

OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONCERN

Consider Recognizing the Following Outstanding Individuals

DISCUSSION

2026 Governor's Scholars Program

Thirty-two students have been accepted, and one alternate, to the 2026 Governor's Scholars Program. These exceptional students were selected after a rigorous application process which factors in grades, test scores, community service, and extracurricular activities. These students will attend a five-week summer program hosted by Centre College, Morehead State University, and Murray State University. During the program, students will choose an area of study and learn with others from across the state.

NOHS

Annika Bell
Owen Davis
Henry Dorsey
Leysha Gudibanda
Elise Hayes
Ibraheem Abdullah Kissana
Lincoln Krezmien
Karson Minh Tri Pham
Lincoln Schwartz
Ivan Smith
Riley Young

OCHS

Kayli Adams
Sara Ann Alvarado
Paige Childress
Bella Dykes
Mia Lutz-Buford
Catalina Perez
Maggie Rye
Rhys Shannon
Gabrielle Wood
Grace Roberts
Alternates
Logan Schmuckie

SOHS

Isabella Alexander
Makayla Ballard
Mason Chandler
Avery Dailey
Grayson Hunt
Andrew Hunter
Claire James

Logan McDermott
Aurie Moss
Olivia Powell
Cassidy Stocker

2026 Governor's School for the Arts

Ten students have been accepted, and six alternates named, to the Governor's School for the Arts. This program celebrates the creative talents of students who are interested in fine-tuning their skills with master teachers in various disciplines. These distinguished students will live on-campus at Northern Kentucky University for three weeks this summer.

SOHS

Atley High - Dance
Benjamin Osborne - Musical Theatre
Anna Powers - Instrumental Music - Percussion
Bryce Royles - Musical Theatre
Alternates
Keegan Conner - Film + Photography
Ashley McCurdy - Vocal Music

OCHS

Virginia Powell - Dance
Dulce Reyes - Visual Art
Nicholas Turner - Instrumental Music - Brass
Alternate
Gentry Petaja - Musical Theatre

NOHS

Alannah Brody - Dance
Leysha Gudibanda - Visual Art
Isla Oeffinger - Architecture + Design
Alternates
Frank Holobinko - Film + Photography
Delaney MacWilliams - Dance
Brookelynn Woods - Musical Theatre

2026 Governor's School for Entrepreneurs

Four students have been accepted, and three alternates named, to the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs. Students will attend GSE this summer. Over the course of three weeks, teams will develop a business model, design a prototype, and pitch their business idea to a panel of judges.

NOHS

Olivia Foy
Sanat Shah
Evan Wheeler
Alternates
Lars Isenhardt

Allan Xia
Oliver Killian

OCHS

Dominic Byers

Commonwealth Honors Academy

Eight students have been accepted to the Commonwealth Honors Academy this summer. During the program, they will join other students who will live and learn on Murray State University's Campus while receiving six hours of college credit.

OCHS

Sara Alvarado
Emma Fischer
Esbeida Espinosa
Parker Fenush
Abbey Paulin

SOHS

Emma Cayte Mayo
Avery Dailey
Anna Powers

KHSSL State Speech Tournament

Last month we recognized South Oldham High School students who placed as State Champions or State Runner-up in the KHSSL State Speech Tournament. Tonight, we are recognizing North Oldham High School student, Evan Wheeler, for earning State Runner-up in Extemporaneous Speaking.

2026 Governor's Cup State Finals

Governor's Cup encourages depth and breadth of academic knowledge, cultural literacy, teamwork, leadership, creativity, risk assessment, and critical thinking in both team and individual competitions. Congratulations to South Oldham Middle School student, Benjamin Ribblett, who earned 2nd place in Social Studies in the 2026 State Governor's Cup.

Ignite Passion

The Ignite Passion Award recognizes individuals or groups that have demonstrated exceptional commitment and efforts in fostering passion and enthusiasm within Oldham County Schools. Recipients of the Ignite Passion Award are not merely achievers; they are catalysts for positive change, transforming the atmosphere and culture within their school or within the school district. These individuals or groups possess a unique ability to ignite the flames of inspiration within students, staff, families, or the community, encouraging others to pursue excellence and embrace their own passions.

Buckner High School – Ruthie Parrot

Ruthie Parrott embodies the "No Excuses—Find a Way" mindset, approaching each day with purpose and an unwavering belief in what students and teachers can achieve. She consistently seeks out opportunities for success, designing innovative, engaging strategies that meet students where they are and move them forward with confidence.

Through her work as an instructional coach, Ruthie empowers teachers to refine their practice, think creatively, and respond to student needs with intention and flexibility. Her support goes beyond guidance—she inspires a culture of growth, collaboration, and possibility. Classrooms become more dynamic, instruction becomes more meaningful, and students are given greater access to success because of her influence.

Ruthie's impact is felt throughout the school community. She brings energy, encouragement, and a solution-oriented perspective that motivates others to push past challenges and strive for excellence. By championing both students and staff, she helps create an environment where enthusiasm for learning thrives and where everyone is encouraged to reach their fullest potential.

RECOMMENDATION

Recognize these individuals for their outstanding accomplishment!