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
- 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
- A- 90-92
- B+ 87-89
- B 83-86
- B- 80-82
- C+ 77-79
- C 73-76
- C- 70-72
- D 60-69
- 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.
# 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.

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**Beloit College**

**Bennington**

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**Berry College**

**Brandeis University**

**California College of the Arts**

**California Lutheran University**

**California State University:**

Channel Islands, Chico, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, Sonoma

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