



Oconee County School District Family Information Guide and Student Code of Conduct

About

Oconee County Schools are committed to student success.

[Parent Quick Links](#)

Athletics

OCS believes that athletics play a significant role in the development of its young people.

[OCS Athletic Handbook](#)

Attendance

State Law requires that the school system, with the aid of county officials and social service agencies, develop and implement a Student Attendance Protocol. The objective is to reduce student absences from school. The Student Attendance Protocol includes procedures to be used in identifying, reporting, investigating and prosecuting cases of alleged violations of the State Compulsory Attendance Law. This law mandates school attendance for children ages 6 to 16.

[OCS Attendance Policy](#)

Code of Conduct / Discipline

It is the purpose of the Oconee County Board of Education to operate the school system in a manner that provides an orderly educational process for the welfare and safety of all students, staff, and visitors who attend our schools. Students are required to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that facilitates a learning environment for themselves and others.

[Student Behavior Code](#)

Course Information (Middle/High)

Oconee County Schools is home to two outstanding high schools and three outstanding middle schools. In reviewing the course catalog, you will see course descriptions, graduation requirements, sequencing information, and a variety of other topics.

[Course Catalog: Middle and High Schools](#)

Distraction-Free Policy

OCS is committed to fostering a focused, distraction-free learning environment for all students. We believe academic achievement and student well-being are best supported in classrooms where personal electronic devices do not interfere with instruction, social interaction, or student engagement. Personal electronic devices—including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, e-readers, Bluetooth headphones, and other smart devices—are prohibited for students in grades K–8 and are restricted for students in grades 9–12 during the instructional school day.

[Board Policy JCDAF - Cell Phone/Technology](#)

Food and Nutrition

School meals are planned in accordance with USDA guidelines. Oconee's School Nutrition Department is made up of a team of food and nutrition professionals who are dedicated to students' health, well-being, and their ability to learn. We support learning by promoting healthy habits for lifelong nutrition practices.

[Nutrition Information and Pricing](#)

Gifted

The Oconee County Schools' Gifted Program recognizes that our students have unique needs and that it is our responsibility to help them maximize their potential and prepare them to become successful, contributing members of society.

[Gifted Handbook](#)

Grading

The purpose of grading and reporting is to communicate to parents/guardians and students the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) or Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) that students are expected to meet, each student's level of performance in meeting those standards, and the adequacy of that level of progress or proficiency at the time of reporting so that success may be recognized and improvements can be made when needed.

[Grading Scales K-3 and 4-12](#)

[Class Ranking/Honor Grad](#)

Homelessness

The Oconee County Schools will follow the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (reauthorized in 2004) to ensure that all students receive a free, appropriate, public education and are given meaningful opportunities to succeed in our schools. For more information, contact OCS Student Services.

[OCS McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#)

Medication/School Nurse

All medications, whether prescription or over-the-counter, may be administered only in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the school health service program.

[OCS Medication Policy and Health Forms](#)

School Safety

Oconee County Schools' primary responsibility is to ensure the safety of every student, teacher, and visitor participating in or observing school-related activities.

[Emergency Procedures and Alert Systems](#)

Partners in Education

Provide incentives to motivate student achievement. Reward instructional personnel for their dedication to students and the community. Impart knowledge of real-life business to students. Assist the school in raising funds or making donations to help it achieve academic, technological, or other goals. At the high school level, partnerships are primarily conducted through booster clubs, CTAE organizations, and similar groups. More information can be found at each school.

Registration

We are excited for you to join the No. 1 county school system in the state of Georgia! Below is information regarding enrolling your child in Oconee County Schools. Registration is all online.

[Kindergarten and New Student Registration](#)

Severe Weather/School Closing/Delays

The Superintendent of Oconee County Schools and the Chief Operations Officer monitor severe weather conditions. The primary concern is the safety of all Oconee County students and employees.

[School Closing/Delay procedures](#)

Special Education

The Oconee County Department of Special Education provides services to students ages 3-21 who are eligible for special education and related services. All students with disabilities have the right to receive a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment, with their non-disabled peers, as appropriate.

[OCS Resources](#)

504

Section 504 is a civil rights law that covers the rights of individuals with disabilities. It prohibits, among other things, discrimination on the basis of disability for students in public schools. Students eligible under Section 504 receive a plan that outlines how the student will be able to fully participate in the educational process despite potential disabilities and barriers.

[504 Information](#)

Technology

All students have access to a Chromebook, making OCS a 1:1 district. Google Drive folders have been set up for students to save their work. Oconee County Schools is committed to protecting our students from inappropriate internet content while preparing them for communication in today's world. Filters are in place to block access to sites deemed unsafe for the educational environment.

[Computer Use/Rules/Expectations and Technology Agreement](#)

Transportation

We are committed to providing the safest, most consistent, and most reliable transportation possible and strive to continually improve our service to students and parents.

[Bus Routes and More](#)

Volunteering

We appreciate your desire to volunteer in our schools. All volunteers must complete volunteer training and complete a volunteer information form.

[OCS Volunteer Information](#)