



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

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