

Owatonna Online

Grades 7-12

November 2025

Message from our Principal

♥ A Message from Dr. Martina Wagner, Principal

As we move deeper into the school year, I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible work our Owatonna Online students and families are doing. Online learning takes focus, independence, and a willingness to grow through self-direction, qualities that prepare students not only for graduation but for life beyond high school.

At Owatonna Online, our students are developing skills that matter deeply in today's world, time management, problem-solving, digital literacy, and accountability. These are the very skills that colleges and employers value most. What's even better? Our students are learning to take ownership of their education, building confidence as they meet goals at their own pace.

Our teachers and support staff continue to be the heart of this program, ensuring that learning is both personalized and purposeful. Whether it's through virtual check-ins, small group sessions, or flexible pathways, we're committed to meeting students where they are and helping them reach their full potential.

As we look ahead to Quarter 2 and Trimester 2, is the perfect time to reset goals, reestablish routines, and celebrate progress. I encourage students to stay curious, stay connected, and stay consistent. Every click, every module adds up to growth and success. Consistency and communication are key—keep checking your Edgenuity dashboard and reach out to teachers as needed!

Thank you, families, for your partnership and trust. Your support makes all the difference as we continue to shape a strong and connected Owatonna Online community.

With appreciation,

Martina Wagner, Ed.D

Principal, Owatonna Online

Weather-Related Reminders

As we move into the winter season, please keep these reminders in mind:

- If Owatonna Public Schools close due to weather, Owatonna Online students do not have school for the first two weather-related closures.
- Students may continue working in Edgenuity, but teachers and staff will not be available, as these are staff closure days.
- After two weather closures, the district will shift to E-Learning Days, during which students continue classes as usual
- Communication about closures will be sent via email and phone, so please be sure your contact information is current.

While the weather is holding steady for now, this serves as an early reminder for the months ahead!

Understanding Grades in Edgenuity

Tracking progress in Edgenuity means understanding two key grades:

Relative Grade

- Reflects the score if the student stopped working today (incomplete assignments count as zeroes).
- Gives a realistic picture of overall progress.
- A Relative Grade of 60% or higher is considered passing.
-  Tip: Check this daily to stay on pace for course completion and passing grades.

Actual Grade

- Includes only completed assignments and does not count missing work.
- May appear higher, but doesn't always reflect if the student is on track to pass.

In short: The Relative Grade shows where you stand; the Actual Grade shows what's been

done.

Owatonna Online Grading Scales

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

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.

Counselor's Corner

Hello Students and Families,

As we move into November, it's a great time to check in on grades, attendance, and overall progress to start the quarter strong. Here are some key updates and reminders to help you stay on track:

1. Check Grades & Attendance

Review your student's progress in Infinite Campus and Edgenuity. If any classes are a struggle, reach out to teachers early—support is available! Students who stay engaged and work 4–6 hours daily are much more likely to succeed.

2. Night School & Credit Recovery

Need to make up a class or catch up on credits? Night school and credit recovery options are available. Contact your school counselor by November 4th to sign up and keep your path to graduation on track.

3. Social-Emotional Support

As the seasons change, stress can creep up. Please remember you're not alone. Reach out if you need academic, personal, or emotional support. We can help you connect to resources and find balance.

4. Senior Presentation Recap

We had our virtual senior presentation on Monday, October 13th for all Owatonna 12th-grade students (both residents and open-enrolled).

If you couldn't attend, you can view the presentation [here](#).

Important Reminder:

One of the main topics we covered was how to request your transcript for college applications.

- Owatonna residents & open-enrolled students: Follow the steps in the presentation to use Naviance to request your transcript.
- Partnership students: If you are enrolled with us through another district, contact your counselor at your home high school to learn how your district handles transcript requests.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Bisch for help.

5. FAFSA Virtual Information Session

- Date: Monday, Nov. 17th
- Time: 6:00 pm
- Where: This event is virtual using Google Meet. Here is the [link](#) to the meeting.

Join us for a virtual session on November 17th at 6:00 p.m. with a Riverland Community College representative. You'll learn about FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), the Owatonna Opportunity Scholarship, and the MN Dreamers Act. We recommend all students and their guardians to attend if they are considering attending college/post-secondary education next year. Students need to complete a FAFSA application in order to be eligible for federal loans, grants and some scholarships.

Tips for Success This Quarter

- Set Daily Goals: Use a to-do list to stay focused and reduce stress.
- Use Teacher Homework Help Hours: Teachers are here to support you. Don't hesitate to attend a session or reach out directly.
- Take Care of Yourself: Prioritize rest, good nutrition, and time to recharge.

Check out the [November School Counselor Monthly Update](#) for Students.

Let's make it a great month!

Warm regards,

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Owatonna Online School Counselors

FAFSA OPENS

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

November 17th- FAFSA virtual information session

Time: 6:00 PM

Join: Meeting [link](#)



There will be a representative from Riverland Community College presenting virtually about all things FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). They will also share information about Owatonna Opportunity Scholarship specific to Riverland and the MN Dreamers Act.

South Central College Fall Events

Fall events taking place on Campus:

- [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.

2025 Operating Levy



Owatonna residents will vote on an operating levy increase of \$700 per student (approximately \$3.7 million annually) to help sustain the high-quality education our community values. The increase is needed to maintain class sizes, retain staff, continue Career Pathways programs, and support fine arts, athletics and co-curricular opportunities.

Please vote on Tuesday, November 4. Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. [Find your polling place.](#)

Early voting is available!

Steele County Property Tax and Elections Office, located at 630 Florence Avenue in Owatonna.

Early voting hours:

- Monday-Friday: 8:00am to 4:30pm
- Saturday, November 1, 9:00am to 3:00pm
- Monday, November 3, 8:00am to 5:00pm

Find more information about the levy at isd761.org/levy.

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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 31:** End of Quarter 1
- **November 3:** No School (Teacher workday)
- **November 4:** Quarter 2 begins
- **November 10 - December 23:** Night School
- **November 25:** End of Trimester 1 (for trimester-based courses)
- **November 26-28:** No School (Thanksgiving break)
- **December 2:** Trimester 2 begins
- **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!

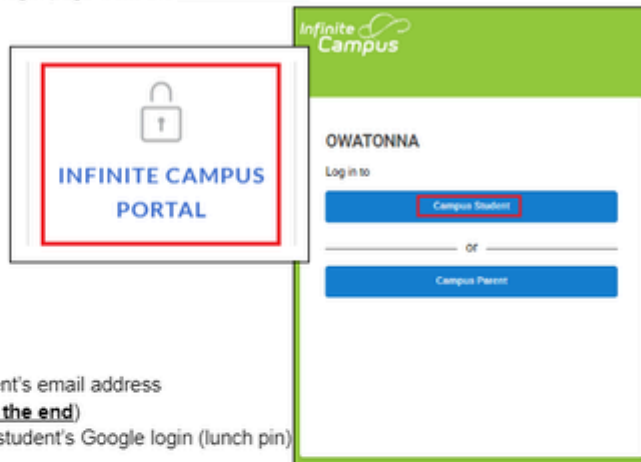
Just a friendly reminder to please submit your attendance once a day before 11:59 p.m. How to take attendance in Infinite Campus:



[Login to Infinte Campus Student Partal](#)

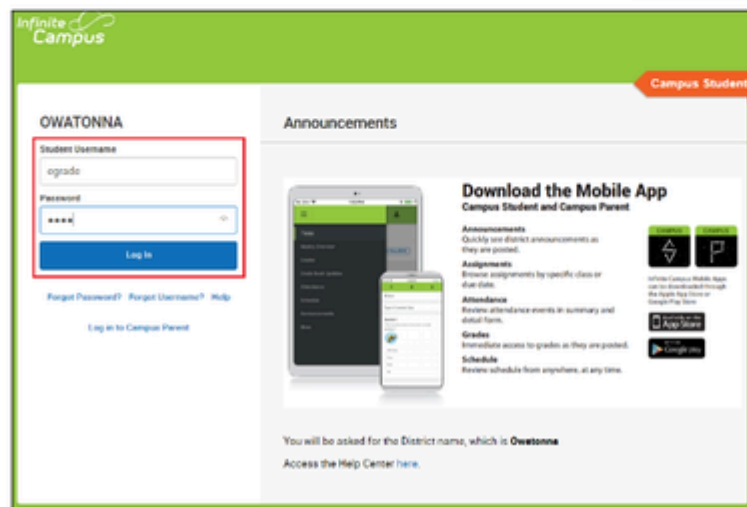
Check-In via Campus Student

Step 1: Navigate to Campus Student login page from the [district website](#)

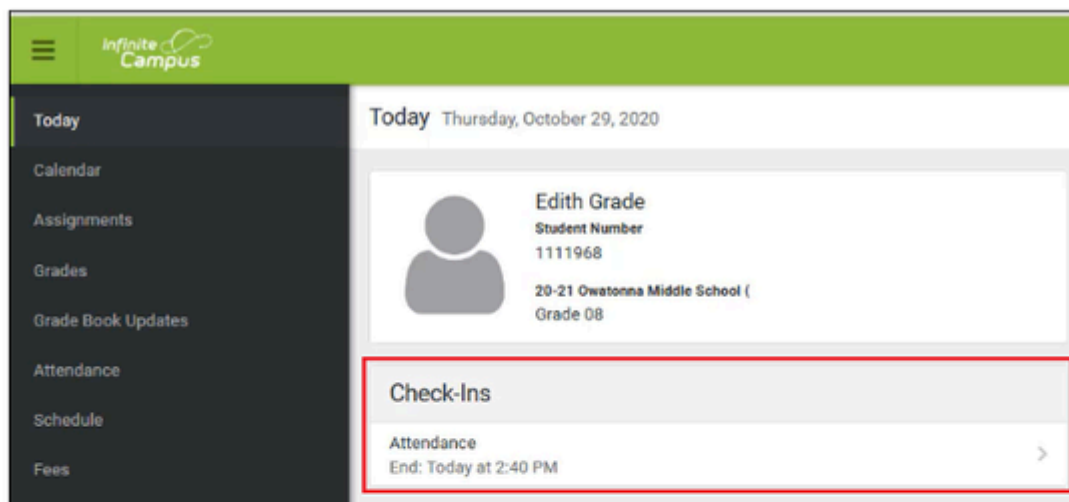


Step 2: Login

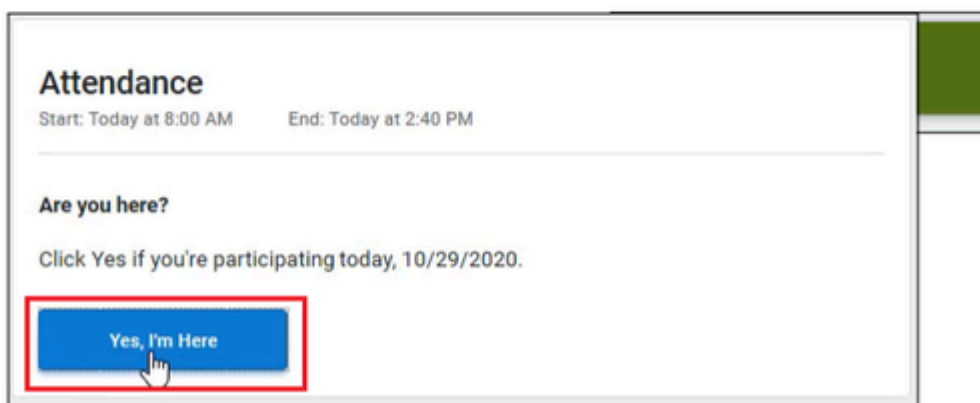
- Username is first part of student's email address
 - (no '@isd761.org' on the end)
- Password is the same as the student's Google login (lunch pin)



Step 3: On the Today screen, select Check-Ins



Step 4: Select the 'Yes, I'm here' button, and your check-in has been saved!



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' 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

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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[Help Desk Ticket](#)

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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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