



SCHOOL PROFILE

2024-2025

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 complete courses in one of ten art sub-pathways:

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

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
<i>Technique, Theory, and Production</i>	
English	4 years
Laboratory Science	2 years
Mathematics	3 years
Social Science	4 years
Language other than English	2 years

Honors Offerings:

- English II
- English III
- Ethnic Studies
- Pre-Calculus

Advanced Placement Offerings:

- AP Computer Science
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP United States Government
- AP Physics
- AP Studio Art
- AP United States History

Dual Enrollment Offerings:

- English 1A and 1B
- 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	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



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College Acceptances 2024

Below is a list of colleges and universities that have offered admission to OSA graduates from the class of 2024. Over the past three years, approximately 65% of OSA students matriculated to four-year schools and 20% to two-year or vocational programs. The remaining 15% chose to work, travel, enter the military, or were undecided.

Alabama State University	Sonoma	New York University	University of
Alfred University		Northeastern University	California:
American Musical and Dramatic Academy	Case Western Reserve University	in Oakland	Berkeley
American University	Clark Atlanta University	Occidental College	Davis
Arizona State University	Columbia College Chicago	Oregon State University	Irvine
Bard College	CUNY Hunter College	Otis College of Art and Design	Los Angeles
Berklee College of Music	DePaul University	Pace University	Merced
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Drexel University	Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University	Riverside
Brandeis University	Earlham College	Pitzer College	San Diego
Bryn Mawr College	Emerson College	Point Park University	Santa Barbara
California College of the Arts	Fordham University	Portland State University	Santa Cruz
California Institute of the Arts	Gonzaga University	Purchase College	
	Hampshire College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Connecticut
California State University:	Howard University	Richmond American University	University of Iowa
Channel Islands	Ithaca College	Rutgers University	University of La Verne
Chico	Knox College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Dominguez Hills	Lewis & Clark College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Michigan
East Bay	Long Island University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Fullerton	Loyola University, Chicago	Scripps College	University of New Mexico
Humboldt	Loyola University, New Orleans	Stony Brook University	University of Oregon
Long Beach	Manhattan School of Music	Syracuse University	University of Puget Sound
Los Angeles	Marymount Manhattan College	Temple University	University of the Pacific
Monterey Bay	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	The New School	University of Washington, Seattle
Northridge	Nazareth College	The Pratt Institute	Whitman College
Pomona	New England Conservatory of Music		Whittier College
Sacramento	New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts		Willamette University
San Diego			
San Francisco			
San Jose			
San Luis Obispo			

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