

SCHOOL PROFILE 2016-17

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 780 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
- Figure Skating
- 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
Science Elective	1 year
Mathematics	3 years
Social Science	4 years
World Language	2 years
Advanced Elective	1 year

Honors Offerings:

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

Advanced Placement Offerings:

Available to our 11th and 12th grade students

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

Students must receive a grade of C- 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	NC	60-69*
B-	80-82	F	0-59

*NC = No Credit

We do not rank our students.

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 – 2016

Below is a list of colleges and universities that have offered admission to OSA graduates over the past five years. Of our 11 graduated classes (702 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 2016 acceptances are in bold** followed by the (*number*) of members of the class enrolling as freshmen in the fall of 2016.

Academy of Art University
Adelphi University
Agnes Scott College
Alabama A&M University
Alabama State University
AMDA
American University (1)
American University of Paris
Arizona State University
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
Azusa Pacific University
Bard College (1)
Barnard College
Baruch College of the CUNY
Bates College
Belmont University
Beloit College
Bennington College
Berklee College of Music (3)
Bethune-Cookman University
Boise State University
Boston Conservatory
Boston University
Brandeis University
University of British Columbia
Brooklyn College of the CUNY
Bryn Mawr College
Butler University
California College of the Arts
California Institute of the Arts
California Lutheran University
California State University (6):
Bakersfield, Channel Islands
(1), Chico, Dominguez Hills, East
Bay (1), Fullerton,
Humboldt (1), Long Beach (1),
Los Angeles, Maritime (1),
Monterey Bay, Northridge,
Pomona, Sacramento, San
Bernardino, San Diego, San
Francisco, San Jose (1), San Luis
Obispo, Sonoma, Stanislaus
University of California (15):
Berkeley (1), Davis (1), Irvine,
Los Angeles (3), Merced,
Riverside, San Diego (2), Santa
Barbara (1), Santa Cruz (7)
Carnegie Mellon University
Castleton University
Catawba College
Cazenovia College
Central Saint Martins College of
Art & Design (1)
Chapman University (2)
University of Chicago
Clafin University
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
University of Colorado:
Boulder, Colorado Springs,
Denver
Columbia College Chicago (1)
Columbia University (1)
Concordia University (1)
Cooper Union (1)

Coppin State University
Cornell University
Cornish College of the Arts (1)
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Dillard University
Dominican University of California
Drew University
Drexel University (1)
Duke University
Elizabethtown College
Elmira College
Emerson College
Emory University
Evergreen State College
Expression College for Digital Arts
FIDM
Fisk University
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University (1)
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gordon College
Goucher College
Grambling State University
Guildhall School of Music & Drama
Hampshire College
Hampton University
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Hawaii Pacific University
Hofstra University
Holy Names University
Howard University
Hunter College of the CUNY
University of Idaho
University of Illinois
Chicago, Urbana-Champaign
Illinois Institute of Technology
Institute of American Indian Arts
Int'l Academy of Design &
Technology
John Cabot University
Johnson C. Smith University
Juniata College
University of Kansas
Kent State University
University of Kentucky
Kingston University
Laguna College of Art and Design
Langston University
Leeds College of Art & Design
Lewis & Clark College
Lincoln University
Linfield College
Long Island University, Brooklyn
London Academy of Music and
Dramatic Art
London College of Communication
London Contemporary Dance
School
Los Angeles Film School
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Macalester College
University of Maine

Manhattan College
Manhattan School of Music
Mannes College of Music
College of Marin
Marist College
Mars Hill University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount California University
Marymount Manhattan (1)
University of Massachusetts,
Amherst
McGill University
Menlo College
Miami University, Oxford
University of Miami
Middlebury College
Mills College
Montana State University,
Bozeman
Morehouse College
Morgan State University
Mount Holyoke College
Mount St. Mary's University
Muhlenberg College
Musicians Institute
University of Nevada, Las Vegas,
Reno
New College of Florida
New England Conservatory of Music
University of New Haven
University of New Mexico
New York Film Academy
New York University (4)
The New School (6)
Norfolk State University
Norfolk State University
North Carolina A&T State University
University of North Carolina School
of the Arts
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Norwich University of the Arts
Notre Dame de Namur University
Oakwood University
Occidental College (1)
Oregon College of Art & Craft
Oregon State University
University of Oregon (1)
Otis College of Art and Design (1)
Pace University (1)
Pacific Lutheran University
Pacific Northwest College of Art
Pacific Union College
University of the Pacific
University of Pennsylvania
Pepperdine University
Philander Smith College
Pitzer College
Portland State University
University of Portland
Prairie View A&M University
Pratt Institute (4)
Prescott College
Princeton University (1)
University of Puget Sound (1)
Purchase College

University of Redlands
Reed College (1)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rider University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Royal Academy of Dramatic Art
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saint Augustine's University
Saint Mary's College of California
University of San Diego
San Francisco Art Institute
San Francisco Conservatory of
Music
University of San Francisco
Santa Fe University of Art & Design
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and
Design (1)
School of the Art Institute of
Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University (1)
Shaw University
Smith College
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
Southern Oregon University
Spelman College
St. John's University: Staten Island,
Queens
Stanford University (1)
Sterling College
Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
University of Tampa
Temple University
Texas College
Texas Southern University
Manchester College
Stella Adler Studio of Acting
Tuskegee University
University of the Arts London
The University of the Arts
Vancouver Film School
Vassar College (1)
University of Vermont
University of Victoria
Walla Walla University
Warner Pacific College
Washington State University
University of Washington
Wells College
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Western Washington University
Westminster College
Whitman College
Whittier College
Wilberforce University
Willamette University
University of Winnipeg
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Woodbury University
Xavier University of Louisiana

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