



SCHOOL PROFILE

2023-2024

Oakland School for the Arts is a public charter school in the Oakland Unified School District that opened its doors in 2002 with a mission to offer immersive arts experiences in a college preparatory setting. The school curriculum revolves around the concept of integration, both between academic subjects and with the arts. OSA currently serves 779 students in grades 6-12.

Admission

Students for grades 9-12 who attend OSA must audition into one of nine art sub-pathways:

- Audio Production and Engineering
- Dance
- Fashion Design
- Instrumental Music
- Literary Arts
- Media Arts
- Production Design
- Theater
- Visual Art
- Vocal Music

Applicants for grades 8-12 currently audition before a panel of faculty/staff who assess their artistic talent and potential.

Schedule

Our on campus high school day runs from 8:30am – 4:30pm. Students take five academic classes in the morning and have a 3-hour immersive art block in the afternoon. Off-campus performance opportunities, as well as extra rehearsals, often take students’ time in the evenings and on weekends.

Curriculum

OSA graduates meet the University of California “A-G” guidelines by completing the following required series of courses:

Art	4 years
<i>Technique, Theory, and Production</i>	
English	4 years
Laboratory Science	2 years
Mathematics	3 years
Social Science	4 years
Languages other than English	2 years

Honors Offerings:

- English II
- English III
- Ethnic Studies
- Pre-Calculus
- Spanish II & III

Advanced Placement Offerings:

- AP Government
- AP Studio Art

Dual Enrollment Offerings:

- Statistics
- English 1A and 1B
- Calculus
- Chinese Music

Students must receive a grade of D or better in order to pass any class. Grade point averages are weighted for AP, Honors and college offerings.

As a college preparatory institution, Oakland School for the Arts supports homework as an instructional tool and students have approximately twenty hours of work –

academic and artistic – to do outside of class each week. Institutionally, we advise students to be very cautious of outside commitments, including jobs or artistic work with other organizations, as the long and demanding school day leaves them very little on-campus time to devote to completing their assignments. Students who do manage additional extra-curricular activities demonstrate stellar time management and study skills.

Grading

OSA assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system as follows:

A	93-100	C+	77-79
A-	90-92	C	73-76
B+	87-89	C-	70-72
B	83-86	D	60-69
B-	80-82	NC	0-59

Academic Honors

Each semester students with a GPA of 3.0-3.49 are given academic recognition, while those with a 3.5 or above are given academic honors



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College Acceptances 2023

Below is a list of colleges and universities that have offered admission to OSA graduates from the class of 2023. Over the past three years, approximately 74% of OSA students matriculated to four-year schools, 18% to two-year programs, and 8% chose work, travel, vocational schools, the rest chose to enter the military, or were undecided.

Agnes Scott College	University of California:	Marymount Manhattan	Tulane University
American Musical and Dramatic Academy	Berkeley, Davis, Irvine,	Mercyhurst University	University of British Columbia
Appalachian State	Los Angeles, Merced,	McGill University	University of Colorado Boulder
Arizona State	Riverside,	Michigan State	University of Colorado Denver
Bard College	Santa Cruz, San Diego	Montana State	University of Hawaii
Beloit College		New York University	University of Maine
Bennington	Carnegie Mellon	New School	University of Massachusetts
Berklee College of Music	Clark University	Norfolk State	University of Minnesota
Berry College	Colorado State	Oberlin College	Twin Cities
Brandeis University	Colorado State	Oregon State University	University of Oregon
California College of the Arts	Cornish College of the Arts	University of Oregon	University at Redlands
California Lutheran University	Columbia College Chicago	Peabody Conservatory	University of San Francisco
	Columbia University	Pepperdine	University of Southern California
California State University:	DePaul University	Portland State University	University of Vermont
Channel Islands, Chico,	Drexel University	Pratt Institute	University of Washington
East Bay, Fresno,	Evergreen State College	Prescott University	University of Wyoming
Fullerton, Humboldt,	Fordham University	Reed College	Vassar College
Long Beach, Los Angeles,	Indiana University	Rhode Island School of Design	Warren Wilson College
Monterey Bay,	Indiana University	Rutgers University	Washington University
Northridge, Pomona,	Jewish Theological Seminary of America	Saint Mary's College of California	Western Washington University
Sacramento, San Diego,	Jacobs School of Music	SF Conservatory of Music	Whitman College
San Francisco, San Jose,	Kenyon College	Sarah Lawrence College	Whitworth University
San Luis Obispo,	Knox College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Willamette University
Sonoma	Lawrence College	School of Visual Arts	Wooster University
	Lewis & Clark College	Scripps University	
	Loyola Marymount University	Stetson University	
	Macalester College	Stevenson Institute of Technology	
	Maine College of Art and Design	Syracuse University	
	Manhattan School of Music	University Arts London	

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