

Oklahoma School for the Deaf  
DRS Commission Report  
Chris Dvorak, Superintendent  
October 12, 2020

Current Student Enrollment: 100 Sulphur students (11 virtual)  
10 regional students

OSD and Vocational Rehabilitation have partnered with the University of Oklahoma PreETS program to supplement transition planning for OSD students. The University of Oklahoma will directly assist students in the areas of job exploration and counseling, work-based learning, counseling on postsecondary opportunities, workplace readiness training, and self-advocacy.

Football/Volleyball Homecoming - OSD athletes competed in Green vs. White intrasquad games with a socially distanced crowd of staff and students on September 24, 2020. OSD Homecoming King and Queen are Juniors Pablo Gomez, Oklahoma City, and Brook Queen, Tulsa.

No OSD students have tested positive for COVID. Only one OSD staff member has tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak earlier in the year. On September 30, 2020, after receiving confirmation of the test result, OSD initiated its COVID response plan. Students were sent home for distance learning and staff vacated the campus for 24 hours. After a thorough sanitizing of the Sulphur campus, staff returned on Friday, October 2. Regional Early Childhood Education Centers at USAO and UCO were able to continue services at their respective campuses without interruption. Students will resume in person classes on the Sulphur campus on October 12, with residential students arriving Sunday afternoon, October 11.

Teachers are attending to distance learning daily, along with incorporating outdoor activities more and more into the physical instruction taking place for day and residential students. Outdoor canopies have been erected across the Sulphur campus to accommodate activity including breakfast, lunch and dinner for students and staff each day that weather permits.

The OSD website has been revamped to include portals for families, staff and students. COVID information and plans are available to any website visitor, and are updated as needed. Student-Family and Staff Handbooks are accessed through the OSD website, as well as the newly designed request and approval workflow.

OSD has offered ASL classes to the community for many years now. The number of enrolled parents, siblings, and community members has grown to 180 this fall, many of whom take advantage of the virtual option. Streaming our classes virtually has made ASL development much more accessible. We have over 30 enrollees from out of state.

The old pool area, condemned nearly a decade ago, is currently being repurposed as a space that will house robotic classes, meetings and events. The renovation is close to completion,

with the pool completely filled with concrete with a conduit system for audio-visual wiring, and a new HVAC system. This space will allow OSD to host state and national conferences in the future without sacrificing space for our athletic and physical education programs.