

Owatonna Area Learning Center

Inspiring Excellence in Every Learner Everyday

The logo for Owatonna Public Schools is centered in a white square. It features the word "OWATONNA" in a large, bold, black sans-serif font with a blue wave-like graphic above the letter "O". Below "OWATONNA" is the text "PUBLIC SCHOOLS" in a smaller, black sans-serif font. At the bottom of the logo, the tagline "INSPIRING EXCELLENCE • EVERY LEARNER • EVERY DAY" is written in a very small, black sans-serif font.

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What is an ALC?

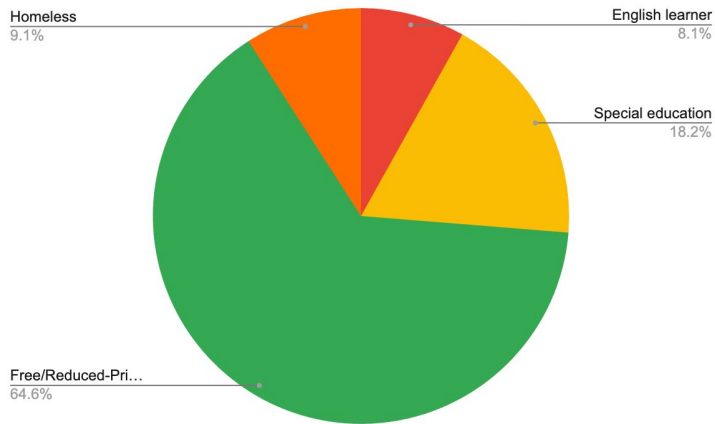
An **Area Learning Center (ALC)** in Minnesota is a specific school within the public system that helps students who need extra support to graduate. It offers flexible class schedules, smaller classes, and helps with catching up on credits.

An **Alternative Learning Center** is a broader term and could refer to any school that helps students who don't fit into traditional classrooms, whether due to personal, academic, or behavioral challenges, offering more individualized support.

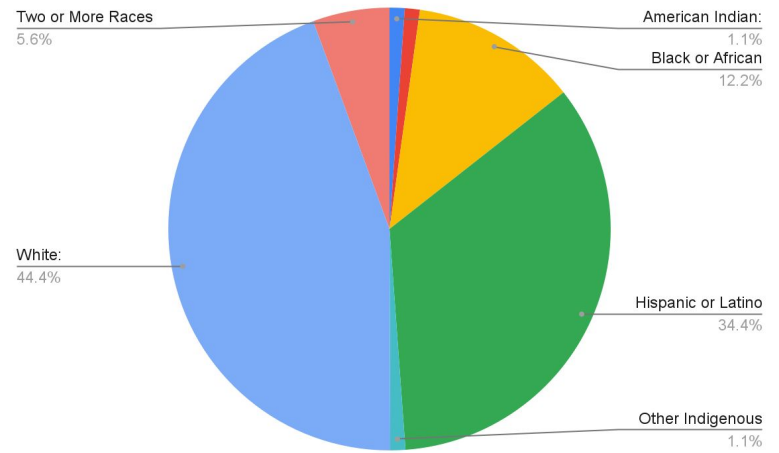
Owatonna ALC is an **AREA LEARNING CENTER**. We serve surrounding communities for Area Learning Needs. We have a shared partnership with Medford Public Schools



Who Are Our Learners?



Percent by Special Population



Percent by Race

Average student enrollment ranges from 75-100 students annually.

How does the ALC support the Learner?

Credit Recovery: Designed to help students who have fallen behind in credits or are at risk of not graduating.

Small Class Sizes: Focused, individualized attention from teachers to support diverse learning needs.

Flexible Learning Options: ALCs offer in person with online learning formats, allowing students to balance education needs in multiple formats.

Supportive Environment: ALCs often have counselors, social workers, and personalized learning plans to address students' academic and emotional needs.

Career and Technical Education (CTE):

Owatonna ALC provides vocational training, internships, and work experience opportunities to help students transition into the workforce or post-secondary education.

Diverse Student Population: ALCs serve a broad range of students, including pregnant/parenting teens and those needing behavioral or academic support.

Credits can be earned in a variety of ways: in quarter credit, through mental health supports, and work based learning.

The Owatonna Area Learning Center Team

The Owatonna Area Learning Center Team includes:

- Science, Social Studies, Math, English, and Physical Education and Art Educators
- Edgenuity Educational Assistant/MAAP Stars Coordinator
- Social Worker
- Special Education Educator
- English Language Learner Specialist
- Counselor
- Career Pathway Coordinator (Shared)
- Success Coach/Behavior Interventionist
- School Resource Officer (Shared)
- School Linked Behavioral Health Specialist
- Licensed Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Counselor
- Front Office Administrative Assistant



With the Owatonna High School we are considered Two Buildings, One Team

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2024-2025 Focus and Goals

Goal 1: Increase Attendance

Increase overall student attendance by 10%, from 78% to 88%, through personalized plans and incentives by the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Goal 2: Enhance Academic and Support Services

Boost student participation in academic support and career pathway programs by 20% by June 2025, by integrating community partnerships and expanding team capacity.

Goal 3: Strengthen Social-Emotional Supports

Increase student participation in SEL programs by 30% and reduce behavioral incidents by 15% through regular SEL sessions and staff training by May 2025.

FOCUSED Growth with our ALC Team through a **Building Assets and Reducing Risk Model:**

Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR) is a strengths-based approach that boosts student achievement by building positive relationships and addressing individual needs. It integrates academic, social, and emotional support, empowering teachers to collaborate and use real-time data for student growth. BARR fosters strong connections, early identification of challenges, and timely interventions to improve outcomes like attendance, performance, and engagement while reducing barriers to success.

What about the Diploma?

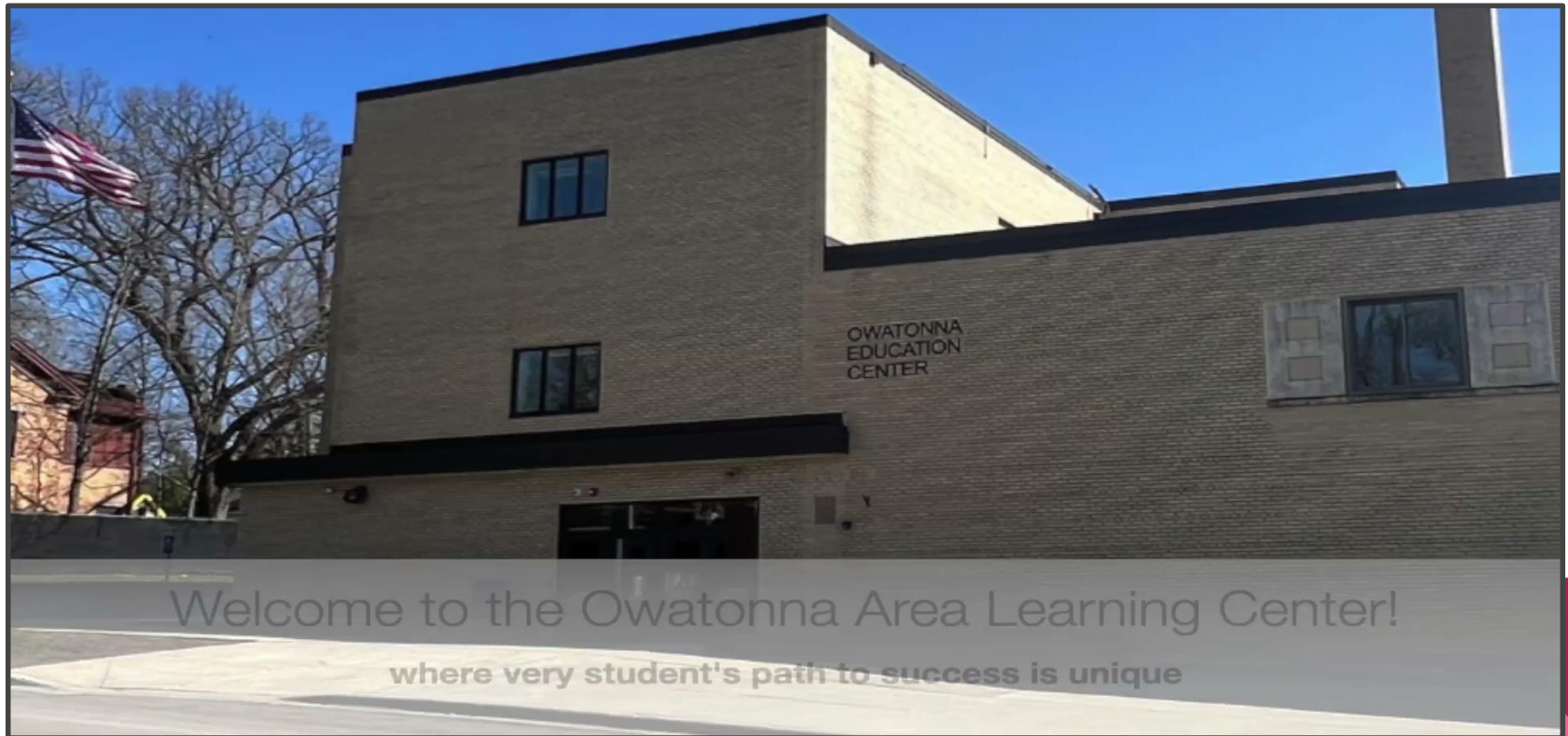
Students at an Area Learning Center (ALC) earn the same **standard high school diploma** that they would receive from a traditional high school. ALCs are part of the public school system, so the diploma is recognized just like any other, reflecting that students have met all the necessary state and district graduation requirements.

The difference lies in the path taken, with ALCs offering flexible, personalized education to help students reach that milestone.

- Misconceptions of an ALC diploma is that it is not the same. In fact our students earn the same diploma as their peers attending the Owatonna High School.
- The ALC students have the option to attend the ALC graduation and/or the OHS graduation ceremonies.
- For those who may want to consider a GED path, we do offer a partnership with local GED testing and training center.



Voices from the ALC



Welcome to the Owatonna Area Learning Center!
where every student's path to success is unique

ALC: Come as You Are...*Stay for the Vibe!*



QUESTIONS?

