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Office of Charter Schools



OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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FEATURE

Newsletter

November 2015

Great School Exposure Events

Date	Tue. Nov. 10 th 2:00pm	Thur. Dec. 10 th 10:30am	Tue. Dec. 15 th 9:00am
School	East Bay Innovation Academy	Vincent Academy	Epic Middle School
Address	3400 Malcolm Ave. Oakland, CA	2501 Chestnut St. Oakland, CA	1112 29th Ave. Oakland, CA

[Click here to RSVP for Great School Exposure Events](#)



SPOTLIGHT CAHSEE

Under SB172, the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) will be suspended for the next three years while the state considers updating it to reflect the new Common Core standards.

- Students that have completed graduation requirements by Jan 1, 2016, can receive their diploma even if they did not pass CAHSEE in the past.

[Click here to see FAQ.](#) If you have any questions please contact Silke (silke.bradford@ousd.org), Leslie (leslie.jimenez@ousd.org), or Paul (Paul.Toribio@ousd.org).

Credential and Expulsion Compliance Requirements

Please review the **NEW** compliance requirements regarding credentialing and expulsions described in the orange links below. OCS staff will be making unannounced site visits throughout the year to review credential binders, so please be sure that office staff can point us to where the up to date binder is located.

Instructions for Sub Permits, as well as credential requests can be found under the [Credentials tab](#) on our website. The CCTC has recently published two guides that are available there as well.

[Click here to learn more about the Credential Compliance Binder.](#)

[Click here to learn more about Expulsion Compliance.](#)

TECHCONNECT



Free Solution to Harness the Power of Everything After the Bell

Zaahah is a **free** mobile and web platform for K-12 schools that is uniquely focused on “Everything After the Bell.” Zaahah provides education the first solution to manage student activities, support family and community engagement, and promote safe online discovery. Zaahah's unified communications, which includes instant email and mobile notifications, connects and benefits every stakeholder. Zaahah creates an involved community, which is clearly tied to priorities of California’s Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP): student achievement, family engagement and school climate and culture.

Zaahah is an invitation only platform. To learn more about Zaahah, please contact James Sisneros at james@zaahah.me. James will be in town all this week and can stop by your school for a demo. You can also visit www.zaahah.com.



Teaching Books Reading Resource

OCS purchased licenses for all charter schools at TeachingBooks.net -- [a digital literacy resource](#) -- TeachingBooks has thousands of resources for diverse titles, including [African American](#), [American Indian](#), [Asian/Pacific American](#), [Disabled](#), [Latino](#), [LGBTQ](#), [Middle Eastern](#), and [South Asian](#) experiences. Browse all these resources and more at www.TeachingBooks.net/DiverseBooks.

To get started [watch a video tour](#).

All school sites may use the following login info:

Visit: <http://teachingbooks.net/home>

Enter your school email address, if prompted.

Username: ousd **Password:** ousd

For all schools interested in training, you are invited to register for the Teaching Books [Fall Webinar Series](#). You may also contact [Annette Smith](#), who will be happy to coordinate sessions for your site.

SAVE THE DATE Working Groups 2015-16 // Mondays

Please join our working groups and make your voices heard! Important policy and practices are being discussed so mark your calendars and RSVP to the reminder emails from Marijane!

Unified Enrollment	Special Education
November 16th	December 7th
January 11th	February 1st
March 21st	March 7th
April 18th	April 4th
May 16th	May 2nd

All working group sessions will be held from 4:30-6:00pm in the Laurel Conference room adjacent to the Office of Charter Schools, at 1000 Broadway, Suite 639. Parking validation and light meal is provided. Email [Marijane](#) to RSVP and be added to the meeting makers.