

Orange County Public Schools Pocket Guide 2020-2021

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District Profile

At Orange County Public Schools, our vision is to ensure every student has a promising and successful future. We are committed to a mission to create enriching and diverse pathways that lead our students to success with the support of our families and community.

Under the leadership of Dr. Barbara M. Jenkins, the Orange County public school system is the fourth largest in Florida, and ninth largest in the nation. OCPS offers students rigorous, accredited and advanced courses to prepare them for college and careers.

Spanning 903 square miles including Orlando and 12 surrounding municipalities, the district is led by an eight-member school board. Seven members are elected from single-member districts; and the chair is elected countywide. All board members serve staggered, four- year terms and the superintendent is appointed by the School Board.

School Board of Orange County

- Teresa Jacobs, Chair
- Angie Gallo, District 1
- Johanna López, District 2
- Linda Kobert, District 3
- Pam Gould, Vice Chair, District 4
- Vicki-Elaine Felder, District 5
- Karen Castor Dentel, District 6
- Melissa Byrd, District 7

OCPS Achievements

In 2018-19, Orange County Public Schools was rated an “A” school district by the Florida Department of Education. In March 2020, as a result of COVID-19-related operational disruptions, the Florida Department of Education announced that “K-12 school grades will not be calculated for the 2019-20 school year.”

In its sixth year, the LaunchED one-to-one digital learning program continued providing devices to students. In light of the pandemic, we accelerated our efforts in order to provide devices to every student. For the 2020-21 school year, more than 188,667 devices have been distributed. In 2020, 126 graduating seniors were accepted into top-20-ranked universities, liberal arts colleges or U.S. service academies ranked by U.S. News and World Report. Fifteen seniors from eight high schools were chosen as winners in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. Thirteen others were semifinalists and also won scholarship awards.

Magnet Schools of America recognized seven OCPS magnet programs for demonstrating a high level of commitment to academic standards, curriculum innovation, diversity efforts, specialized teaching staff, and parent and community involvement.

Fifty-nine percent of traditional schools earned school grades of A or B.

More than 10,200 students took at least one AP test and scored 3, 4, or 5.

Graduation Rates

OCPS continues to outperform the state average for graduating seniors.

2019-20 Graduation Rates	
State	90.0%
All Schools	90.4%
Traditional Schools	97.9%

Student Enrollment

	Number of Schools	Students
Elementary (includes pre-K)	127	74,776
Middle	38	39,506
K-8	9	7,360

High	20	57,707
Exceptional	8	2,300
Alternative		5,053
Charter		15,927
Other		3,429
Total	202	206,058

Student Racial/ Ethnic Distribution

We proudly serve a diverse population of students who come from 197 countries and speak 172 languages and dialects. The top three are English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Hispanic: 43%

White: 25%

Black: 24%

Asian: 5%

Multiracial: 2%

American Indian/Native Alaskan: >1%

Native Hawaiian: >1%

Employees

The Orange County school system is one of Central Florida's largest employers.

Teachers make up 57% of the OCPS workforce.

35% of OCPS teachers have advanced degrees: 33% have master's degrees, and 2% have specialist and doctorate degrees.

Approximately 74% of the general fund (operating budget) is used for salaries and benefits.

Administrators (includes district Level instructional, district-level non-instructional and school-level administrators)	749
Instructional	14,299
Other Professional Staff	617
Teaching Assistants	2,611
Support Staff	6,469
Part-Time	380
Total (As of Oct. 15, 2020)	25,125

Teacher Salaries

The average pay for OCPS teachers is \$52,334.

The school board contributes an average additional \$19,877 per teacher for benefits: \$5,233 for retirement, \$4,004 for FICA, \$9,289 for health insurance, \$1,314 for other benefits and \$37 for life insurance.

The beginning salary for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and no prior teaching experience is \$47,500.

Advanced degree supplements (added to base salary): Master's – \$3,342; Specialist – \$5,127; Doctorate – \$6,760

Magnet Programs

Our 46 magnet programs provide a challenging and stimulating environment for learning that enables students with special talents and interests to gain extraordinary levels of knowledge and skills. They capture the imagination and propel the learning of students who desire to concentrate on their areas of interest.

Elementary

Advanced Curriculum Academy: Hungerford
Aviation and Aerospace: Sally Ride
Foreign Language: Hillcrest
Orlando Gifted Academy
STEAM Career Academy: Bay Meadows
STEM Magnet: Orange Center
Two-Way Dual Language: Hunter's Creek, Tildenville, Union Park
Visual and Performing Arts: Maxey

Middle

Academy of Arts: Howard
Arbor Ridge 6-8 Option
Cambridge Middle School Academy: Liberty
Center for the Advancement of Science and Engineering: Lockhart
Middle Years International Baccalaureate: Carver, College Park, Roberto Clemente, Memorial, Robinswood
Two-Way Dual Language: Hunter's Creek

World Language Academy: Lakeview

High

3DE by Junior Achievement: Oak Ridge

Academy of Culinary Arts: Wekiva

Advanced Engineering Applications: Apopka

AgriScience Academy: Wekiva

Aviation and Aerospace Engineering: Oak Ridge

Cambridge Program: Colonial

Center for Future Educators: Edgewater

Center for International Studies: Dr. Phillips

Criminal Justice, Law & Finance: Boone

Digital Media and Gaming: Oak Ridge

Engineering, Science, and Technology: Evans

First Responders Academy: East River

Hospitality Management: Oak Ridge

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme: Cypress Creek, Evans, Jones, University

Laser Photonics Academy: Wekiva

Medical: Jones

Medical Careers: Apopka

NAF Information Technology: Colonial

Performing Fine Arts: University

Veterinary Animal Science and Service: Colonial

Visual and Performing Arts: Dr. Phillips

Career and Technical Education

Orange Technical College is one of Florida's leading providers of comprehensive secondary and postsecondary technical education, serving more than 53,861 students each year at five technical college campuses, 20 high schools, 37 middle schools, and various community learning sites.

- 75 programs
- 1,696 graduates
- 7,797 industry certificates earned by secondary students

Graduates can also earn future college credits in most CTE programs, as well as valuable work experience for immediate employment in various technical fields.

Dual Enrollment

Through dual enrollment, high school juniors and seniors take post-secondary coursework with their academic studies, while simultaneously earning credit toward high school completion; as well as industry certification in their field of study. In 2019-20, OCPS high school juniors and seniors, enrolled in at least one dual enrollment course, earned 658 certifications.

Advanced Placement

145 students earned the Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma and 37 students earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate during the 2019-20 school year.

In 2019-20, 10,224 students took at least one AP course and scored 3, 4 or 5.

OCPS Operations

OCPS operates the largest public transportation system in Central Florida. We ended the 2019-20 school year with 845 buses transporting over 67,000 students to and from school daily. OCPS school buses traveled over 13 million miles before ending the school year in March, shortly after spring break due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our buses average more than 100,000 miles on a regular school day.

OCPS operates one of the largest food systems in Central Florida, serving more than 39 million meals a year, which exceeds 209,000 meals per day.

In 2019-20, 74% of students qualified for free or reduced-price meals.

In response to COVID-19, meals were made available to all students.

Total Operating Revenue Sources

State: 51%

Local: 49%

Operating Revenues per Student

\$8,673

2020-21 Budget

General Fund: \$2,218,328,757

Used for salaries and benefits; utility costs; maintenance expenses; supplies and equipment; includes carry-forwards

Special Revenue Fund: \$159,852,546

Used for food service, federal and other grant projects

Debt Service Fund: \$233,750,914

Used for the repayment of bonds and loan debts

Capital Projects Fund: \$1,953,201,696

Used for new construction, land, renovation and remodeling

Internal Service Fund: \$362,449,466

Used for the accounting of money held by the school board for self-insured health costs, property/casualty claims and printing services operations

Where Your Dollar Goes

Of this year's \$1.91 billion operating budget, excluding carry-forwards, \$1.46 billion (76%), is earmarked for schools, centers that serve students with special needs, and schools managed by district instructional departments or learning communities.

78 cents is spent on teaching, transporting, supervising and counseling students.

7 cents is used for library materials, staff training and curriculum development.

11 cents goes toward acquiring, operating and maintaining school facilities.

4 cents goes toward central and fiscal services, general administration and district technology.

2020-21 Millage

Required Local Effort	3.609
Basic Discretionary	.748
Additional Voted	1.000
Capital Improvement	1.500
Total	6.857

A mill = \$1 of taxes for every \$1,000 of the taxable value of a property.

Required Local Effort: Set by the Florida L School districts must levy this amount in receive state funding.

Basic Discretionary: Maximum set by the district's decision to levy.

Additional Voted: Approved by Orange Co 2018 and in effect through June 2023.

Capital Improvement: Used to build and r maximum levy is set by the state.

School Taxes

What the owner of a \$217,000 home with a \$25,000 homestead exemption will pay in school taxes this year (compared to last year):

Assessed Value: \$217,000

Homestead Exemption: \$25,000

Taxable Value: \$192,000@6.857 (2020-21 millage rate) = \$1,317

Taxable Value: \$192,000@ 7.109 (2019-20 millage rate) = \$1,365

Total Change in Taxes (assuming no change in assessed value of home): decrease of \$48

Your Tax Dollars At Work

The district appreciates Orange County voter approved tax-dollar programs that benefit our students.

One Mill

A one mill property tax was approved by voters in 2010, reapproved in 2014 and 2018, and expires in 2023. It pays for academic programs; retains highly qualified teachers; protects arts; athletics and student activities and also supports charter schools. In fiscal year 2020, \$149.8 million was generated to support the district's needs.

Sales Tax

A half-penny sales tax capital campaign was passed by voters in 2002, reapproved in 2014 and is funded through 2025. It pays to renovate or replace aging schools; build some new schools to accommodate growth; pays for site acquisition, new digital technology in classrooms; and capital renewal. From January 2003 through June 2020, sales tax collections totaled \$3.3 billion.

Approximately \$674 million in budgeted Capital Improvement school projects were, are or will be in construction during the Fiscal Year 2021. This includes more than \$431 million for new relief projects and more than \$243 million for the replacement or renovation of existing

schools. Though the full value of project budgets is accounted for, some projects may be in the construction phase for more than a single year.

Since 2003, the district has opened 56 new schools. Another 130 schools have been renovated or replaced. Over the next five years, the district plans to open 14 new schools, including 10 elementary, two middle and two high schools.

Grant Funding

OCPS monitored compliance for more than \$279 million in grant funding during the 2019-20 school year in support of 223 special projects. The funding represents local, state, federal and foundation grant awards generated through the efforts of OCPS teachers and district leaders in collaboration with numerous community partners.

The Florida Lottery

Florida voters approved the lottery in 1986 on the premise that its revenues would be used to enhance education. Proceeds distributed to Orange County are used as required by law.

School Recognition Awards, at a rate of up to \$100 per student, go to A-rated schools or to those that rise one letter grade or more. The money is used for teacher and staff bonuses, nonrecurring expenses or temporary instructional support. Remaining funds, if any, are distributed to every school, at a rate of up to \$5 per student, for the School Advisory Committee to implement school improvement programs.

There were no dollars allocated in 2020-21 for the School Recognition/Discretionary Lottery Program (down from \$10.4 million in 2019-20). Due to revenue shortfalls as a result of COVID 19 and no school grades issued by the Florida Department of Education, the governor vetoed these dollars previously approved in the legislative conference budget.

Foundation for OCPS

The Foundation for OCPS invests in our children today to strengthen our community tomorrow. In 2019-20, FOCPS raised or managed \$3.99 million to build educational equity. In addition, invested funds held by the Foundation to benefit OCPS students, teachers and programs grew to \$3.6 million.

Through ADDitions volunteering opportunities, family and community members work with their chosen school(s) to meet needs in ways that match their interests. In 2019-20, 56,772 school

volunteers contributed more than 560,771 hours. As in-kind contributions, this equates to \$13.5 million.

Partners in Education companies and organizations strengthen schools by providing business industry expertise, volunteer hours, financial resources and products. OCPS had 2,603 business community partners in 2019-20, whose support equated to more than \$5.2 million in additional school resources.

OCPS EEO Non-Discrimination Statement

The School Board of Orange County, Florida, does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities, on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, marital status, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other reason prohibited by law. The following individuals at the Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center, 445 W. Amelia Street, Orlando, Florida 32801, attend to compliance matters: Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Officer & Title IX Coordinator: Keshara Cowans; ADA Compliance Officer: Legal Services attorneys; Section 504 Director: Tajuana Lee-Wenze. (407.317.3200) ©2021

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