



Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

Quarterly Report

January 15, 2016

The Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School (OYACS) completed its first term of courses on January 8, 2016, with a total enrollment of one hundred and twenty-eight students. Sixty- one students were enrolled at the Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center (SWOJC) campus under the administration of Leticia Sanchez. There are currently nine teachers, three teacher's aides, and an administrative assistant on staff. Sixty-eight students were enrolled at the Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC) campus under the administration of Bradley Buxton. There are ten teachers, three teacher's aides, and an administrative assistant on staff. The Board of Juvenile Affairs provides oversight and serves as the governing board of OYACS.

We had one student graduate from OYACS this December and are expecting twelve more by the end of the year. Last term our students earned a combined 615 credits. We use the STAR for our benchmark assessment. The majority of our students improved their scores. We had sixty-seven percent of our student's increase their reading score and fifty percent of our students increase their math score compared to the baseline. We had five students that were successfully concurrently enrolled by earning college credit. Two of those students were discharged from OJA mid-semester and continued to attend their courses. They both successfully earned a passing grade. We have two more students enroll in college courses this semester and began class on January 13, 2016. In addition, we have a student that is completing admission paperwork at University of Central Oklahoma in preparation of discharge from OJA and one already enrolled at East Central University and one enrolled at Redlands. We tested four students on the GED, three of which earned an equivalency diploma.

We are currently planning for next year. We are working on our Master schedule to ensure we have courses and options for our students to meet Oklahoma graduation requirements. We are creating a course guide with descriptions of the courses and are meeting with each student for pre-enrollment. At that time, we will be reviewing the transcripts and graduation plans with all of the students enabling them to have ownership in the goal toward graduation. When a student is preparing for discharge from OJA, the principal meets with the transition team and ensures all academic records are transferred to the student's home school for a smooth transition. We are also reviewing all testing data from the STAR and End of Instruction assessments and creating a remediation plan. Two CareerTech programs are currently offered. At SWOJC we offer auto mechanics, and at COJC we offer graphic design. Students in these two programs are working toward certification for future employment.

Our open house and parent teacher conferences were well attended, and we received great feedback. Thirty-six of our students had at least one parent/guardian attend. For the parents/guardians that could not attend, we informed them of their students' academic progress via phone or email. Our second parent teacher conference is scheduled for this term.

We are very proud of our two schools and the hard work of our students. We feel that the first term was a huge success and are looking forward to next term. We invite you to tour our school. If you would like to schedule a date, please contact Melissa White at Melissa.White@oja.ok.gov or 405-530-2814.

Thank you for your ongoing support.