

Onamia Academy Principal Board Report

April 2025

- Last week we finished our second week of MCA testing. So far we have finished the math and reading tests. The students have been taking the tests very seriously and are doing their best on them. This week we have the science test and then we will wrap up anyone that has to finish up testing before the testing window closes.
- We are working on plans for our Extended Summer School (ESY) program for our special education students. Students qualify for ESY based off of their IEP goals. Determination for qualification will happen in early May. We expect to have 8 - 10 students who will qualify. We are struggling to find staff that want to work. Programming will happen in June for 2 weeks.
- We celebrated Behavior Interventionist day on March 30. We are so thankful for Anna and everything she does for Onamia Academy, especially this year when she has stepped up and had to handle everything on her own as the only Behavior Interventionist and has had to cover as I have been in the classroom full time the last few months. Anna has been the driving force behind the success students have both behaviorally as she supports them with social skills and teaching them coping skills. Anna goes above and beyond to communicate with student teams, support the PBIS team, and do whatever she can to keep us afloat with being short staffed this year. It has been a difficult year at Onamia Academy with staffing and behaviors, but Anna does her best to make sure that students aren't affected by everything going on and keeps our Program moving forward.
- We continue to be very thankful for our relationship with Nexus and how closely we work together as a team. From problem solving student behavior together, teaching the Industrial Arts class together, having parent meetings together so we are all on the same page academically and behaviorally. It has been a great partnership!
- Our behaviors have been significantly high this month, so we have been really focusing on those youths who are continuing to maintain Level 3, show excellent leadership in the classroom, and who are working hard on all of their academics. Through our announcements we have PBIS youth(s) of the day, Friday Top 5 youth of the week, and last week we passed out Easter Eggs to all youth who were making their day (inside the eggs were a candy treat or extra school dollars). The kids have loved this and get excited each day to see if they get to pick an egg.