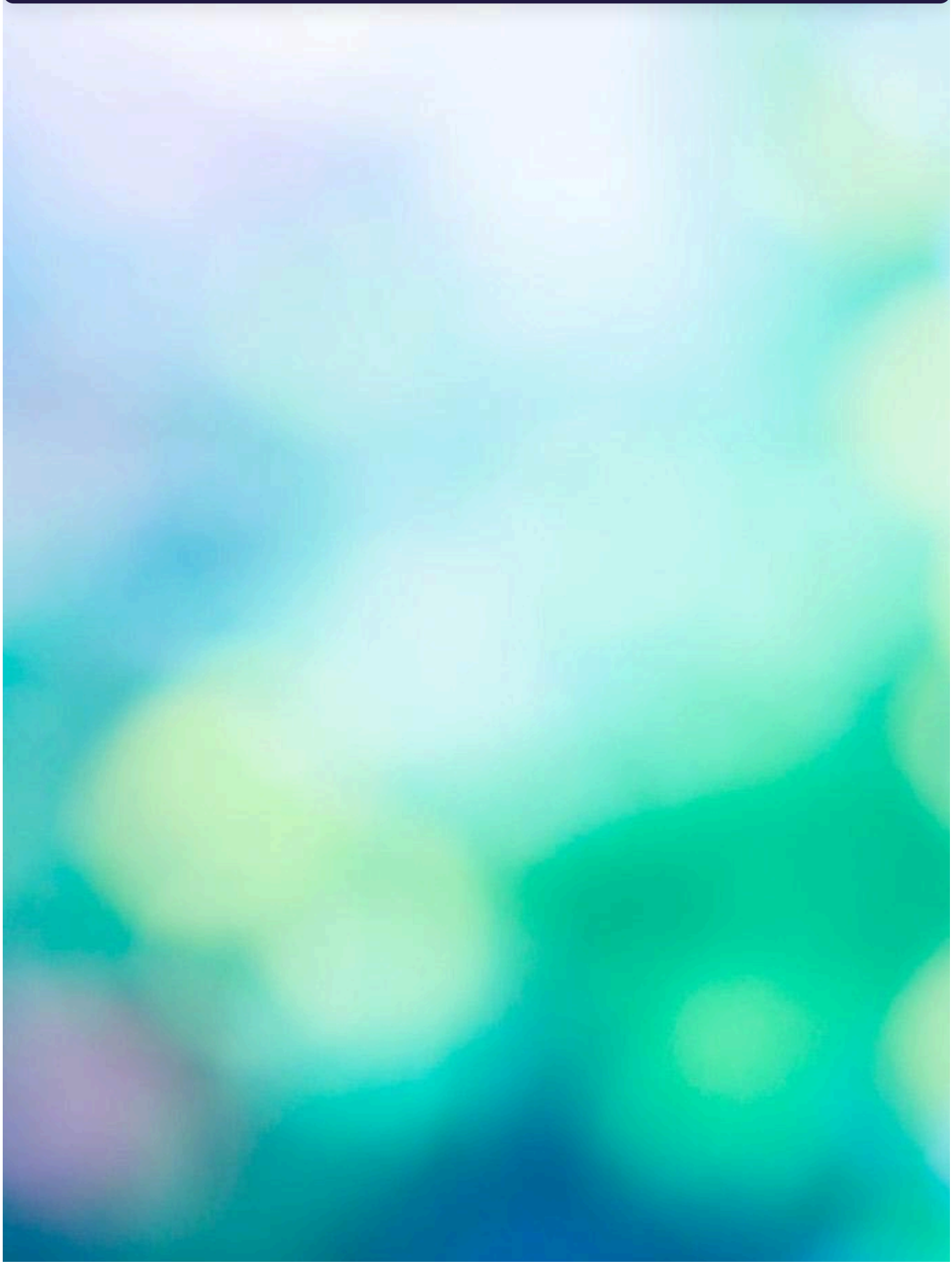
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