

Framework of Best Practice
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STARTS WITH



STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE

1

LIFE SKILLS



ORGANIZATION



ADVOCACY



PERSISTENCE

2

LITERACY



READ ABOUT IT



WRITE ABOUT IT



TALK ABOUT IT

3

SOLID INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES



PLANNING



ENGAGEMENT



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The Pyramid of Academic Interventions



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OVERLAND HIGH SCHOOL
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The faculty and staff at Overland are committed to meeting the needs of all of our students, with specific attention for our freshmen and sophomores. This targeted assistance for underclassmen is provided through our Pyramid of Interventions. For each level of the pyramid, a brief explanation is given for each intervention.

TRANSITIONAL

for freshmen only

Appropriate Course Placement

Counselors and teachers work with students to place them in the appropriate core courses (English, social studies, science, math, and world language) and to find electives that meet their individual needs.

LINK Crew Orientation

All freshmen are assigned a junior or senior LINK Crew mentor who guides them during Freshman Orientation, takes them on tours of the building, and gives them general information about the school.

Blazer 101

This class is a first-semester class for all freshman to develop strategies to be successful at Overland, such as effective study habits, note taking, time management and preparing for college. Students will have the second half of the class period to use as a mandatory study hall.

Freshman Passages Meeting

Students, families, and counselors work on setting four-year and post-graduate goals and address any early concerns or questions prior to Back to School Night.

Peer Ambassadors

Peer Ambassadors are available to help 9th grade students in math and English, tutors will be current 10th, 11th and 12th graders who have been trained to tutor. This will occur during the second half of the Blazer 101 class period, while other 9th graders are in study hall.

LEVEL ONE

opportunities for all students

Blazer 201

Designed for students who are new to Overland and the Cherry Creek School District. The class is for students who have a skill deficiency in literacy and mathematics and need to catch up with the ACT College Readiness Standards. Students will receive individualized instruction tailored to their specific academic needs.

Teacher Assistance

All of Overland's staff commit to being available for all students during lunch, plan periods, or by appointment.

Study Hall in the ASC South

All grade levels can utilize the ASC during the first half of their resource period.

Library After Hours

The library is open before and after school Monday through Friday.

Extended School

Extended School provides tutoring after school with teachers in the ASC South. All students are welcome. See website for more information.

Grade Level FLEX Teams

Each student (assigned by grade level) has an administrator, a counselor, dean, mental health professional, educational specialist, and nurse who meet regularly to discuss any student whose behavior, attendance, and/or academic performance demonstrate the need for intervention. These teams then talk to the parent, the student, and, if necessary, his or her teachers about a plan to meet the student's needs (academically, emotionally, or socially).

LEVEL TWO

for students who need additional support

Intensive Reading Classes

These classes are for students who are identified as having a skill deficiency in reading. Enrollment in this class is based upon teacher recommendations, and testing data.

Parent Contacts with D's and F's

Teachers will inform parents whose students have D's or F's throughout the school year and will remind students and parents of the academic support offered in Level One. Parents are also able to log on to the PowerSchool website to check student progress on grades. (9-12)

Required Progress Reports

Teachers, parents, deans, or counselors may require that students use a weekly Progress Report Form. Students and parents receive weekly feedback on behavior, attendance, and classroom performance. Parents can also request weekly or daily reports be sent to their email from PowerSchool. (9-12)

Teamed Algebra 1

Students receive Algebra instruction every day (100 minutes). Algebra 1 concepts are taught on Day 1, and students receive targeted support that fills critical gaps and clears up misconceptions on Day 2.

Teamed Geometry

Students receive Geometry instruction every day (100 minutes). Geometry concepts are taught on Day 1, and students receive targeted support that fills critical gaps and clears up misconceptions on Day 2.

Teamed Algebra 2

Students receive Algebra 2 instruction every day (100 minutes). Algebra 2 concepts are taught on Day 1, and students receive targeted support that fills critical gaps and clears up misconceptions on Day 2.

Blazer 301

This intervention is designed for students who are identified by their math teacher as lacking skills in the Cherry Creek School District, Priority Standards in Algebra 1, Geometry or Algebra 2.



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LEVEL THREE

for students who are failing core classes

Summer School

Students who have failed classes may elect to repeat the courses during summer school. Each of the two summer sessions is three weeks in length. Students may take one semester course each term. There is an additional cost to participate in summer school.

OTIP (Overland Targeted Intervention Program)

This semester class is designed to bolster achievement using a tutorial format supported by effective and guided skill development.

LEVEL FOUR

for students who need credits toward graduation

Computer Academy (PLATO)

This credit-recovery program replaces the student's schedule of core classes with a computer-based, online learning opportunity. Students gain credit through online lessons, completion of course assignments and tests. To be considered for the program, students must secure a counselor recommendation and complete a student application. Students earn credits toward graduation but do not receive a grade replacement.

Overland Alternative Programs

See your counselor for more opportunities.

RESOURCES

online academic support

PowerSchool

Students and parents can check grades and attendance online. Your username and password were provided at check-in. Call 720-747-3636 for assistance.

Schoology

Teachers upload assignments and other course materials to assist students who have missed work. Call 720-747-3636 for assistance.

Creekm@il

Students are provided with a Cherry Creek Schools email account through Outlook and can use this to communicate with their teachers. The username is the same as the one for PowerSchool. The student's email will be username@cherrycreekschools.org. Call 720-747-3636 for assistance.

Method Test Prep

Free online program designed to help students practice and prepare for the ACT and SAT college entrance exams.

Naviance

Students can begin post-graduate planning through Naviance with the help of the PostGrad department. Call 720-747-3452 for assistance.

Overland Website

All above resources can be accessed from the Overland website.
<http://overland.cherrycreekschools.org>