Chloé Smith

RAMP Baseline Assignment

**Central Elementary School, *Olathe Public Schools***

I am a Middle School Counselor at Oregon Trail Middle School, but I work closely with Central Elementary School, which is one of the four “feeder schools” to Oregon Trail. Central is located in the heart of downtown Olathe, at the cross streets of E. Cedar Street and S. Water Street. Central is made up of students ranging from kindergarten through 5th grade. While it is just one of 36 elementary schools in the Olathe school district, it is one of four that feed into Oregon Trail Middle School and onto Olathe West High School. There are approximately 250 students enrolled at Central with 64 teachers/staff members. In terms of student demographics, Central consists of 49.1% female students and 50.9% male. 6.5% of Central students are migrant students while 45.5% of Central students are considered English Language Learners. The current Central community is a blend of families with varying professions, lifestyles, and backgrounds. Over 85% of Central students qualify for the free or reduced lunch program, and they are one of 11 Olathe District Schools that receive federal Title 1 funds. That being said, Central placed in the top 50% of all schools in Kansas for overall test scores for the 2020-2021 school year. A short-term goal I have for my work at Oregon Trail [with Central] is to coordinate a visit day called “Tiger Blast” for Central Elementary School 5th graders to visit Oregon Trail Middle School during the school day as a way of displaying a unified front within the district, increasing comfortability for incoming 6th grade students, and familiarizing Central students and families with the Oregon Trail Community.