

Ouachita High School  
Improvement Plan  
2018-2019

Ouachita High School is fully committed to the education and success of each student we serve. Because of this, we believe it is extremely important that we reflect, evaluate, and improve upon the educational program on a continual basis.

To ensure we are meeting the educational needs of all students the staff at OHS has reviewed the ESSA report which is published by the Arkansas Department of Education and can be found at [www.arkansased.gov](http://www.arkansased.gov).

After reviewing the ESSA report the staff identified the following areas that we will focus on in the 2018-2019 school year to ensure our students are college and career ready.

After reviewing the ESSA report we have identified the following focus areas for the 2018-2019 school year.

- **Focus Area: Grade Level Reading**
- **Current Reality** - 38.06% of OHS students are at or above grade level in reading.
- **Goal** –

By the end of the 2018-2019 school year a minimum of 43% of OHS students will be on grade level in reading and all students will show growth in key ideas and details, craft and structure, and integration of knowledge. This will be an increase of 5%.

- **Plan to accomplish goal:**
  - Each high school teacher will review NWEA and ACT ASPIRE test data to determine areas of strength and weakness for each student in key ideas and details, craft and structure, and integration of knowledge.
  - Teachers will receive professional development in these areas as needed.
  - These assessments will also be used to determine each students Lexile range.



- Each teacher will develop unit plans to include and emphasize these components in daily instruction.
- Each teacher will be a member of a grade and department level PLC team. The team will meet weekly to determine student progress in each of these areas and ensure the strategies being used are effective.
- The Building Level Leadership Team (BLT) will meet weekly and discuss deficiencies that have been mentioned and discussed in departmental and grade level PLC meetings. The BLT will create a plan of action and continually research and provide resources to ensure all teachers have the materials they need, and that all students are making progress toward our goal.
- Effectiveness of these strategies will be monitored daily through classroom formative assessments and through periodic NWEA and other formative assessments.
- Students who need extra time and support will be provided assistance in a daily enrichment period.
- Parents will be provided with their child's Lexile score and a copy of their child's NWEA score at each parent teacher conference. Parents will also be made aware of the progress their child is making toward this goal.

- ***Focus Area: ACT Readiness Benchmark***

- ***Current Reality*** – 48.57% of OHS students met or exceeded the ACT readiness benchmarks in 2017-2018.

- ***Goal*** –

By the end of the 2018-2019 school year we will see a minimum of 2% increase in the number of students who meet or exceed the ACT Readiness Benchmark in the area of English, math, reading and science.

- ***Plan to accomplish goal:***

- Each teacher will review ACT, ACT ASPIRE, and NWEA test data to determine areas of strength and weakness for each student.
- Teachers will use data from ACT, ACT ASPIRE, NWEA, and classroom assessments to ensure student understanding in each area.



- All 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will include ACT prep material within their daily lesson plans.
- All 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to enroll in an ACT prep course.
- Each teacher will be a member of a grade and department level PLC team. The team will meet weekly to determine student progress in each of these areas and ensure the strategies being used are effective.
- Students who need extra time and support will be provided assistance in a daily enrichment period.
- The OHS counselor will provide students and parents with test prep opportunities and testing dates.
- The OHS counselor will hold annual parent meetings to discuss the ACT test and financial aid opportunities.
- All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to take the ACT at no charge in March.

At Ouachita High School we strive daily to prepare each student for success after high school. It is our sincere desire to accomplish our vision and ensure all of our students are college and career ready.