The Oklahoma School for the Deaf

"A Commitment to Excellence"
OSD's Mission Statement

The Oklahoma School for the Deaf will provide a quality education to all students in a way that:

- Continuously increases expectations for and achievements of every student,
- Develops healthy self-esteem, intrinsic motivation, and strong work habits in all students,
- Creates a safe, positive environment for learning,
- Meets the challenge of educating a culturally and economically diverse student population,
- Stimulates continuous professional growth which ensures effective, innovative classroom instruction,
- Engages parents as equal partners in their child's education, and
- Unifies the community to make school improvement a priority. So that:

Every student will be equipped for life-long learning, responsible citizenship, and productive employment in an ever-changing society.

Special Facts

- There is no tuition fee for OSD.
- There is no room or board fee for OSD residential students.
- Students are bused to and from home every weekend, on holidays, and for the summer. There is no transportation fee for this service.

The academic program is accredited by the Oklahoma Department of Education and the vocational program by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education. OSD is also accredited by the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf, Inc. and North Central Association.

OSD's aim is to prepare students to be productive members of society. This includes preparation for continued education at the post-secondary level. Also taught are the skills necessary for independent living at home and in the community as well as being successful on the job.

The staff members at OSD are committed to helping Deaf children develop to their maximum potential by using every means of communication available. That includes sign language, speech, speechreading, residual hearing, reading and writing. A balanced policy is our aim.

No one method of communication is used to the exclusion of others, but all are explored and those selected which best meet a Deaf student's needs.

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