



# Owatonna High School

School Board Presentation - May 15, 2025

# ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



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# Attendance Support

## Interventions and Support

- Weekly Attendance monitoring
- Individual student & parent meetings
- Connections for support (Counselor, Social Work, referrals to community services)
- U.P.L.I.F.T. (United Partnership for Leadership, Inspiration, Focus, and Transformation)
  - Our goals with this pilot program are to identify and remove barriers, create a support system for youth and their families, and to help our youth be successful in their academic career, leading up to graduation and beyond.

## Partnership with Steele County Attorney's Office

- OHS/ALC/00 Friday morning meetings
  - 253 students and families invited to attend
- Attendance Review Board meeting - ARB (individual meetings)
  - 40 ARB meetings this school year (OHS - since Nov.)
- Truancy Court (started in February)
  - 10 OHS/ALC students referred currently

## Impact: 1st Semester

**2023-24:** 10+ unexcused = 94, 20+ unexcused = 77

**2024-25:** 10+ unexcused = 66, 20+ unexcused = 41

# OHS Registration & New Course Offerings

**Alignment:** Safe & Caring Community, 21st Century Learners, Equity, High Quality Teaching & Learning

- Updated Registration Guide [Link](#)
  - Mapping the Areas of Study for each Career Pathway
  - Making the resources more accessible and user friendly
- Supported Virtual Registration
  - Students register from their own Chromebook/device
  - Registration support website transitioning into the Student Hub [Link](#)
  - 3 Compass planning and registration meetings (Feb. 5, 19, & Mar. 6)
  - Window opened on Monday, February 17th and closed Thursday, March 6th.
  - Window was open for Compass and during registration night on March 6th. Staff was in their classrooms to help students complete registration or for questions and consultation.
- New Course Offerings
  - Represent various areas of study: **UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT / POL 111, UNIFIED PERSONAL FITNESS, SPORTS FITNESS, MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE, HOSPITALITY & TOURISM, DESIGN STUDIO, ANIMAL HEALTH & VETERINARY SCIENCE (AHVS), & BEHIND THE CRIME SCENE**



24-25 School Year

# Career Pathways - Business Connections

## **2024 - 2025 Staff Goal:**

Connect OHS staff with local business partners to promote needed soft skills, mentorship opportunities, business tours, curriculum connections and student impact!

## **Actions:**

### **Sept. 24 - Business Partner and Staff Roundtable**

- Discussions on employment needs, soft skills & partnership opportunities - 19 businesses participated

### **Jan. 20 - Owatonna Business Partner Staff Tours**

- Staff tours of 10 area businesses, mentorship and course connections, teacher content connections

### **Feb. 17 - Business Lunch and Learn Panel & Discussion**

- Panel presentation on current partnerships, student stories and content connection planning



THANK  
YOU! 😊

Questions?