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 793 students in grades 6-12.

Admission
Students for grades 8-12 who attend OSA must audition into one of nine art sub-pathways:

- 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
Technique, Theory, and Production 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
- AP Music Theory

Dual Enrollment Offerings:
- Statistics
- English 1A
- 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  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.

Awarded Spring 2021
California Department of Education
College Acceptances 2022
Below is a list of colleges and universities that have offered admission to OSA graduates from the class of 2022:

- Academy of Art University
- Arcadia University
- ArtCenter College of Design
- Arts University
- Bournemouth University
- Ateneo de Manila University
- Azusa Pacific University
- Bard College
- Berklee College of Music
- Biola University
- Boston Conservatory
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- California College of the Arts
- Chapman University
- Columbia College
- Chicago DePaul University
- Drexel University
- Emory University
- Evergreen State College
- Fordham University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Grand Canyon University
- Holy Names University
- Hope International University
- Howard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Kenyon College
- Knox College
- Lesley University
- Lewis & Clark College
- Lim College
- Loyola Marymount University
- Macalester College
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Marymount Manhattan
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- McGill University
- Middlesex University
- New York University
- The New School
- Newcastle University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern Trent University
- Oberlin College
- Ohio University
- Oregon State University
- University of Oregon
- Otis College of Art and Design
- Pace University
- Parsons School of Design
- Penn State University
- Portland State University
- Pratt Institute
- Princeton University
- Reed College
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rutgers University
- Ryerson University
- Saint Mary's College of California
- SF Conservatory of Music
- Sarah Lawrence College
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- School of Visual Arts
- Seattle University
- Spelman College
- St. John's College
- Stanford University
- Stockton University
- SUNY Purchase
- Union College
- Temple University
- University of Alabama
- University of Alaska Anchorage
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- University of British Columbia
- Columbia University
- University of Denver
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- University of Hawaii
- University of Maine
- University of Oregon
- University of Rochester
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of the Pacific
- University of Toronto
- University of Vermont
- University of Washington
- University of York
- Vanguard University
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Whitman College
- Whittier College
- Willamette University
- Xavier University of Louisiana

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