

# OLDHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

Continuing The Tradition Of Excellence



## About us

The Oldham County Schools district is located about 20 miles northeast of Louisville and serves nearly 12,000 students. Our district continues to be one of the state's best in many areas, including academic performance, college and career readiness, number of National Board Certified staff and teacher satisfaction.

In 2012, OCS was the highest-scoring county school district in Kentucky on the state's assessment test. The district was also named to the 2012 Advanced Placement Honor Roll, the state's only district to earn the honor for three straight years.

We currently have nine elementary schools, four middle schools and three high schools. We also serve students through a preschool, arts center, career center and alternative high school. Students' needs are met through a variety of services, including early literacy intervention, gifted and talented programming, English Language Learners and special education.

School attendance boundaries are based primarily on geographic proximity and having entire neighborhoods attend the same school. Capacity, projected enrollment and special needs/programs also affect student assignment. The district allows for open enrollment as well as intra-district transfers that meet established criteria.

Of our roughly 850 teachers, 22 percent have achieved National Board certification — the highest ratio of any district in the state. Our teachers also rated the district highly in terms of teacher satisfaction on a statewide survey.

## Our mission

All Oldham County students supported by family, community, and schools participate in relevant engaging, quality learning tasks, in safe, well-designed schools, guided by highly-skilled teachers and visionary leaders. Graduates pursue a life of continuous learning, contribute to their community, participate thoughtfully in the American democracy, and compete successfully in the local, national and international economy.

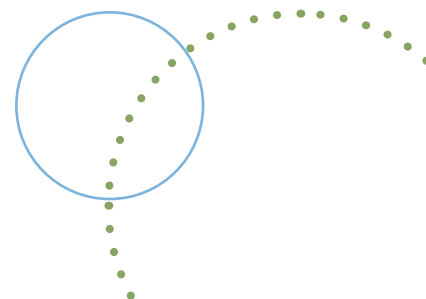
## Our vision: 21st Century Learning Outcomes

**Media and Technology Skills:** Today's society is saturated with information. Graduates of Oldham County Schools are prepared to utilize a variety of media and technology tools in the workplace and home.

**Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:** To compete in a global economy, graduates of Oldham County Schools will possess thinking skills and problem solving strategies that equip them to excel as workers and maneuver through life's challenges.

**Communication Skills:** Graduates of Oldham County Schools will possess reading, writing, speaking and listening skills that enable them to be successful in a complex and competitive society.

**Creativity and Innovation:** Graduates of Oldham County Schools will be successful in the conceptual age because they will have experienced many opportunities to use their knowledge in ways that allow them to discover, design, and invent concepts and products. **Leadership:** Graduates of Oldham County Schools will have experienced ongoing opportunities to grow as leaders who are capable of serving at various levels in society.



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## Fast facts

- Located 20 miles northeast of downtown Louisville
- Nearly 12,000 students
- Ten elementary schools, four middle schools and three high schools
- Career center, arts center, alternative high school and preschool
- 850 classroom teachers
- 158 National Board Certified teachers — highest percentage in the state
- All schools accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Highest-ranked county-wide district on K-PREP state assessment
- More than 75 percent of our graduates go on to college — compared to 61 percent state-wide (class of 2010)
- More than 70 Duke Talent Identification participants receiving state and national recognition in 2013
- Nearly 40 students accepted to the Governor's Scholars Program and Governor's School for the Arts in 2013
- 6 National Merit Scholar finalists in 2013
- More than 1,500 passing scores on Advanced Placement exams in 2011-12 in 25 subjects
- Three-time designation on the Advanced Placement Honor Roll — the state's only district to achieve the honor all three years
- Nationally-ranked high schools according to U.S News and World Report, Newsweek/The Daily Beast and The Washington Post
- Students accepted annually to the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science at Western Kentucky University (Gatton Academy is the nation's highest-ranked high school according to U.S. News and World Report)
- Three elementary schools named "higher performers" by the National Center for Educational Achievement
- Top-ranked "bang for your buck" county-wide district, based on academic "return on investment," by the Bluegrass Institute, a free-market think tank

*Facts current as of May 2013.*

