

Farm Service Agency News

Save Time — Make an Appointment with FSA

Producers are encouraged to call their local FSA office at 270-298-3643, ext. 2, to schedule an appointment to ensure maximum use of their time and to make sure FSA staff is available to tend to their important business needs. Please call your local FSA office ahead to set an appointment and to discuss any records or documentation that might be needed during your appointment. To find your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator.

USDA Reminds Producers to File Crop Acreage Reports

After spring planting is complete, agricultural producers should make an appointment with the Ohio County Farm Service Agency (FSA) to complete crop acreage reports before the applicable deadline.

“Producers must file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline in order to receive many USDA program benefits,” said CED Crystal Grigsby, FSA’s County Executive Director in Ohio County. “After planting is complete, call your local FSA office to make an appointment to report your acreage and take care of any other FSA-related business.”

How to File a Report

A crop acreage report documents a crop grown

on a farm or ranch, its intended use and location. Producers should file an accurate crop acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage before the applicable deadline.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable in Ohio County:

July 15, 2025 - Perennial Forage, all other crops, and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) December 15, 2025 – Fall Seeded Small Grains

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide: Crop and crop type or variety; Intended crop use; Number of crop acres; Map with approximate crop boundaries; Planting date(s); Planting pattern, when applicable; Producer share(s);

Irrigation practice(s); Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable; Other required information.

Acreage Reporting Details

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting deadline, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting deadline, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days

after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the acreage reporting date or 15 calendar days before grazing or crop harvesting begins, whichever is earlier.

Producers with perennial forage crops should check with their local FSA office to see if their crops are eligible for continuous certification, which rolls the certified acreage forward each year until a change is made.

More Information

For more information, producers can contact the Ohio County FSA office at 270-298-3643, ext. 2.

Dates to Remember

May 15-Aug. 1: Primary nesting season for CRP. DO NOT MOW.

July 15: Final date to report spring seeded crops and hay/pasture and CRP.

July 15: Final date to report prevented planting on corn and soybeans.

July 17: Final date to apply for Emergency Conservation Program (ECP).

Aug. 1: Final date to submit ballot for COC Election.

Aug. 15: Final date to apply for Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP).

Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services

Child Find

The Ohio County School District (OCSD) keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The OCSD obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The OCSD may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request three years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The OCSD may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for Section 504 services include those children in a public elementary and secondary education program who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

Children eligible for the State-Funded Preschool program include three- and four-year-old children identified with disabilities and four-year-old children who are at-risk, as defined by federal poverty levels up to 160%. Preschool children eligible for special education must have an Individual Education Program (IEP) instead of a 504 Accommodation Plan to receive State-Funded Preschool program services.

The OCSD has an ongoing "Child Find" system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district's "Child Find" system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The OCSD will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or Section 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the OCSD find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or Section 504 services. The OCSD needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or Section 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the OCSD collects the information needed. The information the OCSD collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or Section 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the OCSD, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or Section 504 services, please call 270-298-3249 or send the information to:

Braidy Vance
Director of Special Education/Section 504 Coordinator
Ohio County School District
315 East Union Street
Hartford, KY 42347
270-298-3249

If you know of a child who attends a private or home school within the boundaries of the OCSD, who may have a disability, and may need, but is not receiving Special Education services, please call 270-298-3249 or send the information to:

Braidy Vance
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"Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the OCSD will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the OCSD to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or Sections 504 services. Any information the OCSD collects through "Child Find" is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and "Child Find" activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these Policies and Procedures may be obtained by contacting:

Cheston Hoover
Assistant Superintendent
Ohio County School District
315 East Union Street
Hartford, KY 42347
270-298-3249

The OCSD office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The OCSD provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible.

If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the Assistant Superintendent, the Director of Special Education, or the Section 504 Coordinator at the address or phone number listed above for the Ohio County Schools.

Calendar

Thursday, July 10

Interactive Play Space. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Have some big fun in a small town! Our small-town themed interactive is packed with games, crafts and hands-on fun! Ages 4-12 with adult supervision.

Friday, July 11

Interactive Play Space. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Have some big fun in a small town! Our small-town themed interactive is packed with games, crafts and hands-on fun! Ages 4-12 with adult supervision.

Saturday, July 12

Interactive Play Space. 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Have some big fun in a small town! Our small-town themed interactive is packed with games, crafts and hands-on fun! Ages 4-12 with adult supervision.

Monday, July 14

Interactive Play Space. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Have some big fun in a small town! Our small-town themed interactive is packed with games, crafts and hands-on fun! Ages 4-12 with adult supervision.

Books & Beyond Book Club for Adults. 5:30 – 7 p.m. Join us at the Library Annex where we will be discussing this month's selection, Long Island by Colm Tóibín.

Tuesday, July 15

Interactive Play Space. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Have some big fun in a small town! Our small-town themed interactive is packed with games, crafts and hands-on fun! Ages 4-12 with adult supervision.

Wednesday, July 16

Interactive Play Space. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Have some big fun in a small town! Our small-town themed interactive is packed with games, crafts and hands-on fun! Ages 4-12 with adult supervision.

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