

**WELCOME**

**Ozark High School**

**Freshmen 2026-2027**

**Class of 2030**



# Principal Dr. Phillip Witt



**\*Welcome**

**\*ICAPs**—How They Can  
Help Your Student



# Assistant Principal Dr. Nathaniel Gillespie



**\*Introduction**

**\*Expectations**



# Parent and Student Square



Please feel free to use  
the QR code to  
download the app in  
your phone.



# Student IDs

Student and staff safety is our top priority

- We have so many students moving from building to building that we require everyone to wear their high school ID during school hours.
- Incoming freshmen and new students receive their IDs and lanyard in August.
- Properly displayed is defined as above the waist and on the front of the shirt. Students are financially responsible for replacing the ID badge and lanyard. An ID badge may be affixed using an approved lanyard, clip, or magnet.



# Attendance

## Attendance is VERY IMPORTANT!

- Attendance is calculated by hours not days.
- Every late check in, tardy, or early check out affects attendance.
- Parents must notify attendance office with reason for absence.
- Doctor notes should be turned into the attendance office.
  - Documentation will help when a school administrator must send the state required attendance letter
  - Also, if you ever have the need for an A+ appeal.



# Block Schedule Days

## NEXT YEAR,

1. Mondays and Wednesdays are A Days
2. Tuesdays and Thursdays are B Days
3. Fridays depend to equal out days over the semester
4. **Early Out Fridays** are back!  
\*This means every Friday, you get out of school at 1:50 pm instead of 2:50 pm!
5. There will still be **ONE DAY OFF per QUARTER** that students get off for Staff PLC.



# Bell Schedule

## Monday - Thursday

Students may enter building at 7 a.m.

Block	Begin	End	Shuttle
1st	7:35 AM	9:15 AM	9:05 AM
2nd	9:20 AM	11:00 AM	10:50 AM
3rd/Lunch	11:05 AM	1:05 PM	12:55 PM
P3R Flex - Red	11:05 PM	11:53 AM	
P3W Flex - White	12:17 PM	12:25 PM	12:55 PM
4th	1:10 PM	2:50 PM	2:38 PM

Lunch	Begin	End
1st	11:05 AM	11:29 AM
2nd	11:29 AM	11:53 AM
3rd	11:53 AM	12:17 PM
4th	12:17 PM	12:41 PM
5th	12:41 PM	1:05 PM



# Bell Schedule

## Friday

Students may enter building at 7 a.m.

\* NEW 2025 - 2026\*

FRIDAY EARLY RELEASE TIME 1:50 p.m.

Block	Begin	End	Shuttle
1st	7:35 AM	8:55 AM	8:45 AM
2nd	9:00 AM	10:20 AM	10:10 AM
3rd/Lunch	10:25 AM	12:25 PM	12:15 PM
P3R Flex - Red	10:25 AM	11:13 AM	
P3W Flex - White	11:37 AM	12:25 PM	12:15 PM
4th	12:30 PM	1:50 PM	1:38 PM

Lunch	Begin	End
1st	10:25 AM	10:49 AM
2nd	10:49 AM	11:13 PM
3rd	11:13 AM	11:37 AM
4th	11:37 AM	12:01 PM
5th	12:01 PM	12:25 PM



# Travel Information

- Shuttles
  - Students must ride a shuttle bus unless they can drive or have a sibling that can drive
  - Shuttles run before school, in-between each block, and at the end of the day from the OIC to main campus
- Morning drop off (this year, the last shuttle to the OIC leaves at 7:18 am)
  - If students do not ride the bus before school, they may be dropped off at the building of their first block class (breakfast at both buildings)
  - If students ride the bus,
    - buses from the west side of town go by the OIC, then main campus
    - buses from the east side of town go to the main campus and students immediately get on a different shuttle bus to the OIC
- Afternoon pick up
  - Parents can pick up students from the building of their student's last
  - block class (use parent pick up lanes)
  - Or students may ride the bus home (OIC shuttles them back to main)



# Graduation Requirements

• English/Language Arts	4 credits
• Social Studies	3 credits
• Math	3 credits
• Science	3 credits
• Fine Arts	1 credit
• Practical Arts	1 credit
• Physical Education	1 credit
• Health	.5 credit
• Academy Exploration	.5 credit
• Personal Finance	.5 credit
• Electives	12.5 credits

**Total**

**30 credits**



# Earning Credit

60% (D) or above is required to pass the class and earn the credit.

Students need to pass ALL of their classes the first time, earning 8 credits for the year.

It is difficult to make up credits and raise GPA.



# Grade Point Average (GPA)

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Grade Points</u>	<u>Weighted Grade Points</u>
A	4	5
B	3	4
C	2	3
D	1	1
F	0	0
Incomplete		
Pass/Fail		



# Academic Achievement

**Ozark High School makes an effort to reward and recognize students who have excelled in their class work with academic honors.**

- **Qualifications - Students must have a 3.85 cumulative GPA**
- **Awards**
  - **9th - Certificate of recognition**
  - **10th - Letter and bar**
  - **11th & 12th - bar**



# STOMP & Tutoring

- STOMP is our after school tutoring program. Students who are academically behind their peers qualify to attend.
- STOMP is held in the Main Campus Library Monday through Thursday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm.
- You may attend one or up to all four days a week depending on your need and schedule.
- Ms. Amanda Smith is the STOMP Coordinator, you will work with her regarding what days you will attend.



# Freshmen Required Courses

- English (1)
- Social Studies (1)
- Science (1)
- Math (1)
- Academy Exploration (.5)
- Health (.5)
- PE (1)
- Electives (2) (i.e. Fine Art or Practical Art)
  
- TOTAL = 8 credits per year



# Freshmen ENGLISH

- English I
- Honors English I

\*Honors English I students are expected to complete semester independent reading assignments. Honors English I is held to a higher standard with their turn in policy with more rigorous assignments.



# Freshmen SOCIAL STUDIES

- American History
- Honors American History

\*Honors American History requires students to independently complete Cornell notes. These classes have a more rigorous workload for all units, and students are required to use higher level vocabulary on assessments.

\*Independent reading most units

\*Longer tests with more writing and essay based tests on some units

\*At least one presentation in front of the class each semester



# Freshmen SCIENCE

- Physical Science
- Honors Physical Science

\*Honors Physical Science requires more independent problem solving through student-centered group learning, simulations, and virtual labs. Honors Physical Science has two additional units more than Physical Science. It also has more comprehensive reading and performance events on assessments.

\* Honors moves at an accelerated pace.



# Freshmen MATH

- Algebra, OR Honors Geometry, OR Concepts (Teacher determines math placement with parent approval)

\*Honors Geometry averages nearly two lessons per day compared to one lesson per day in Geometry. They have extra units of study and assessments are more rigorous requiring students to demonstrate advanced level thinking skills. Performance tasks cannot be retaken Honors Geometry.



# Freshmen Required Courses

- Academy Exploration (.5)
- Health (.5)
- PE (PE, Weights, Personal Fitness, or Body Sculpting) Limited to 2.0 in 9th grade
  - Girls Body Sculpting (Requires sports physical on file)
  - Weights - Boys & Girls (Requires sports physical on file)
- 2 Electives (Foreign Language, Band, Art, Student Choice, etc.)



# New class offerings 26-27

- Athletic Performance
  - will not be offered to 9th grade students in the 2026-2027 school year.
- Modern Technology HS0920
  - introduction to all things computer related



# Academy Explorations Instructors

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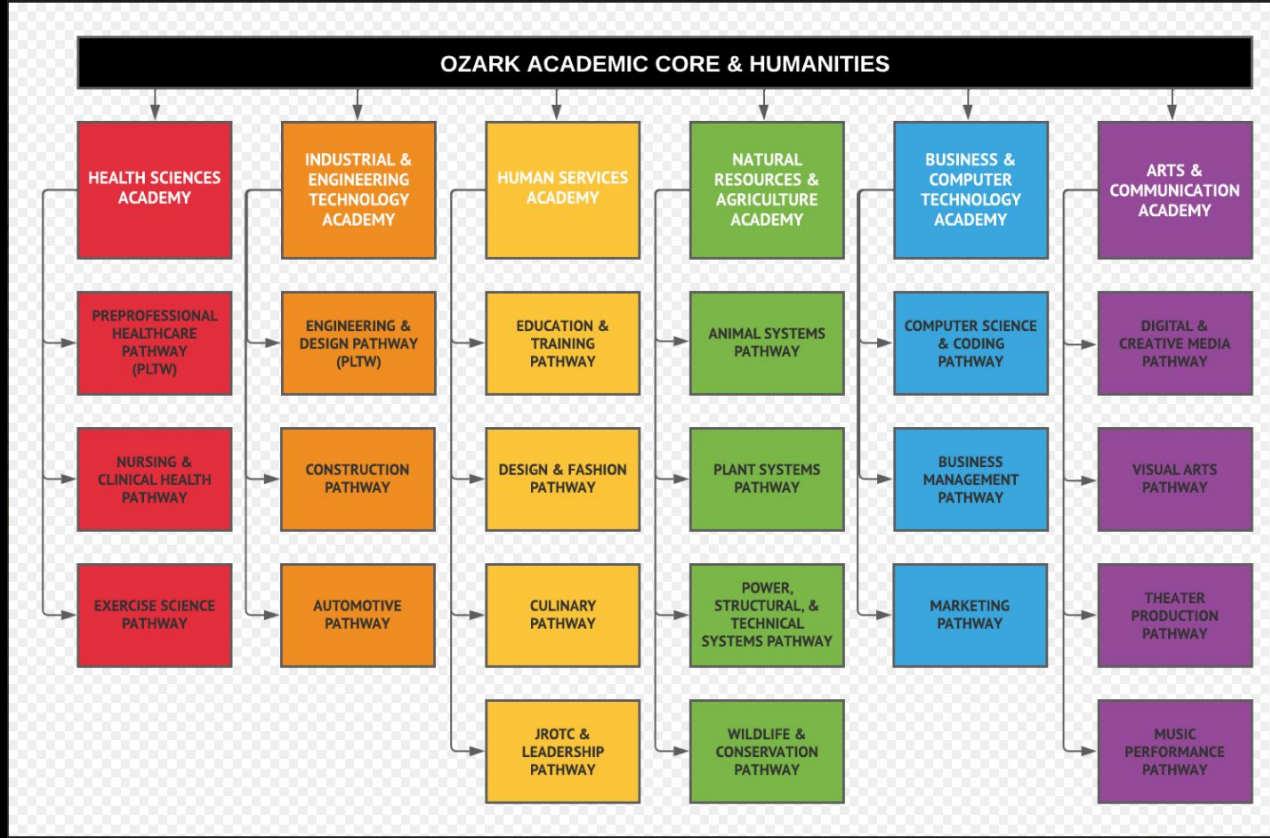


# Academy Explorations

- Explore all 6 Academies and their pathways through experiences such as hands-on activities, guest speakers, off/on campus trips to observe real world applications.
- Participation! Have FUN and learn more about yourself! That's the ultimate goal!
- Our role extends more than a teacher – we want to be there for you with guidance and support for a successful freshman year!



# Academies



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# Health Sciences

- Academy Leader
  - Mrs. Jeri McCoy



# Industrial & Engineering Tech

- Academy Leader
  - Mr. Ryan Carlton



# Human Services

- Academy Leader
  - Mr. Andy Thompson



# Natural Resources & Agriculture

- Academy Leader
  - Mr. Ryan Edwards



**NATURAL RESOURCES  
& AGRICULTURE**



# Business & Computer Tech

- Academy Leader
  - Mrs. Danyel Rickard



# Arts & Communication

- Academy Leader
  - Mrs. Jodi Saminsak



# OHS Market Value Assets

## DIPL<sup>MA</sup> & MVA



### Work Experience

- \* Internships
- \* Apprenticeships
- \* Client-Connected Projects



### Industry-Recognized Credentials

- \* IRC tests
- \* Military Advanced Enlistment
- \* Seal of Biliteracy
- \* Voc Rehab Plan



### Entrepreneurship

- \* School-Based Enterprises
- \* Capstone Projects



### College Credit

- \* College Now
- \* Dual Credit
- \* AP Exams



# OHS Course Information

- *Academic Planning Handbook*
- located on Ozark High School website and in Naviance. Contains information related to all of the courses offered and requirements for graduation.



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2026 - 2027 RISING SENIORS

[ICAP POWERPOINT FOR 2026 - 2027 SENIORS](#)

2026 - 2027 RISING JUNIORS

[ICAP POWERPOINT FOR 2026 - 2027 JUNIORS](#)

2025 - 2026 RISING SOPHOMORES

[ICAP POWERPOINT FOR 2025 - 2026 SOPHOMORES](#)


2025 - 2026 RISING FRESHMEN

[ICAP POWERPOINT FOR 2025 - 2026 FRESHMEN](#)

### Important Links

[OHS MASTER SCHEDULE 25-26](#) | [ACADEMIC PLANNING HANDBOOK 2026-27](#) | [OHS ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS](#)

[OZARK ACADEMIES CAPSTONE APPLICATION](#) > | [2024-25 OTC COLLEGE NOW INFORMATION](#) > | [APPLY FOR ADVANCED CAREER COURSES](#) >



# A+ Program

Students have the opportunity to earn [A+ Scholarship](#) to a Missouri community college or vocational/technical school

- A+ agreement signed by student and parent/guardian
- Attend A+ school for 2 consecutive years
- 95% overall attendance for grades 9-12
- GPA of 2.5 or higher cumulative for grades 9-12
- 50 hours of tutoring during grades 11 or 12
- Good Citizenship
- Complete FAFSA senior year
- Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra 1 End of Course Exam (EOC) or a combination of the PreACT/ACT Math Score with GPA.
  - 17 Math ACT/PreACT with 2.5 GPA
  - 16 Math ACT/PreACT with 2.8 GPA
  - 15 Math ACT/PreACT with 3.0 GPA



# Individual Career & Academic Plan (ICAP)

- An ICAP is required by the State of MO for every student in public school.
- Students create their ICAP in Naviance, located on the District website.
- The plan includes all four years of high school and the order classes can be taken to meet graduation requirements.
- Having a plan ensures students take appropriate steps for their post-secondary opportunities, whether it is college, career or military.
- An ICAP is not set in stone. It is a working document that can be updated as interests change.
- Focus is next year, but it shows sequencing, so students can see a big picture.



# Course Requests

- February 3rd- Students will receive their course request sheet at the Parent Meeting at the High School.  
(Students will rank elective choices #1-12).
- Course Request Forms will be available at the Junior High tomorrow for students not in attendance tonight.
- Students will be entering course requests in Naviance during the school day. (Entering course requests is not a guarantee students will get those courses).
- Friday, Feb. 13th- Course request sheets must be turned in with all signatures.
- February 23rd to 27th- Course request sheets will be entered in Naviance with counselors during your Physical Education class.



# Course Requests

- When planning for NEXT YEAR'S CLASSES, you will need to get the **SIGNATURE from your CURRENT CORE TEACHER.**
- **Example:** You are an 8th grader. Your English teacher is who you will get your signature for your ENGLISH CLASS next year from your CURRENT TEACHER. You may do this in class during tomorrow or next week.



# Summer School

*More information about Summer School  
will be released after Spring Break 2026.*



# Activities & Clubs

- Academic Team
- Archery
- Band
- Bass Fishing
- Chess
- Cheerleading
- Choir
- Color Guard
- Culture Club
- Dance Team
- DECA
- Drill Team
- Esports
- FBLA
- FCA
- FCCLA
- FFA
- FTA/Ed Rising
- Green Thumbs
- HOSA
- JROTC
- Kindness Club
- Math Team
- National Honor Society
- Newspaper & Yearbook
- Robotics Team
- Science Olympiad
- Speech & Debate
- Student Council
- Raiders
- Rifle
- Robotics Teams
- Theater
- Thespian Club
- TSA
- Winter Guard
- YEPO



# Commons

- **Academy Leaders**
  - J. McCoy - Health Sciences
  - R. Carlton - Industrial & Engineering Tech
  - A. Thompson - Human Services
  - R. Edwards - Natural Resources & Agriculture
  - D. Rickard - Business & Computer Tech
  - J. Samsinak - Arts & Communication



# Cafeteria

- **English Department**
  - B. Helwig
  - N. Harmon
  - G. McLeroy
  - K. Gardner
  - R. Evans
- **Math Department**
  - L. Erickson
  - Holloway
  - Lillard
  - Nichols
  - F. Botteral
  - Swearengin
- **Social Studies Department**
  - J. Smith
  - T. Sell
  - Z. Montgomery
  - B. Schneider
  - C. Farouki
  - S. Floyd
- **Science Department**
  - Dr. Edwards
  - Little
  - Mullis
- **Foreign Language Department**
  - G. Fevold
  - E. Matthews
  - M. Narravo



# Room A141

- Health Sciences Academy

- R. Jenkins
- R. Lacson

- Agricultural and Natural Resources Academy

- J. Sisco

- Industrial and Engineering Technology Academy

- D. Carpenter
- C. McAninch
- R. Carlton

- Academy Explorations

- T. Floyd
- H. Lander

- Human Services Academy

- M. Baumann
- T. Hilton
- L. McNew

- Human Services Academy - JROTC

- Sgt. Vincent
- Sgt. Boens

- Business & Computer Technology Academy

- L. Russo
- M. Fevold



# Hallway

- Physical Education  
Department
  - J. Cordell
  - J. Emmerton
  - T. Smith
  - J. Sundlie
  - E. Ginn



# Room B155

- **Arts & Communication Academy- Visual Arts**

- J. Cazort
- A. Johnson
- L. Johnson

- **Arts & Communication Academy- Instrumental Arts**

- T. Meyer
- D. Faught
- K. Ford

- **Arts & Communication Academy- Vocal Arts**

- C. Gately



# Library

- **Special Services**
  - V. Mateo-Moreno
  - S. Fellers
  - S. Teague
  - B. Ritter
  - H. Goldberg
  - C. Skyles
  - R. McClain (Compass)
  - M. Hesketh (Gifted)
  - A. Kulyukina (ELL)



**Thank you for attending!**

Please contact us with any questions:

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