

In concert with modern child development research findings, the concept of the Outdoor Classroom is built upon the premise that children are complex beings. To nurture the whole child, early childhood education needs to follow the fundamental principle that children are learning everywhere and all the time. Instead of developmentally inappropriate early academics, children need a broad variety of learning experiences and opportunities to grow in areas such as gross and fine motor development, social-emotional development, language development, and creative expression. Mastery of the skills associated with these areas is critical for healthy development as well as later academic success, and requires an educational format that is very different from a traditional elementary classroom. The Outdoor Classroom evolves from the real needs of children, offers activities that are personally meaningful to them, and fully embraces developmentally appropriate practices in early care.

Characteristics of the Outdoor Classroom

- Most activities that can be done indoors can be done outdoors. Some activities occur best outdoors; some can only occur outdoors.
- Children spend substantial periods of time outside, and it is easy and safe for them to get there; they are free to move easily between the indoors and outdoors.
- There is a full range of activities for children to participate in, including many activities that are traditionally thought of as "indoor activities."
- The outdoor space offers a balance of areas for physically active and less active play.
- While outside, children frequently have the opportunity to initiate their own learning experiences and activities, with teachers available to support them.
- The outdoor curriculum evolves from and changes with children's changing needs and interests.
- Children experience nature in as many ways as possible.

Benefits of the Outdoor Classroom

Physical:

- An increase in physical development, capability, and activity
- Setting up patterns for an active, healthy lifestyle
- Fewer children suffering from diseases such as obesity, Diabetes, and ADD/ADHD

Cognitive:

- Stronger language, problem-solving, and communication skills through projects and group activity
- Developing an interest in science and math through connecting with nature
- Fostering learning through self-initiation, control, and personal responsibility

Psychological:

- Happier
- Higher, more positive self-esteem
- Effective relationship building in a cooperative, non-competitive environment
- Building a healthy and balanced internal psychology from time spent alone
- Manifesting classroom harmony
- Social-emotional mastery

Understanding:

- Familiarity with and appreciation of nature
- Wide, expansive view of how the world works
- Building stewardship skills for the environment

Run: 1/15/20

DRAFT Proposed Budget - FY2021**OXBOW UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Program	Bradford	Newbury	Oxbow	River Bend	OUUSD	Total
Pre-K	172,666	76,651				249,318
EEE	67,617	31,518				99,135
Direct Instruction	1,791,011	850,287	2,312,381			4,953,679
Vocational Ed			397,459	1,284,891		1,682,350
Special Ed	656,891	524,124	1,022,020			2,203,035
Other Instruction Programs	54,304					54,304
Student Activities	10,560	6,000	304,046	4,500		325,106
Guidance	183,742	80,645	362,252	109,074		735,714
Health	116,288	80,750	88,086			285,124
Prof Development	28,350	19,500	38,500	30,000		116,350
Library	65,656	9,300	129,745			204,701
School Board and Treasurer				2,000	49,128	51,128
OESU	341,515	159,206	395,349	80,573		976,643
Principal	267,644	202,038	469,044	378,853		1,317,578
Technology Services	87,483	64,692	289,000 246,831	43,870		442,877
Facilities	431,318	206,682	1,158,896	285,000		2,081,895
Transportation	95,404	109,106	322,365	7,500		534,375
Debt Service	201,340	40,808	43,887			286,035
Fund Transfers- Fserv&Deficit	43,672	18,634	14,445	32,527		109,278
Medicaid & CFP/Other Grants	230,518	193,773	50,000	117,000		591,291
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Budget Total	4,845,979	2,673,714	7,355,306	2,375,788	49,128	17,299,915
Less Other Revenues						
Special Ed	136,366	196,290	232,804			565,460
Tuition	36,000		607,000	1,995,991		2,637,991
Transportation	34,500	36,500	112,000			183,000
Other		3,500	285,000			288,500
Grants and Medicare	230,518	193,773	50,000	379,797		854,088
Total Revenues	436,384	430,063	1,286,804	2,375,788	0	4,529,039
Estimated State Ed Spending	4,409,595	2,243,651	6,068,502	0	49,128	12,770,876
Prior Year - FY20 Ed Spending	3,992,015	2,072,601	5,491,938		48,253	11,604,806
FY21 vs FY20 Increase	417,580	171,050	576,564			1,166,070
Percentage Increase	10.5%	8.3%	10.5%			10.0%
Note: Prior year amount without local board budget						
Preliminary Tax Estimate:				FY20	FY21	Change
Equalized Pupils				691.69	668.34	-23.35
Education Spending per EqPu				16,777	19,108	2,331
Equalize Homestead Tax Rate				1.5730	1.7558	0.18
CLA by Town	97.90%	101.63%				
FY21 Est. Local Tax Rate	1.7935	1.7276				
Percentage Increase	13.8%	11.0%				
FY20 Actual Local Ed Tax Rate	1.5756	1.5571				

	TRUST FUNDS												
	MARKET VALUE CALENDAR YEAR END												
	12/31/2008	12/31/2009	12/31/2010	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2013	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	9/30/2016	4/30/2017	12/31/2018	6/30/2019	9/30/2019
SCHOLARSHIPS:													
0.01508 Eaton Sargent Fund	3,911.20	4,387.17	4,759.16	4,810.12	4,972.89	5,604.08	5,867.79	5,450.86	5,645.90	5,300.82	5,160.10	5,721.72	5,779.64
0.02373 Page Fund	6,154.70	6,903.69	7,489.05	7,254.53	7,825.38	8,818.62	8,966.06	8,577.23	8,884.43	8,341.41	8,119.98	9,003.74	9,004.88
0.01439 Kimball Fund	3,792.24	4,186.43	4,541.40	4,399.18	4,745.35	5,347.66	5,201.28	5,387.56	5,387.56	5,058.27	4,924.00	5,459.92	5,515.18
0.20850 St. Johns Fund	54,090.30	60,672.74	65,817.15	63,756.06	68,772.98	77,502.07	78,798.02	75,380.81	78,080.38	73,308.05	71,362.06	79,128.89	79,829.84
0.01177 W. Penridge Fund	3,052.71	3,424.21	3,714.54	3,598.22	3,881.36	4,374.01	4,447.15	4,254.28	4,408.85	4,137.31	4,027.48	4,465.83	4,511.03
0.02337 B. Crafts Fund	6,146.92	6,894.96	7,479.58	7,245.35	7,815.49	8,807.48	8,954.75	8,566.39	8,673.20	8,330.86	8,109.71	8,992.36	9,083.38
Scholarships	\$7,008.07	\$8,489.20	\$9,300.86	\$9,059.34	\$9,591.34	\$10,453.56	\$12,300.97	\$10,743.47	\$11,072.78	\$10,476.72	\$10,179.33	\$12,772.66	\$13,914.06
SCHOLARSHIPS-TOTALS													
AID TO NEEDY CHILDREN													
0.05782 Watermen Fund	15,022.34	16,850.47	18,279.21	17,700.79	19,100.12	21,594.43	21,884.35	20,935.24	21,665.04	20,359.64	19,819.18	21,976.27	22,198.72
0.02768 Bickford Fund	7,179.19	8,052.85	8,735.64	8,462.08	9,127.96	10,286.54	10,468.54	10,004.96	10,393.29	9,729.88	9,471.60	10,502.47	10,608.78
Donations													
Summer Rec Scholarships													
Discretionary Aid to Families													
AID TO NEEDY CHILDREN-TOTALS													
LIBRARY													
0.0581 Merrill Library Fund	15,069.03	16,902.84	18,336.02	17,761.82	19,199.48	21,591.32	21,952.36	21,000.30	21,752.43	20,422.91	19,880.78	22,044.57	22,287.70
0.0066 Filmore Fund	1,711.80	1,920.12	2,082.92	2,017.69	2,176.46	2,482.71	2,493.73	2,385.68	2,471.02	2,319.99	2,258.40	2,504.20	2,529.55
Book Purchases / Transfer													
LIBRARY-TOTALS													
FOREST MANAGEMENT													
0.14745 Low-St. John Fund	38,243.17	42,897.13	46,534.35	45,077.11	48,624.19	54,795.88	55,712.15	53,295.95	55,204.75	51,830.60	50,454.74	55,946.15	56,512.44
0.00517 Chickering Fund	1,340.91	1,504.09	1,631.62	1,560.53	1,704.90	1,921.28	1,953.42	1,868.70	1,935.63	1,817.32	1,769.08	1,961.62	1,981.46
Logging Activities													
Maintenance / Upkeep													
Co-Seed (Alpha Foundation) Program													
Summer Activities													
FOREST MANAGEMENT-TOTALS													
BUGBEE LANDING													
0.01518 Bugbee Fund	3,937.14	4,416.27	4,790.72	4,640.69	5,005.87	5,641.24	5,735.57	5,486.83	5,683.34	5,335.97	5,194.32	5,759.65	5,817.96
Maintenance/Upkeep													
BUGBEE LANDING-TOTALS													
UNRESTRICTED													
0.02891 Hutchinson Fund	7,498.20	8,410.69	9,123.83	8,838.11	9,533.57	10,743.63	10,923.28	10,449.55	10,823.80	10,162.24	9,892.48	10,969.16	11,080.19
0.03114 Trotter Fund	8,076.58	9,059.45	9,827.80	9,519.84	10,268.95	11,572.35	11,765.86	11,255.58	11,658.70	10,946.12	10,655.55	11,815.28	11,934.88
0.04644 Chamberlain Fund	11,785.49	13,219.71	14,340.60	13,891.51	14,984.63	16,886.57	17,168.84	16,424.33	17,012.57	15,972.75	15,848.75	17,241.06	17,416.57
0.13187 Pritchard Fund	34,202.29	38,364.49	41,617.39	40,314.13	43,496.42	49,005.99	49,825.44	47,664.54	49,371.86	46,354.03	45,123.54	50,034.72	50,541.17
0.14732 E. Hale Fund	38,209.46	42,858.31	46,493.32	45,037.36	48,581.32	54,747.57	55,883.03	53,248.96	55,156.08	51,784.91	50,410.28	55,898.82	56,482.62
Local Donations													
Maintenance Mem Field													
Other													
UNRESTRICTED-TOTALS													
SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS:													
	\$259,363.89	\$290,926.61	\$315,694.10	\$306,751.13	\$329,787.34	\$371,823.47	\$377,837.64	\$357,061.00	\$374,366.43	\$367,519.07	\$342,182.02	\$379,424.65	\$383,285.11