

2009 PERFORMANCE REPORT



FOR OUR COMMUNITY

WELCOME...

The 2008/09 school year was quite eventful - here are a few highlights:

- Our community approved a facility bond to build a new high school and upgrade other schools.
- Our students achieved outstanding state assessment scores, and
- Our staff and community engaged in everything from new curriculum adoptions to designing a new high school.

Despite the national economic downturn, the Oregon Trail School District is moving in the right direction. This past year, we spent a lot of time strategically addressing the local implications of the downturn. I am grateful to those staff members who responded to the early retirement/resignation program, allowing us to keep a larger number of our staff. Strong schools are at the core of healthy communities and the foundations we help build for our children are critical to both their and our community's future.

I am happy with our many accomplishments, and proud of our students and staff. Let's continue to work together to make the Oregon Trail School District a great place to work and learn.

Shelley Redinger, Superintendent

WHO WE ARE...

The Oregon Trail School District spans 424 square miles from the outskirts of Gresham to the top of Mt. Hood, on the Oregon Trail. We encompass several distinct, mostly unincorporated, rural areas of Clackamas County, and serve approximately 4200 students. We have six elementary schools, three middle schools, and one high school.



Strategic Plan 2009-2012

The strategic plan outlines goals and objectives in five key areas that together provide a framework supporting these ideals---a comprehensive educational system that produces high levels of achievement for all students, the development of highly qualified staff, safe and supportive learning and work environments for students and employees, and satisfaction of the Oregon Trail School District community working in partnership with its schools.

GOAL
1

Comprehensive Educational System

Oregon Trail School District provides a comprehensive educational system that inspires all students to actively pursue educational excellence and become responsible and productive citizens.

GOAL
2

High Levels of Achievement for All Students

All students demonstrate high levels of achievement and graduate ready to accomplish a post-secondary career or educational goal.

GOAL
3

Highly Qualified and Skilled Staff

High levels of staff performance are evident as all staff engage in ongoing professional development and work together to provide rigorous, relevant and engaging learning opportunities for all students.

GOAL
4

Safe, Supportive Learning and Work Environments

Schools and other work sites are safe, civil, respectful and inclusive learning and work environments in which Board policies, fiscal practices and facilities meet state, federal and local regulations.

GOAL
5

Communication and Collaboration

Oregon Trail School District establishes a communication plan to promote the timely and accurate relay of information and interactive exchange of ideas, as well as collaboration among staff and with students, parents and other members of the community.

Points of Pride

- *A new high school will open its doors in fall 2012:* In November 2008 voters approved a \$114.9 million bond to build a new high school and upgrade other schools.
- *School Board Director Terry Lenchitsky* was elected in 2008 to the Board of Directors for the Oregon School Board Association, serving as an advocate for public education on local, regional, state, and national levels.
- *2008 Commendations:* The Oregon Department of Education recognized the District for exemplary systems of support that target student success, successfully engaging parents and families in our elementary schools, and outreach to homeless children and families.
- *2007 Emerging Leader:* awarded to Superintendent Shelley Redinger by Phi Delta Kappa International, for igniting a passion for education in others.
- *More than 1,000* parents and community members volunteer over 30,000 hours in Oregon Trail schools each year.

Elementary Schools:

- *2009 Outstanding Literacy Leader:* awarded to Sandy Grade School Learning Specialist Sarah Hagestedt by the Mt. Hood Reading Council.
- *2008 Exemplary Reading Program Award finalist:* Kelso Elementary School was selected as one of three statewide finalists for the award sponsored by the International Reading Association.

Middle Schools:

- *2008 Patriot's Pen essay winner:* Boring Middle School student Taylur DeWolf placed first in Oregon and eleventh nationally in the VFW sponsored essay contest.
- *2008 Celebrate Literacy Award:* awarded to Cedar Ridge Library Technician LaLonnie O'Meara by the Mt. Hood Reading Council.
- *2007 Columbia Gorge Chapter and Oregon State Teacher of the Year:* awarded to Cedar Ridge Middle School Language Arts Teacher Lila Brightbill by the Air Force Association.

High School:

- *2009 Advanced Placement Scholars:* Sandy High School graduated six AP Scholars in 2009: Danielle Behrends, Casey Emmerling, Nik Fosses, Siara Leininger, Charles Maples, and Meesha Pena.
- *2009 Sandy High graduating class record-breaking scholarship awards:* nearly \$545,000 offered to graduates for their first year of college, including nearly \$104,000 from local businesses, organizations, individuals and families. More than \$1.8 million offered in 4-year renewable scholarships.
- *2009 Outstanding Mathematics Educator:* Awarded to Sandy High Teacher Debbie Hunter by the Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics.
- *National Board Certification:* Earned by Sandy High Math Teacher Aleta Kandle. Considered the highest symbol of professional teaching excellence.
- *2007 Oregon High School Journalist of the Year:* awarded to Sandy High Senior Tiffany Fegel, Editor-in-Chief of the school's Mountain Echoes newspaper, by the Oregon Journalism Education Association. Sandy High student Lindsay Schnell won in 2005.

2009 Award Winners

Each year the Oregon Trail Education Foundation recognizes outstanding school staff, volunteers, and business partners. Following are the 2009 honorees:

Excellence in Education Awards

- Rose Bomar – Welches CHIPS Teacher
- Martin Bush – Cedar Ridge Math Teacher
- Sarah Christensen – Firwood 1st Grade Teacher
- Dan Hall – Maintenance Technician
- Jenny Johnson – Naas ELD & CHIPS Teacher
- Heather Meyers – Kelso 5th Grade Teacher
- Obie Murphy – Sandy High Educational Assistant
- Deb Shaver – Firwood Kindergarten Teacher
- John Smith – Sandy High Counselor
- Kaleen Swenson – Sandy Grade Educational Assistant
- Maria Tamariz – Naas Educational Assistant
- Becky Wittrig – Firwood Educational Assistant

Partnership Awards

- Merit Properties – Dave and Regina Lythgoe
- Sandy Fire Department – Alice Lasher

Cleo Volunteer Awards

- Debbie Brown – Welches Elementary
- Michele Burden – Welches Middle
- Cindy Froehlich – Boring Middle
- Donna Harris – Sandy High
- Judy Lofstedt – Cottrell Elementary
- Pam McCormick – Cedar Ridge Middle
- Leona Neff – Sandy Grade
- Cari Nguyen – Kelso Elementary
- Marley Weber – Firwood Elementary
- Angie Welty – Naas Elementary



Facility Bond Project News

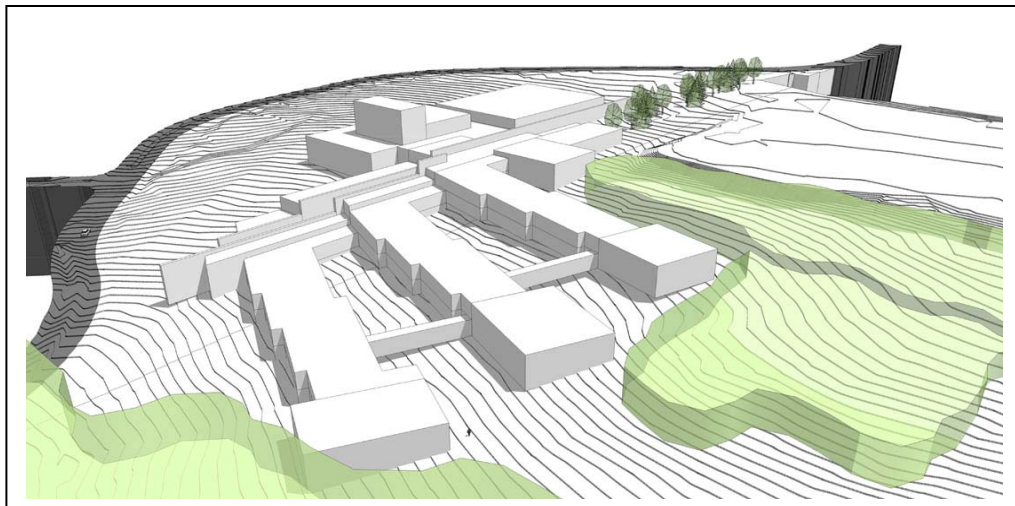
Thank You Voters!

Our appreciation goes out to the Oregon Trail Community for approving a bond measure to build a new high school and upgrade our other schools.

Our New High School is Becoming a Reality

Shelley Redinger, Superintendent

This past year has been exciting - working with the school design team and our community to develop a conceptual design for the new high school. It's been quite a process, but we want to make sure the new school reflects the input and needs of our staff, students, and community. We've been discussing everything from classroom size to the placement of tennis courts. Program-area work groups focused on specific needs for Career & Technical programs, Physical Education & Athletics, Fine & Performing Arts, General & Science Classrooms, Library, Security, and more. We even had an Eco Forum to discuss "green" options for the school. The end result will be an 80-acre learning complex that will serve our students and community for years to come.



Conceptual drawing of new high school on the 80-acre Bell Street property.

Oregon Trail Supports Local Contractors

The Oregon Trail School District is dedicated to supporting local contractors and vendors whenever possible.

All County Surveyors

All County was selected to provide land survey services for the 80-acre Bell St. property. Last spring, Sandy High students assisted All County with surveying nearly 2000 trees.

Konell Construction

Sandy-based excavation contractor Konell Construction is working with Geotechnical Consultant Geocon Northwest to provide geotechnical services for the new high school project. Konell has provided excavation equipment and services for exploratory trenches.

Firwood Design Group

Firwood Design Group of Sandy, and Winzler & Kelly Consulting Engineers, are partnering on the civil design projects for the new high school. Projects include site development, traffic flow, habitat and natural resources preservation, energy conservation, and more.

Parker Fire Protection Services

Boring-based Parker Fire provided fire hydrant fire flow testing for the new high school design, and will install a new fire department connection at Firwood Elementary School. Bob Parker is a Sandy High graduate.

In December 2009 the District Board of Directors approved a resolution authorizing construction of the new high school by means of a construction manager/general contractor. This will result in substantial cost savings to the District, and could allow more participation of local sub-contractors.



Sandy High students Thomas Collier and Kevin Maples spent their summer interning at DOWA Architects in Portlan, building models of the new high school.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT...

2009 ACT Scores		
	Sandy High	State
English	22.8	20.5
Mathematics	23.3	21.5
Reading	24.3	21.9
Science	22.3	21.1

2009 Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Scores			
	Sandy High	State	Nation
Critical Reading	502	523	501
Mathematics	503	525	515
Writing	482	499	493
TOTAL			

OREGON STATE ASSESSMENT TEST RESULTS...

Student achievement is the priority of the Oregon Trail School District, and during the 2008-09 school year our dedicated staff focused on development of instructional practices, purposeful on-going classroom assessments, and effective use of curriculum and technology resources – especially at the high school level. As a result, we saw significant growth at Sandy High in reading, writing, and mathematics.

Eight of the ten schools in the Oregon Trail School District met the Adequate Yearly Progress goals as laid out by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) mandates. All six elementary and two middle schools met the rigorous requirements.

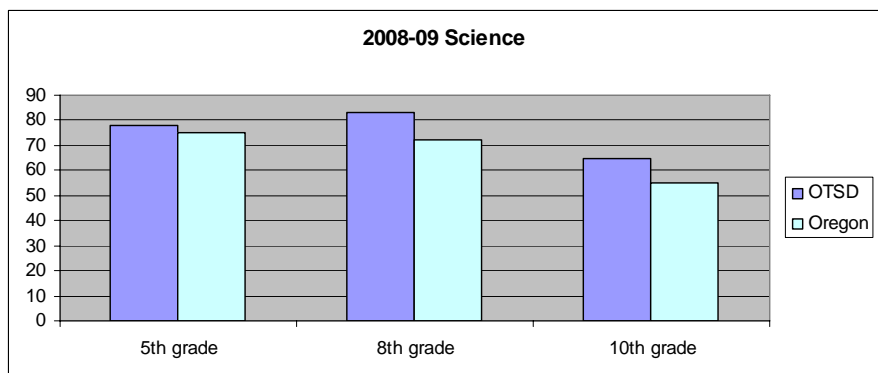
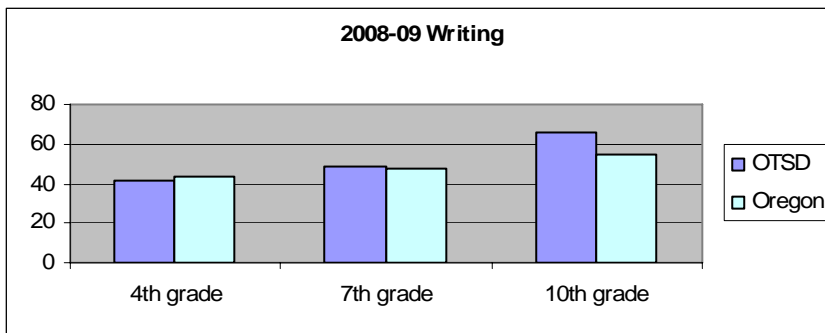
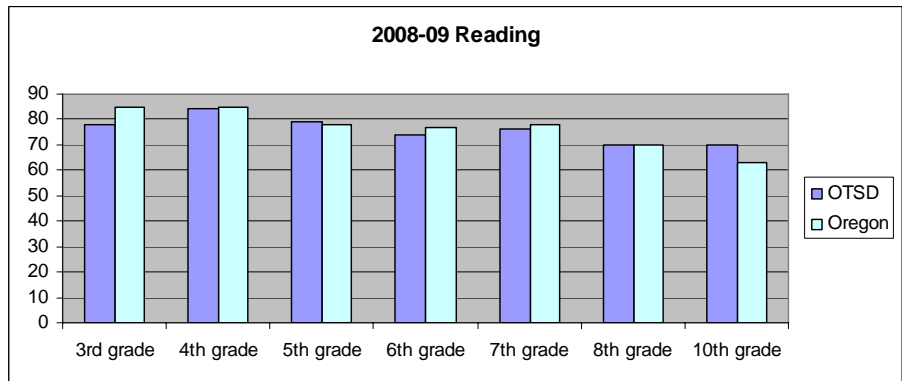
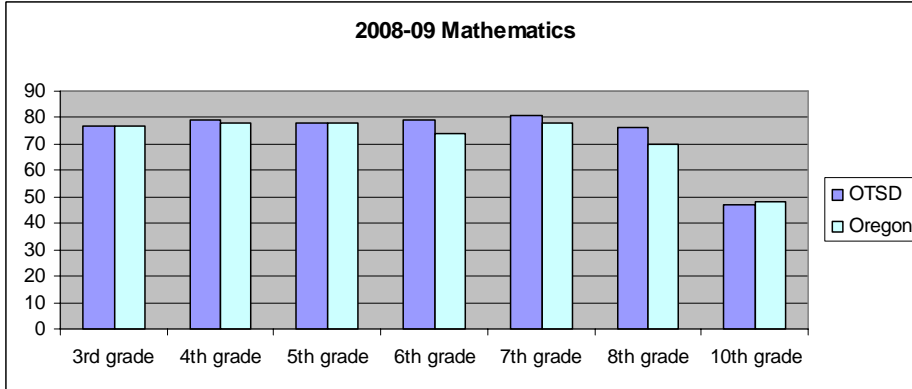
Through the years we have planned, organized, and articulated curriculum, strategies, and programs to raise student achievement and to gradually close the achievement gap. The Oregon Trail staffs have been steady in their efforts, yielding positive student outcomes. The hard evidence of continual staff development in our schools reflects the collaborative efforts in sustaining the spirit to raise student achievement. Such efforts involve our certified staff, classified staff, administrators, directors, school board, volunteers, and parents, working in tandem. The will for excellence is the catalyst that drives the Oregon Trail School District.

OREGON TRAIL SCHOOLS RATE OUTSTANDING...

The 2009 School Report Cards, published by the Oregon Department of Education, rate all ten Oregon Trail schools *Outstanding* in student attendance. Sandy High, Kelso Elementary, and Naas Elementary rated *Outstanding* overall, and each of our other schools were rated *Satisfactory* overall.

Our three *Outstanding* schools distinguished themselves in the 2009 state assessment tests, with exceptionally high achievement in reading at Naas and Kelso. Sandy High School made significant improvement overall, with reading achievement scoring well above the state average.

Oregon State Assessment Results



Oregon Trail School District

FACILITIES...

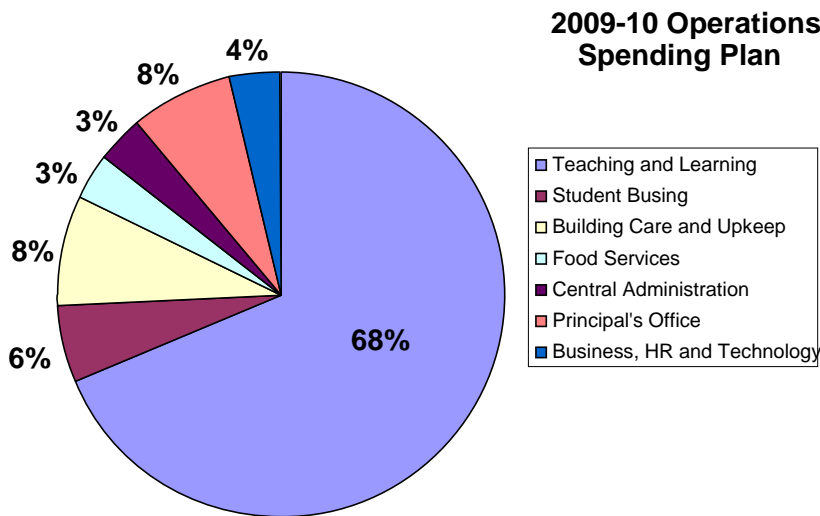
Schools	Date-Age of Original Building	Sq. Ft.	Classrooms	Student Population Fall 2009
Sandy High School	1934 – 74 yrs	163,778	62	1262
Boring Middle School	1948 – 60	52,905	20	421
Cedar Ridge Middle	1960 – 48	48,393	21	400
Welches Middle School	1968 – 40	32,205	14	158
Cottrell Elementary	1949 – 59	35,952	13	130
Firwood Elementary	1966 – 42	49,973	21	474
Kelso Elementary	1978 – 30	39,268	14	311
Naas Elementary	1972 - 36	46,204	16	226
Sandy Grade School	1931 – 77	43,130	18	375
Welches Elementary	1980 – 28	31,294	14	245

2nd Quarter enrollment students attending in-district

Other Support Facilities: District Office Transportation Yard Maintenance Shop
 Aquatic Center The Learning Center Bull Run School

The school district holds 327 acres of land. This includes 80 acres at the Bell Street property (proposed future site of a new high school), the popular environmental trail that provides improved hiking paths through approximately 10 acres of heavily wooded area, and an environmental land lab that supports the high school agriculture program located on 80 acres on Coalman Road, east of Sandy.

How Your Tax Dollars Are Spent



Oregon Trail School District

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