

# Octorara Administration Office

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**Michele M. Orner Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Octorara School District Resident:

In preparation for the 2021-2022 school year, the Octorara Area School District is finalizing plans to restart its annual census process. As authorized under Section 1351 of the Pennsylvania School Code, Octorara is expected to collect a careful, correct, and accurate enumeration or census of all children from birth to eighteen (18) years of age, who reside in the district. This local census data provides critical information that helps the district comply with student attendance regulations, effectively plan for educational services, and calculate future enrollment trends.

Octorara's 2021 census is of particular importance for several reasons. First, it has been many years since the school district conducted its last official census of children living in the school district. Second, it is critical that the school district restart its secure census process as an extension of a more detailed enrollment study recently conducted by the Pennsylvania Economy League (PEL). And finally, as the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted public education and displaced a number of students to other schools and educational programs, it is critical that Octorara have an accurate accounting of the number of students that will return to campus at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

If you have children 18 years and younger living in your household, please visit the school district's website at [octorara.k12.pa.us](http://octorara.k12.pa.us) and click on the tab marked **2021 Census**. There you will find the enrollment study completed by the Pennsylvania Economy League, a copy of school board policy #701 which directs the census process, and a link to the 2021 census form. Please note, if you do not have children 18 years of age and younger living in your household, it is still important that you complete the census form to help us reconcile addresses within school district boundaries. Completing the census survey will not adversely affect your tax bill.

Please contact Mrs. Cheryl Todd, Registrar and PIMS Coordinator, at 610-593-8238 extension 3501 or [ctodd@octorara.org](mailto:ctodd@octorara.org) should you prefer to receive a hard copy of the census form and/or have any questions about Octorara's census procedures.

On behalf of the Octorara Area School District, thank you for considering my request and for your continued support of the Home of the Braves.

Sincerely,

Michele M. Orner, Ed.D.  
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