

School Information

Gordon Odyssey Academy is an alternative school that serves students in grades 3 - 12. Students serve a minimum of 45 days and are eligible to return to their home school if they have met the designated criteria.

The mission of Gordon Odyssey Academy is to provide a flexible learning environment that focuses on academic success and social development for all learners through a variety of academic programs that are based upon the individual learner's academic and social needs.

The Administrative Team

Dr. LaNisha C. Tindal, Director

Mr. Spencer Bobian, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Precious Evans, Secretary/Bookkeeper

Ms. Sandi Gratic, Social Worker

School Advisory Council

Ms. Patricia Antley, Comm. Member

Ms. Joyce Edwards, Parent

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Gordon Odyssey Academy
Where Greater Opportunities Await

Report to the Parents

2018 - 2019 School Year

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Purpose

The purpose of this *Report to the Parents* is to give an update on the progress being made toward achieving our academic and behavioral goals. In this report, we have provided brief goals, programs, activities, awards, and recognitions for students and teachers.

2018 - 2019 Goals

Goal 1: By June 2019, there will be a 45% decrease in referrals for minor infractions between August 2018—June 2019. **Goal 2:** By June 2019, 95% of parents will attend school related events and 100% will attend student transition conferences. **Goal 3:** By June 2019, we will decrease the number of students reporting to GOA multiple times during the school year by 70% between August 2018 and June 2019.

Programs, Rewards, Special Recognition

- ◆ United Way Campaign Recognition



Pictured above: Students and social worker intern listen attentively on a college tour of Winthrop University. Students wear college gear and visit one college per month— usually on a Wednesday, which has been deemed “College Day” at GOA.

General School Information

- ◆ **Grade Span:** 3 -12
- ◆ **Programs:** Behavior Modification
- ◆ **Total Students Served in 2018 - 2019:** 109
- ◆ **School Colors:** Royal Blue & Grey



Progress and Actions Planned

The aforementioned goals were created based on our Alternative School Plan goals and student needs. In an effort to continuously improve, the administration provided surveys to teachers to identify needs. We are proud to report that referrals for minor infractions have drastically decreased and all parents have attended transition meetings. We are working to improve parent attendance at activities through School Messenger notifications, calling parents to remind them of events, and by sending flyers and emails.

Students made significant growth on the spring 2019 MAP assessment and several exceeded their goal by more than 20 points. We are extremely proud of their efforts and we believe goal setting and teacher motivation resulted in these gains.



Pictured above: Students attend field study to movies to compare & contrast the movie to the book, “The Hate You Give” after reading the novel in their English class.