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 795 students in grades 6-12.

**Admission**
Each student who attends OSA must audition into one of ten 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
- **Technique, Theory, and Production**
- **English** 4 years
- **Laboratory Science** 2 years
- **Mathematics** 3 years
- **Social Science** 4 years
- **Language Other Than English** 2 years
- **Advanced Elective** 1 year

**Honors Offerings:**
- English II
- Environmental Science
- Ethnic Studies
- Physics
- Pre-Calculus
- Spanish

**Advanced Placement Offerings:**
- 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.

**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
- F 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.

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.

**SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-2020**
College Acceptances 2012 – 2019

Below is a list of colleges and universities that have offered admission to OSA graduates over the past seven years. Of our 15 graduated classes, approximately 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 2019 acceptances and enrollment numbers are in bold.