

SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-18

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 755 students in grades 6-12 with a student:faculty ratio of 10:1.

Admission

Each student who attends OSA must audition into one of eleven art schools:

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

Applicants audition before a panel of faculty/staff who assess their artistic talent and potential. Upon acceptance to the school, academic placement is determined based upon the student's prior preparation for a challenging academic curriculum.

Schedule

Each academic class at OSA is fifty minutes. The high school day runs from 8:15am – 4:15pm. 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
World Language	2 years
Advanced Elective	1 year

Honors Offerings:

- English II
- Environmental Science
- Ethnic Studies
- Literary Theory
- Physics
- Pre-Calculus
- Spanish/French III

Advanced Placement Offerings:

Available to our 11th and 12th grade students

- AP Calculus
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP Psychology
- AP US History
- AP Studio Art
- AP Music Theory

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

We do, however, encourage our students' participation in summer education programs and employment.

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	F	0-59

*NC = No Credit

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. Additionally, each art school chairperson selects exemplary students each term for artistic honors, with criteria based on skill mastery, improvement, and leadership. Students who receive both artistic and academic honors are placed on the "Director's List," the highest honor given at Oakland School for the Arts. These honors are listed on the bottom left side of the transcript.



*Awarded Spring 2009
California Department of Education*

College Acceptances 2012 – 2017

Below is a list of colleges and universities that have offered admission to OSA graduates over the past five years. Of our 12 graduated classes (806 students), 74% matriculated to four-year schools, 18% to two-year programs, and 8% chose work, travel, vocational schools, the military, or were undecided. **The Class of 2017 acceptances and enrollment numbers are in bold** for the fall of 2017.

Academy of Art University	Cornell University	Manhattan College	Purchase College
Adelphi University	Cornish College of the Arts	Manhattan School of Music	University of Redlands
Agnes Scott College	DePaul University	Mannes College of Music	Reed College (1)
Alabama A&M University	Dickinson College	College of Marin	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Alabama State University	Dillard University	Marist College	Rider University
AMDA	Dominican University of California	Mars Hill University	Ringling College of Art and Design
American University	Drew University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Royal Academy of Dramatic Art
American University of Paris	Drexel University (1)	Marymount California University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Arizona State University	Duke University	Marymount Manhattan	Saint Augustine's University
University of Arizona	Elizabethtown College	University of Massachusetts	Saint Mary's College of California
University of Arkansas	Elmira College	McGill University	University of San Diego
Azusa Pacific University (1)	Emerson College (2)	Menlo College	San Francisco Art Institute
Bard College	Emory University	Miami University, Oxford	SF Conservatory of Music
Barnard College	Evergreen State College	University of Miami	University of San Francisco
Baruch College of the CUNY	Expression College for Digital Arts	University of Michigan (1)	Santa Fe University of Art & Design
Bates College	FIDM	University of Minnesota (1)	Sarah Lawrence College
Belmont University	Fisk University	Middlebury College	Savannah College of Art and Design
Beloit College	Fordham University	Mills College (1)	School of the Art Institute of Chicago (1)
Bennington College	George Mason University	Montana State University, Bozeman	School of Visual Arts
Berklee College of Music (1)	George Washington University	Morehouse College	Scrpps College (1)
Bethune-Cookman University	Georgetown University	Morgan State University	Seattle Pacific University
Biola University (1)	Georgia Institute of Technology	Mount Holyoke College	Seattle University
Boise State University	Gordon College	Mount St. Mary's University	Shaw University
Boston Conservatory	Goucher College	Muhlenberg College (1)	Smith College
Boston University (1)	Grambling State University	Musicians Institute	University of Southern California
Brandeis University	Guildhall School of Music & Drama	Napa Valley College (1)	Southern Methodist University
University of British Columbia (1)	Hampshire College (1)	University of Nevada	Southern Oregon University (1)
Brooklyn College of the CUNY	Hampton University	New College of Florida	Spelman College
Bryn Mawr College	University of Hawaii at Manoa	New England Conservatory of Music	St. John's University: Staten Island, Queens (1)
Butler University	Hawaii Pacific University	University of New Haven	St. Lawrence University (1)
California College of the Arts	Hofstra University	University of New Mexico	Stanford University
California Institute of the Arts	Hollins University (1)	New York Film Academy	Sterling College
California Lutheran University	Holy Names University	New York University (1)	Stony Brook University
California State University (8):	Howard University	The New School (2)	Syracuse University
Bakersfield, Channel Islands,	Hunter College of the CUNY	Norfolk State University	University of Tampa
Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay (3) , Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach (1) , Los Angeles, Maritime,	University of Idaho	North Carolina A&T State University	University of Utah (1)
Monterey Bay, Northridge (2) , Pomona, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco (2) , San Jose, San Luis Obispo, Sonoma, Stanislaus	University of Illinois	University of North Carolina School of the Arts (1)	Temple University
University of California (15):	Chicago, Urbana-Champaign	University of North Texas (1)	Texas College
UC Berkeley, Davis (1) , Irvine (1) , Los Angeles (5) , Merced, Riverside (2) , San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz (6)	Illinois Institute of Technology	Northeastern University	Texas Southern University
Carnegie Mellon University	Institute of American Indian Arts	Northern Arizona University	Stella Adler Studio of Acting
Castleton University	Int'l Academy of Design & Technology	Northern Illinois University	Tuskegee University
Catawba College	John Cabot University	Northwestern University	University of the Arts London (1)
Cazenovia College	Johnson C. Smith University	Norwich University of the Arts	The University of the Arts
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design	Juniata College	Notre Dame de Namur University	Vancouver Film School
Chapman University (2)	University of Kansas	Oakwood University (1)	Vassar College
University of Chicago	Kent State University	Oberlin College (1)	University of Vermont
Clafin University	University of Kentucky	Occidental College	University of Victoria
Clark Atlanta University	Kingston University	Oregon College of Art & Craft	Walla Walla University
Clark University	The Kubert School (1)	Oregon State University	Warner Pacific College
University of Colorado:	Laguna College of Art and Design	University of Oregon	Washington State University
Boulder, Colorado Springs,	Langston University	Otis College of Art and Design (1)	University of Washington
Denver	Leeds College of Art & Design	Pace University	Wells College
Colorado College (1)	Lewis & Clark College	Pacific Lutheran University	Wesleyan University
Columbia College Chicago (2)	Lincoln University	Pacific Northwest College of Art	West Virginia University
Columbia University (1)	Linfield College	Pacific Union College	Western Washington University
Concordia University	Long Island University, Brooklyn	University of the Pacific	Westminster College
Cooper Union	London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art	University of Pennsylvania	Whitman College
Coppin State University	London College of Communication	Pepperdine University	Whittier College
	London Contemporary Dance	Philander Smith College	Wilberforce University
	Los Angeles Film School	Pitzer College	Willamette University
	Loyola Marymount University	Portland State University	University of Winnipeg
	Loyola University Chicago	University of Portland	University of Wisconsin, Madison
	Loyola University New Orleans (1)	Prairie View A&M University (1)	Woodbury University
	Macalester College	Pratt Institute (2)	Xavier University of Louisiana
	University of Maine	Prescott College	
	Manchester College	Princeton University	
		University of Puget Sound	

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