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**Oakland County Executive  
L. Brooks Patterson  
invites your classroom to  
explore green technology,  
aviation, and history at  
the Oakland County  
International Airport in  
Waterford, Michigan**

## **Classrooms Welcome:**

Field Trips to Oakland County International Airport are ideal for late elementary and middle school students who wish to broaden their knowledge in the practical applications of green technology, of the impact aviation has on the region, and be immersed into local aviation history.

## **About OCIA:**

Oakland County International Airport is the second busiest airport in Michigan with more than 100,000 takeoffs and landings and a 1/2 million passengers and pilots passing through each year. More than 800 private and corporate aircraft are based at the airport; and virtually all the Fortune 500 companies use OCIA. The airport has an annual impact of \$175 million on the region's economy.

## **Contact Us:**

To schedule a tour for your school or group, call 248-666-3900 or email [ocia@oakgov.com](mailto:ocia@oakgov.com). OCIA is located at 6500 Highland Road in Waterford, Michigan.

# **Oakland County International Airport**

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# take off on a field trip adventure



## Green Technology

- Tour the nation's first LEED-certified general aviation airport terminal.
- Encounter the living wall of tropical plants which filter the air inside the terminal. Plants are watered by rain from the rooftop.
- Experience wind and solar energy and geothermal heating and cooling technology.
- Check out electric vehicle charging stations.
- Discover how the airport conserves energy and protects natural resources.

## Aviation

- Observe first-hand the equipment and personnel it takes to operate Michigan's second busiest airport.
- Witness aircraft taking off and landing.
- View the world's first aesthetic ground run-up enclosure which reduces post maintenance jet aircraft noise.
- Discover why OCIA is the gateway to Oakland County from the air, hosting aircraft from every Fortune 500 company, national politicians and celebrities.
- Learn how an international airport works with residents in adjacent communities to reduce noise issues.

## History

- The U.S. government issued its first airport certification in February of 1930. See airport certification document No. 000001 for OCIA.
- Aviation Pioneer Orville Wright commemorated the first Michigan Air Tour held on June 10-16, 1929 with a National Aeronautic Association of U.S.A. certificate. View the document with Wright's signature.
- Marvel at a Pitts Special biplane suspended from the terminal ceiling. The plane was piloted by world famed stunt pilot Henry A. Haigh II and donated to OCIA by the Kalamazoo Air Zoo.