Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of our district-wide efforts to support students' overall well-being, we are implementing a proactive approach to ensure the behavioral support and positive school culture necessary for all students to succeed.

One of the key strategies we will use is universal behavior screening, which helps identify behaviors that may impact student learning or social functioning. This process allows us to identify needs and to provide support through our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS).

During the 2026–2027 school year, our schools will administer a universal behavior screener in the fall and in the spring for all students. We will be using two brief, research-based screening tools to assess behavioral risk: Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) for students in grades 6-12 and Student Risk Screening Scale – Internalizing and Externalizing (SRSS-IE) for students in grades K-8.

The SDQ is a brief behavioral screening questionnaire students will take online. Students will self-report on twenty-five behavior attributes using a scale of "not true," "somewhat true," or "certainly true."
For more information on the SDQ visit https://www.sdqinfo.org/a0.html

The SRSS-IE is a brief behavioral screening questionnaire completed by the student's homeroom teacher. Teachers will report on observed student behaviors in the school setting using a frequency-based rating scale.
For more information on the SRSS-IE visit https://www.ci3t.org/measures/screening/srss-ie/

No action is required if you consent to your students' participation in this screening.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in the screening, a parent or guardian must sign and return the form below by no later than Friday, September 4, 2026. You may return the form to the front office or email it to the MTSS Coordinator at your child's school to ensure it is received.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school MTSS Coordinator using the information provided below.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting student success.

School MTSS Coordinators			
OCES	Veronika Snuggs	706-743-8194	vwilliams@oglethorpe.k12.ga.us
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OCHS	Lauren Carlson	706-743-8124	lcarlson@oglethorpe.k12.ga.us

Universal Behavior Screening Opt-Out Form

As a parent or guardian, I choose to exclude my child from participation in Universal Behavior Screening for the 2026-2027 school year.

Student Name (printed): _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to your child's school no later than Friday, September 4, 2026 only if you do not want your child to participate in the universal behavior screening.

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