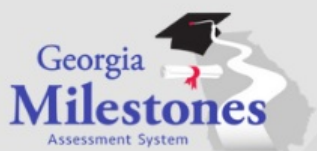




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MILESTONES, END OF GRADE, AND END OF COURSE ACHIEVEMENT



OCS ranks in Top 10 on 19/19 Milestones assessments

The Georgia Department of Education has released Milestones, End of Grade, and End of Course Assessment results. On each of the 19 assessments for the 2020-21 school year, Oconee County Schools had an average well above that of the state of Georgia. OCS ranked in the top 10 in the state on all assessments as well.

“Despite the challenges of last year in the face of an international pandemic, our students achieved at some of the highest levels in the state,” said Superintendent Jason L. Branch. “The resilience, flexibility, and grace of our students, teachers, and parents have truly shown us what ‘Oconee Strong’ means.”

For more details, [click here](#).

Board Chair Tom Odom steps down from Board after 40+ years of service to public education

At the Aug. 9, 2021 Board of Education regular meeting, Board Chair Tom Odom announced that he would be stepping down from the Board of Education, effective September 1.

“Under the leadership of Board Chair Tom Odom, Oconee County Schools has flourished and has become a premier school system not just in Georgia – but in



**THANK YOU,
MR. ODOM!**

the nation,” said Superintendent Jason L. Branch. “He has provided nearly a decade of consistent leadership as Board Chair and has been a steadfast, wise voice for public education and has impacted the lives of countless teachers and students. His impact will be a lasting one.”

For more details, [click here](#).

Meet Me Mondays



Oconee County Schools is featuring new and returning faculty, staff, and students in a new "Meet Me Monday" video feature for the 2021-22 school year. The first two features are on our new assistant principals - Josh Martz (Dove Creek Elementary) and Jennifer Dalton (Oconee County Primary). [Click here to view](#). Nice to meet you both!



COVID-19 Information

The COVID-19 Weekly Status Report is posted on the OCS website each Friday afternoon. [This page](#) also has the most up-to-date COVID-19 protocols as well.

Click [here](#) for more information.



Board Meeting videos online

Monthly Oconee County Board of Education work sessions and regular meetings can be found on the district's [YouTube channel](#).

Meetings will be posted the day following the Board meeting and are also linked from the main page of the Oconee County Schools website, as well as under the Board drop-down link.

The Board of Education playlist on YouTube can be found [here](#).

Welcome Home, Oconee!

Elementary First Week of School



It was wonderful to see our elementary students back at school after summer break!

Middle/High First Week of School



Middle and high school students are hard at work as we kick off the 2021-22 school year!

Oconee County ranked #1 county with best school system in Georgia



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Oconee County Rankings

Niche ranks thousands of places to live based on key statistics from the U.S. Census and expert insights.

Best Counties to Buy a House in Georgia

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Best Counties to Live in Georgia

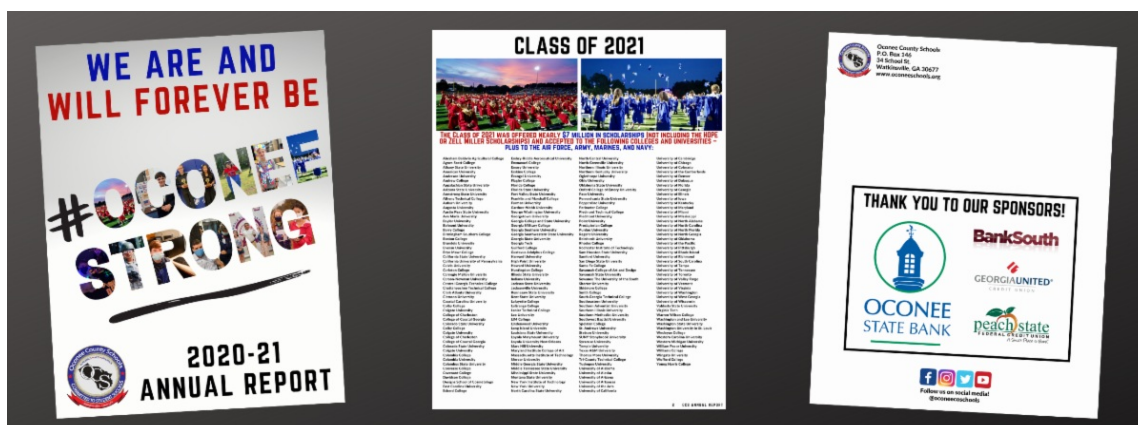
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Counties with the Best Public Schools in Georgia

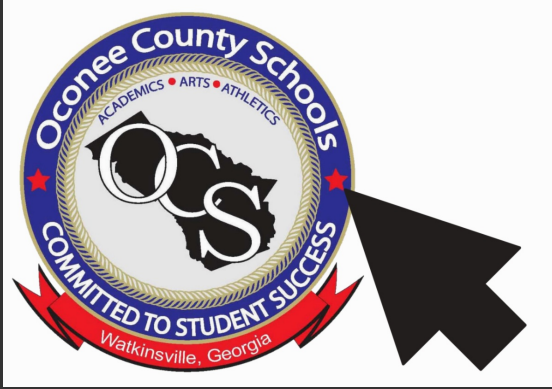
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Oconee County has been ranked the #1 county with the best public schools in Georgia by Niche. We have also ranked as the #4 county with the best public schools in America. Click [here](#) for more information.

2020-21 Annual Report Released



The 2020-21 OCS Annual Report has been released and mailed to all business and residential addresses in Oconee County. Thank you to our premier sponsor Oconee State Bank, as well as our other generous sponsors BankSouth, Georgia United Credit Union, and Peach State Federal Credit Union, for annually supporting this publication. Click [here](#) to view the report online.



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