

Newsletter



Teachers of the Year

In November, OPS school sites announced their 2025-26 Teacher of the Year Award recipients, as the district continued its tradition of recognizing excellence in the classroom through the State of Oklahoma Teacher of the Year program.

All certified teachers who have completed the past three consecutive years in the Owasso Public School District may be considered for this honor.

Each Teacher of the Year nominee is selected by their peers to represent their building at the district level. One of the 15 site winners will be selected as the OPS Teacher of the Year by a district peer committee based on



Jennifer Doddridge
6th Grade Center



Jamie Fleming
7th Grade Center



Brandy Rinas
8th Grade Center



Shawna Keller
Ram Academy



Justin Blalack
OHS West Campus



Robin McGonigle
OHS East Campus



Deann Smith
Ator Elementary



Kendyl Brewer
Bailey Elementary



Ashley Berner
Barnes Elementary



Stephanie Boatman
Hodson Elementary



Beth Snook
Mills Elementary



Ashley Cook
Morrow Elementary



Sadie Lee
Northeast Elementary



Khyli Pittser
Smith Elementary



Kristin Resendiz
Stone Canyon Elementary

a self-submitted portfolio, as well as a live presentation with each candidate.

The honor will be presented at the annual Evening of Distinction event, which will be held on March 25 at the Mary Glass Performing Arts Center.

Additionally, the District will honor its Substitute Teacher of the Year and Support Employee of the Year honorees at the Evening of Distinction.

Looking Ahead

February 9

OPS Board of Education Meeting

February 16

Presidents' Day - No School

February 26 & March 3

Parent-Teacher Conferences at Secondary Sites

March 5 & March 10

Parent-Teacher Conferences at Elementary Sites

March 9

OPS Board of Education Meeting

March 16-20

Spring Break - No School

March 23

District Collaboration Day - No School

April 3

Parent-Teacher Conference Exchange Date - No School

May 19

Class of 2026 Commencement

May 22

Last Day of School

Projects Update

We continue to make progress on the behind the scenes aspects of projects related to the 2025 Student Investment Plan, while also continuing projects from the 2022 school bond.

As expected, the District began receiving bond fund deposits in December and January from the 2025 Student Investment Plan. Over the past several months, the Board of Education has approved construction management contracts for the 5th Grade Elementary Center (Nabholz), Fine Arts Instructional Addition to the OHS West Campus (Nabholz), and 7th Grade Safe Structure & Multi-Use Athletic Facility (Crossland).

Planning on each of those projects is ongoing, with work beginning on the 5th Grade Elementary set to start later this year.

This fall, the District saw work completed on three roof replacement projects that were made possible by the passage of the 2022 school bond. Those occurred at Mills, Ator, and the 7th Grade Center.



Oklahoma Legislative Session Begins

The 2026 Oklahoma legislative session began on Monday, February 2 in Oklahoma City. Over the next four months, legislators will convene to debate, amend, and pass new state laws and the budget.

Education is always a major focus of the session. Recent legislation has affected areas such as cell phone use in schools, safety, communication, and more.

Owasso Public Schools is committed to advocating for strong public education. District leaders serve as a resource for local legislators, sharing insight into how proposed policies could impact students and schools.

Families can get involved too. The Owasso Parent Legislative Advocacy Coalition is a non-partisan group of local parents who unite to support and advocate for strong public schools. To learn more about OPS's legislative priorities and how you can get involved, please visit our website at owassops.org/our-district/public-school-advocacy.

Ram Spotlight: David Morrison

Owasso High School senior David Morrison is one of a kind and the subject for this edition's Ram Spotlight!

A senior this year, David has had a profound impact on those around him throughout his time in Owasso Public Schools. The self-described "Mayor of Owasso" was voted by the OHS student body as Homecoming King, while his mentor, fellow senior Mallory Phelps, was selected as Homecoming Queen.

David is an active member of the Owasso Unified Program and recently competed in the Oklahoma Special Olympics Winter Games.

To hear more of David's story, check out the District's YouTube page at youtube.com/@owassops



Shoutouts!

» In November, 7GC Library Media Specialist Jamie Fleming was named the 2025 Technology in Education Award recipient by the Oklahoma Library Association.

» On Nov. 22, the Mills robotics team took home 1st place in the Core Values Division to qualify for the state competition.

» Owasso Indian Education was honored with the Exemplary Program Award for the East Central Region at the National JOM Conference in November.

» In December, OPS had a state-high 28 students who were selected for OkMEA All-State Band & Orchestra, while 34 choir students also earned All-State recognition.