

# OAKLAND SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS SELF-STUDY REPORT

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#### Preface

Explain the school self-study process used to accomplish the outcomes of the self-study, i.e., timeline, stakeholder involvement, any modifications from the model self-study process. By addressing these outcomes of the self-study, the school will have accomplished:

- 1. The involvement and collaboration of all staff and other stakeholders to support student achievement
- 2. The clarification and measurement of what all students should know, understand, and be able to do through schoolwide learner outcomes and academic standards
- 3. The analysis of data about students and student achievement
- 4. The assessment of the entire school program and its impact on student learning in relation to the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and ACS WASC/CDE criteria
- 5. The alignment of a long-range action plan to the school's areas of need; the capacity to implement and monitor the accomplishment of the plan.

Oakland School for the Arts (OSA) received a 6-year accreditation in June 2014. We submitted an Interim report in June 2017, which was accepted by WASC. We arranged our next WASC visit for April 19-22, 2020. However, we were contacted in May of 2019 about delaying our visit. ACS WASC had many schools to visit in Spring 2020 and offered us the option of delaying our visit until Fall 2020. We agreed to accept that offer and rearranged our visit for November 8 – 11, 2020. And, then, the pandemic occurred. In March 2020, we heard that WASC was delaying all visits for the foreseeable future. We were able to reschedule our visit as a virtual event for May 2-5, 2021, which is the current plan. Our school is in remote learning mode for the foreseeable future, so a virtual visit will coordinate well with the way in which we currently conduct classes and hold school events.

The above illustrates why we faced challenges and disruptions to making forward progress while creating our self-study.

We began the current process in October 2018, when our Chief of Operations and the WASC coordinator attended part 1 of the Self-Study seminars. After that this team met regularly to work on gathering and synthesizing information for the Community Profile.

In January of 2019, the coordinator met with the leadership team to outline the process, including when meetings would occur for focus groups and home groups. She also presented the current community profile data. In February, WASC communicated their offer to extend our accreditation until June 2021 and to delay our Visit. We received our letter of acceptance from the president of ACS WASC on March 1. This put our plans on hold until the new school year.

In August 2019, we renewed our efforts to work on our self-study. The WASC coordinator presented the year's plan for the self-study to the faculty and staff during professional development before the school year opened. She reviewed the previous year's work and the current status of the Action plan. She went over the ESLRs, the projected critical student learner needs and the plans for home group and focus group meetings during the year. The faculty and staff were separated into their assigned focus groups – and held initial discussions about the state of the school.

In October of 2019, the Executive Director of OSA and the WASC coordinator participated in WASC visits to two different high schools. They brought back many valuable insights and observations from their participation on Visiting Committees that were shared with the OSA faculty and staff.

In November 2019, the coordinator made a presentation to the faculty and staff to continue on with the self-study process. An orientation for focus group work was given. A calendar of meeting dates was distributed.

In January of 2020, the WASC coordinator met twice with the Leadership team to present the self-study plan and the updated Community Profile work. In January 2020, focus group leaders were assigned, oriented and trained. Focus groups, including parent and student members, began meeting during Professional Development time in February (2/19/20) and then met again in March (3/11/20).

On March 12, we were informed that students would not be coming back to school in person, but that teachers would have the next day to prepare to begin teaching remotely on Monday, March 16. On March 18 we received an email from the president of ACS WASC informing us that all visits for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year were cancelled and that we should monitor the WASC website for updates as to when visits would be rescheduled. At that point we again suspended our WASC self-study preparations.

In September 2020, we set our new visit dates: May 2-5, 2021. The start of the new school year was jam – packed as the faculty and staff adapted to best practices for supporting our students during this time of remote teaching. We picked up our WASC preparations in November and the re-adjusted focus groups continued to meet. The WASC coordinator oriented all new faculty and staff about the self-study process before professional development sessions where the focus groups worked together. As the self-study session began, the coordinator reviewed the previous year's work and the current status of the Action plan. She went over the ESLRs, the projected critical student learner needs and the plans for home group and focus group meetings during the

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self-study time. The faculty and staff were separated into their assigned focus groups – and began their work answering the prompts.

Since November, OSA has held three more focus group sessions, with team members writing and contributing evidence between focus group meetings. Home groups meet routinely as part of the normal operation of the school. The WASC coordinator has met with the Leadership team many times during the self-study period, attending their bi-weekly meetings when there is new information to present or discuss. The WASC coordinator meets with the School Principal weekly and has had several ZOOM meetings with key members of the faculty and staff during the self-study period, including the assistant principal, the SPED team, the Counseling staff, the Wellness team, the assistant principal, the school dean and department chairs. Student and parent home groups also met during this time to go over the results of the Community Profile. The school faculty and staff, including student and parent representatives, read a current draft of the self-study report and reported out on their impressions during that meeting. The OSA Board has also read a current draft. An update on the self-study process was presented at a Board meeting in March 2021.

# **Chapter I: Progress Report**

- Describe any significant developments that have had a major impact on the school and/or specific curricular programs since the last full visit.
- Comment on the process for implementing and monitoring the schoolwide action plan aligned with LCAP.
- Summarize progress on each section of the current schoolwide action plan that incorporated all schoolwide critical areas (growth areas for continuous improvement) from the last full self-study and all intervening visits.

# Significant developments since the last full visit

OSA has experienced significant changes in leadership since the last full visit in 2014. Our long time Executive Director (ED) resigned in June of 2015. The OSA Board undertook a 6-month search for a new ED, resulting in the hiring of the former ED for the San Francisco School for the Arts (SOTA). During the time of the search, the ED responsibilities were shared among the Leadership team. The new ED redesigned the school leadership structure, taking us from a three "division" model, with a middle school and a high school principal and an artistic director, to a model with a single leader reporting to the ED. We now have a principal over all three divisions, an assistant principal and an artistic director who reports to the principal. Under the ED's new leadership plan, we also hired a chief academic officer. We filled this position with an outside hire and the new CAO was never truly able to connect with the staff to promote meaningful change. This position was not refilled after the 2017-2018 school year. The ED also hired a Chief Business Officer who restructured the finances at the school. He reworked many of our basic policies, including the way that summer pay was handled.

The new ED left after two years. During the 2019-2020 school year, the position was filled by our school principal as Interim ED and the assistant principal became the Interim Principal. In April 2020, the new ED, an outside hire, arrived just as the school entered remote learning mode. She has worked hard at getting to know faculty, staff, students, and parents – and the school policies – although she has not met many of us in person, nor occupied her new office space.

In 2017, OSA applied for Measure N grant money from the Oakland Unified School District. This grant money came from a taxpayer ten year parcel tax that encourages College & Career Readiness in Oakland schools. We received these monies as we worked to qualify as a Linked Learning Pathways school. We went through a year of orientation to qualify for the funds, including meeting as faculty in study groups where topics included reworking our ESLRs, Mastery-based Grading, creating a new bell

schedule, project-based learning and integrating CTE standards into our classes. We also held faculty fishbowl discussions to engage all teachers in the pathway design process. A team of faculty visited a CTE school in Oceanside, California, to observe how CTE curriculum fits into the high school day. During the process of qualifying for Measure N funds, we increased our student support services, we strengthened our academic program, we created two artistic pathways for our students to follow, and we integrated a career technical education sequence into our curriculum and supported arts teachers in obtaining their CTE credential.

In pursuit of strengthening academic performance, OSA has considered a bell schedule change for some time. Two years ago, we began following a block schedule format after many discussions between faculty, staff, administration, parents and students. This change meant that our students would move their half day release from Mondays to Wednesdays, and that the school would follow a block schedule once a week on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Normal classes at OSA run for 50 minutes. Over the two block days, students would attend each of their classes just once, but for 90 minutes each session. Although some teachers have had anxiety about filling the time, many teachers, especially in Science, are very happy to have extended periods to run labs and work on projects. We recognize that teachers could use more support in learning how to best use the block period time.

Part of the process of increasing our student wellness services included adding an Advisory class to our schedule. This was a tricky scheduling feat, as our students spend half their day in academic classes and the other half in arts classes, with the same set of arts teachers supporting both groups of students over the course of the day. We were finally able to include a 30-minute advisory session at the end of the Thursday morning block day – right before lunch. Students are placed in mixed grade and artistic advisory groups in middle school and high school. Advisors are pulled from faculty and staff and every possible meeting space is utilized by the school at this time. The intention is for students to remain in the same group over the course of their middle or high school career. Groups are limited to 15 students with one or two advisors. Although advisory is intended to run weekly, we have limited sessions to just once a month during online learning. A weekly curriculum was designed by our assistant principal, with topics ranging from how to stay organized to reactions regarding current events. After spending one school year running advisory sessions (August 2019 to March 2020), we have collected several reactions to advisory ranging from it being a "waste of time" to "counting on other students to help me work through some issues." We have found that advisory allows teachers to get to know students

from different grades and in different ways and to step outside their role as a "curriculum" provider.

As part of becoming a Creative Careers Pathway school, OSA has pursued CTE pathways integration into our arts programs. Nine of our arts instructors have completed their CTE credential. The rest of the arts teachers are on track to earn their credential, either teaching or CTE, by 2025. All of our arts classes are part of our two designated Creative Careers pathways, either Digital and Visual Media or Arts and Entertainment. Seven of our nine emphasis have CTE pathway curriculum associated with them. All of our graduates last year and forward will be CTE completers. We have a new CTE coordinator this year who has set up many programs including a speakers series, a newsletter, and a mentorship arrangement. We have begun introducing CTE standards into our academic classes. Our first integration has been with high school English. We have also started offering College and Career classes. This year all ninth graders are taking a semester of "Business of the Arts." As part of our Measure N commitment, we have developed a Wellness Team, which consists of student support personnel including a Head Counselor, a College and Career Counselor, and a Mental Health Coordinator. We also have a part time Wellness Counselor and a full time Psychologist on staff. We are deeply committed to the Coordination of Services Team (COST) process. Teachers and other staff members can recommend any student of concern for a COST analysis. Members of the Wellness Team will meet to discuss the student's situation and possible solutions. These findings are shared with parents and teachers. Once the recommendations have been in place for an amount of time, the team reconvenes to investigate if the support structures have been successful.

OSA went through its 5-year Charter Renewal with the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) in the Fall of 2019. Part of the renewal requirements included a major change to our enrollment process. OUSD, as the holder of our charter, requested that a lottery system be put into place. As a result of our charter renewal work, OSA is phasing out auditions over the next five years. This year, for the first time, next fall's incoming 6th graders were chosen through a lottery system without auditions. This process will continue to move up through the grades, until the entire school population is admitted through a lottery process. For example, next year, 7<sup>th</sup> graders applying to OSA will be placed in a lottery for the 2022-2023 school year.

Process for implementing and monitoring the schoolwide action plan aligned with LCAP goals and Strategic Plan

Though there has been notable turnover in leadership at OSA in the last 6 years we are fortunate that institutional memory has remained intact. With this, the priorities found in the action plan and the connected objectives have remained focal points throughout this time period and significant progress has been made in most areas. Development of a Strategic Plan (one of our Action Plan items) and the LCAP, along with periodic review of the action plan, has assisted in maintaining this focus.

# Progress on Prior Growth Areas (formerly Schoolwide Critical Areas for Follow-up)

- 1. OSA can improve by increasing its collaborative structures in order to create a stronger overall school culture of alignment between and across subjects, grade levels divisions and programs within the context of the ESLR's which were developed by all of the stakeholders. This culture of collaboration can be deepened by including greater interactions between the Board of Directors and the staff of the school and giving the Board tools to involve the local community in the school.
  - Students and teachers have attended Board meetings frequently to voice opinions, including requesting that Board members interact more with the student community. The Leadership team attends all Board meetings and teachers are frequent presenters about their area of expertise.
  - We have become more cohesive under the leadership of a single principal. We conduct weekly professional development sessions as a group that includes all faculty and staff. One of the main focus points of PD this year has been to participate in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training as a group. This has placed employees from widely varied areas into contact in breakout rooms where important and sensitive issues confronting the school have been discussed.
  - As we move into CTE curriculum, we are working towards integrating the arts and academics in every area.
  - Teachers meet by grade levels and as divisions to discuss issues concerning students and to collaborate on projects biweekly, outside of PD time.
  - As part of our Measure N application we focused on updating our ESLRs into a
    form that is easier to remember and understand by the student population and
    community. We are in the process of transitioning from our ESLRs to
    R.E.A.D.Y. ESLER's were more goal based, R.E.A.D.Y. is more attitude-based.
    Many of these attitudes are already promoted in our classes and school
    community. Once we have completed the transition we will be better able to
    truly integrate the meaning of R.E.A.D.Y. into daily school life.
  - Parents are involved in many aspects of the school, including advisory boards, the OSA Board, and the Alliance of Parents and Teachers (APT). More recently the APT has added additional advisory groups to its organization – the Parents of Color (POC) group and the Parents of Disabled Students group (PODS)

- Collaboration happens across the grade levels. When senior projects were part
  of the curriculum, the most highly rated projects were presented to the
  school-wide community. This project ended when key faculty left the school.
  However, we are intending to reinstitute this worthwhile project for the next
  school year. We intend to have the Senior Project become the capstone
  feature of the CTE curriculum, as a requirement fulfilled by all Seniors to
  complete the CTE program.
- Eighth grade students continue to present their end-of-year speeches to the younger grades in the middle school providing role models and a glimpse into the future for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- OSA is collaborating with arts organizations outside of the school. We have created a relationship with The People's Conservatory, an art enrichment afterschool program that serves 13 schools in the East Bay and focuses on serving Black and Brown students. They taught four Step It Up classes for us: Digital Media, Literary Arts (through the lens of spoken word and hip hop), Production Design and Visual Arts, and Fashion Design. Of the 41 Title 1 elementary schools in the East Bay, we have been invited to visit and leave marketing materials for our Step-It-Up program at 24 of them.
- Academic staff have coached students for several opportunities including Mock Trial, EAA Bridge Building, Robotics Competition in the High School and Technovation Teams in the Middle School, These projects have continued on – even during the pandemic. Last year a team of 13 high schoolers also competed in the Sea Lion Bowl, a marine-based panel style competition held at CSU-Monterey Bay.
- 2. OSA should build comprehensive remediation systems to help students that are struggling academically and/or socio-emotionally so they can reach their artistic potential and meet high school graduation requirements. OSA should explore benchmark testing or an equivalent system to have more precise student achievement information. In the arts, OSA should increase the use of rigorous assessments to determine student progress and to drive a curriculum that supports accurate student achievement levels.
  - We now use the MDTP created by UC Berkeley to measure student progress in math. This assessment is given twice a year to record student growth in math and to target areas of focus. Teachers analyze the data together during math department meetings.
  - We have continued supporting math students with a high school math support lab this year, and a middle school math support class up through last year. We plan to restart the MS support class next fall.
  - We administer the SRI-ELA assessment three times per year to assess reading levels for all students. These results help the English department plan appropriate supports, including an invitation to join a Literacy Support Class.
  - We have given all students the SRI- ELA assessment and the MDTP math assessment at the beginning of the school year to determine the levels and needs of all students.

- OSA uses CPM curriculum to support student sense of ownership and engagement in math. Our math teachers continue to attend CPM training.
- We have implemented a school-wide Advisory program where similar activities
  and messages are delivered to all students each week. We have a dedicated
  Leadership class that promotes school spirit activities. The Dean of Students
  presents school wide assemblies monthly where announcements are made,
  student work is highlighted and awards are presented. Different student groups
  also present assemblies monthly to highlight different cultures.
- We partner with Challenge Day to provide an annual socio-emotional support workshop for our 7th and 10th grade students.
- We held a college fair in March of 2019. We were planning another event for April 2020, but it was canceled due to the pandemic. We are hoping to hold another College Fair via ZOOM in April 2021. The fair helps all students plan for their future.
- We have expanded the benchmark assessments program from English and Math to include Science and Social Science. Both of these subject areas are developing their own measurement tools within departments over this school year.
- Data studies are conducted in department meetings as well as in division meetings using the assessment tools adopted or developed by each department. Because of data study, Literary Support and Math support classes were developed.
- Our most current CAASPP data suggests that we need to focus on our African American students, students with disabilities and our English Language Learners in ELA. In math, we need to better support our African American students, students with disabilities, our English Language Learners, Hispanic students and our SED students. However, in all cases, the results showed improvement from the year before.
- We currently have 74 IEP students all being served by our in-house SPED department.
  - Our most current CAASPP data shows that although our IEP students scored far below the standard in ELA and math, in both cases, the group had improved over the year before. The SPED department has recently started a SPED newsletter that highlights student artistic achievement.
- OSA has moved to the Coordination of Services Team (COST) model for determining student needs and supports. We have found this to be very beneficial in catching many different types of needs and dealing with them quickly and effectively. We realize that it is important to recognize that often socio-emotional issues and substandard academic performance in class and on benchmark tests are intertwined.
- Strong communication channels have developed between the arts and academics to help students as they balance performance schedules with academic classwork. We all recognize the importance of supporting the development of the whole student.

- We have still not developed a HS-MS mentoring program although the middle school faculty feels that if MS students of color are paired with a high school mentor of color, this could be a means to helping students of color feel more included in our school community.
- The counseling department works closely with students to ensure that they will graduate, including supporting them as they enroll in concurrent course work.
   We have a Head Counselor and a College and Career Counselor to help with graduation and college concerns.
- ELA and Social Science courses are cored at some grade levels. However, there is concern that the students may become "tracked." The recently implemented block schedule has helped give teachers more time to present longer projects and labs.
- We have developed a Wellness Team that includes a Mental Health Coordinator, a school Psychologist and a Wellness Coordinator. These individuals have been especially helpful during the pandemic as many students are in need of mental health support.
- Although we have replaced "Health and Creative Science" with Biology at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level, a local organization called BAWAR presents a health curriculum every other week. They also provide healthy relationship sessions approximately once a month for 7<sup>th</sup> graders.
- We continue to offer differentiated curriculum in all classes. Our biweekly grade level and division meetings give us the time to collaborate and compare notes about best practices for differentiation.
- 3. Ensure the future of the school through engaging the leadership in the development of a strategic plan that includes a) analysis and action around increasing the space available for growth and expansion in all programs b) a concerted plan to recruit students with greater ethnic and socioeconomic diversity c) replicate in-house the external independent funding streams that have thus far supported the school.
  - We did create a Strategic Plan in 2014. That plan expired last year. The
    creation of a new Strategic Plan is currently in process. All stakeholders have
    been included in this process. The Leadership team is considering school
    growth and locating facilities required to support that growth
  - OSA currently has a large number of Chromebooks, and we are working to have 1:1 ratio next school year. This will enable students to be assigned individual Chromebooks which they can take home with them. OSA has also purchased "hotspots" to allow internet access. The Chromebooks and hotspots are at student homes during the pandemic to allow students to connect to classes.
  - Our Step It Up program continues, even during the pandemic, to provide support for artistic development for under-served Oakland elementary students.. We provide outreach in the form of visits and marketing materials to many local Title 1 schools.

- Our audition system will be phased out, one grade at a time, as stated in our recently renewed Charter through OUSD. We are currently holding a lottery for next year's incoming 6th graders. Students will receive special priority for pre-conditions such as attending a Title 1 school or being the sibling of an OSA student. Students will participate in an audition, only after they are admitted to OSA, for placement in an artistic pathway.
- Math and ELA classes are fully Common Core aligned. Science classes are aligned with the NGSS standards
- OSA tries to utilize local community resources. In addition to previously
  mentioned spaces, we have had some theater classes meet at "Flight Deck" a
  performance space just 3 blocks away. When we return to in-person learning,
  theater students will still meet at the former Flight Deck, now known as
  "PianoFight".
- Although we have offered classes during the summer, classes were not offered last summer during the pandemic. We plan to offer classes this summer, especially to help with learning loss due to the pandemic.
- OSA has an alumni web page that is password protected and is available for all OSA alumni to join. A listing of alumni events, alumni news and specific class pages are located there. Alumni are an important resource for OSA.
- We have recently started an MMI (Mentor, Masterclass & Internships) program. Our CTE coordinator is connecting with working artists to ask them to serve as mentors for our students. She is seeking a six-month commitment, with mentor- student meetings occurring monthly. In the Fall of 2021, we hope to have 2-3 mentors per sub-pathway, host two master classes per quarter per pathway, and to find internships for all seniors who meet the established criteria. We are also forming an Arts Advisory Board to support our Creative Careers Pathways development.

# Chapter II: Student/Community Profile and Supporting Data and Findings

Tell the story of your school through the use of data and information. This thorough examination of the school includes:

- The history and background of the school
- A description of the school programs
- California School Dashboard performance indicators and other local measures
- Examination of perceptual data, such as surveys
- Provide findings, noting trends, irregular patterns or anomalies for the data, including longitudinal and disaggregated data (see profile guide)
- Provide a brief summary that includes:
  - o Implications of the data
  - o Identification of 2-3 preliminary major student learner needs (at this stage of analysis)
  - o Important questions to be discussed in the Focus Groups.
- Include related profile materials in the appendices at the end of the report.

# Chapter II "Student/Community Profile - Data and Findings"

**Note:** Although this report is being written during the period of remote teaching caused by the global pandemic in 2020, unless otherwise noted, most of the data and information in the report will be based on the 2018-2019 school year, which was the last year that was entirely conducted on the school site.

#### A. GENERAL BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

#### 1. Community

Community Served by the School

Oakland School for the Arts (OSA) balances an immersive arts environment with a comprehensive academic program. Originally, OSA intended to serve the local population with ¾ of the students being from Oakland and ⅓ coming from the greater Bay Area. More recently, we are moving towards most of the school population residing in Oakland. OSA has become a Creative Career Pathways school (Linked Learning Pathways certified) where OSA students are groomed to use their creativity in a wide range of fields and to be successful in many different endeavors. OSA inspires its students to find their individual voices through intensive study of the arts and a challenging academic program that focuses on critical thinking and analysis. Students enter into one of two Creative Career Pathways, each pathway consisting of several art forms/sub-pathways. We are gradually integrating the CTE curriculum into all of our classes. Graduates are

prepared to find success in any field at the college or professional level, including specialized art schools.

The OSA environment is vibrant, energized and supportive. The arts programs infuse the campus with a great sense of purpose: students are able to pursue their passions and join in a community of like-minded peers that share their sense of creativity and innovation. Equity and inclusion are high priorities, and are reinforced by our Step It Up outreach program to local Title I schools. We also have a preference in admissions to pupils who reside in the elementary school attendance area where we are located, as well as those who attend Oakland elementary schools who meet the Charter School Facility Grant Program Free and Reduced Priced Meal requirement. In addition, the school is part of a thriving arts community in Uptown Oakland and opens its doors to everyone for performances and gallery showings. OSA families are great ambassadors for the school and are involved in all aspects of school life.

Our Charter allows us to enroll 820 students. We currently have an enrollment of 800. To develop a more sustainable model for the school, we are investigating a system to set a quota for the number of students per grade level (between 116-118) and also populate each pathway in a balanced way.

Looking into the future, the OSA vision is to give the world generations of innovative problem-solvers and critical thinkers who demonstrate the essential value of the arts in all that they do.

( Oakland School for the Arts website )

## Family and Community Trends

The OSA community has changed through the years. In 2007 the school enrolled 295 students, and the population was 60% African-American and 32% Free and Reduced lunch-eligible. In 2014 enrollment rose to 670 and the racial composition was significantly different, with 41% identifying as White and another 24% identifying as Multi-ethnic. This trend indicated both OSA's appeal to new communities and the creation of the new Multi-ethnic category. Free and reduced lunch-eligibility dropped to 16.6% in 2014. Free and reduced lunch numbers are now at 15%. We would like to enroll more SES students at our school, to better serve the Oakland community, where upwards of 73% of the district population is part of the Free and Reduced Lunch program. Demographically, the percentages of the various ethnic groups are currently 39.8% of students identifying as White, 21% identifying as Multi-ethnic and 23% identifying as Black or African American, 7% Asian, 6% Latinx, 1% Native American and 1% Undeclared.

OSA has taken some innovative steps to ensure the OSA opportunity is available to families and students throughout the region. The school has developed various outreach programs and is actively seeking students from underrepresented parts

of town, even to the extent of funding arts programs with OSA students and supporting lessons and workshops for potential students. OSA has recently developed a new model for accepting students. During the 2021 application season, prospective 6th grade students will apply through a lottery system, with preference being given to Step-It-Up students, as well as targeted Oakland zip code areas.

Another trend worth noting is the transformation of the Uptown Oakland neighborhood. Since 2006, 6000 housing units have been constructed and the neighborhood has become a thriving arts and entertainment district, with many galleries and performance spaces available to the local arts community and the public. Much of this growth has taken place after OSA's 2009 move into The Fox Theater facility, considered the centerpiece of the arts district. Even more construction is happening now during the pandemic. There are many "cranes on the horizon" as the building boom that started in 2006 continues. However, along with the increase in building starts, rental rates are also increasing. This has two effects on OSA - SES families are being displaced from Oakland. And, our school needs to plan carefully to ensure that we will have an adequate and affordable building in the future.

# State/Federal Program Mandates

OSA is not under any state or federally imposed deadlines for improvement.

# Parent/Community Organizations

Parent involvement at OSA is robust and purposeful. The Alliance of Parents and Teachers (APT) is the formal OSA parent organization, with its own 501(c) non-profit status, that holds monthly meetings, has its own officers and Board, and creates events and activities that support the overall mission of the school. In addition, each arts emphasis area has its own parent leadership structure. Departmental boards manage finances, support events, build stages and gallery environments, and in general, form the backbone of these busy, fast-moving departments.

Parents form teams of event planners, fundraisers and departmental liaisons, usually as part of the arts department of their child. Along with the regular monthly meetings, there is also extensive parent activity on show nights and during other departmental events. Parents create a weekly newsletter that is endorsed by the school and which lists the various events and important information for parents. Parents have also become involved in issues of equity at the school and have formed several support groups, including a Parents of Color group, a Special Ed Parents group and a White Allies Parents group. OSA has developed a database, called OSA Connections, of more than 200 parents who have offered their interests and skills to be utilized by the school.

( APT website )
( OSA Connections )

# Community Foundation programs

The programming of OSA presents budgeting concerns beyond a school that is not "Arts-focused". The school has a dedicated Advancement Department that appeals to foundations and parents for fund-raising. 10% of our operating budget comes from fund-raising to help support our arts program. Due to their efforts, OSA has received funding support from many different groups, including both local as well as national organizations.

(Supporters 2019/2020)

# School/Business Relationships

There is a range of key community agencies (both local and national) with whom the school has deep and substantial relationships that enrich the arts environment and provide many real-world opportunities for our students. The director of our CTE program is in the process of building a CTE Advisory Board for the school. She is also creating an artist mentorship program and an artistic- based speaker series. We have had Internships available with the Fox Theatre since 2014, where all Production Design high school students work alongside the Local 107 stage hands. That's over 250 internships in the last 7 years. We strive to continue to create student opportunities, including internships, gallery and museum exhibitions, and high-visibility performances at notable venues like the Fox Theater, Flight Deck (now known as PianoFight), Freight and Salvage, and Yoshi's. Existing community partners include: Oakland Leaf, Savage Jazz Dance Company, the Arts Schools Network, Camp Reel Stories, Left Coast Ensemble, Youth Speaks, Oaktown Jazz, Oakland Youth Orchestra, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland Public Libraries, Cal Performances, and African American Shakespeare Theater, and the San Francisco Ballet. (OSA Partners)

# 2. Staff Description

OSA currently has 100 active employees, made up of 68 faculty, 30 staff and 2 faculty/staff. Of our 68 faculty members, 31 are part time. Most of the part time faculty are arts teachers. OSA has 38 certificated employees, 8 are staff and 30 are faculty members. By 2025, our arts teachers will be required to have earned a credential (either CTE or teaching), if they do not already hold a Teaching Credential. We are working closely with the Orange County Office of Education and the Alameda County Office of Education CTE programs to help our teachers earn their CTE credential. At this time, 9 of our arts teachers have completed their CTE credential.

Student support personnel include a Head Academic Counselor, a College and Career Counselor, and a Mental Health Coordinator. We also have a part time Wellness Counselor and a full time Psychologist on staff.

OSA has three para-professionals working at the school supporting Special Education students.

OSA has one member of staff who can serve as a substitute. For most substitute needs, OSA contracts through a local agency called "Teachers On Reserve". We have also used the "Education Team" and "School Professional Services".

We surveyed our staff regarding gender identity and gave choices beyond the standard "female" and "male". 74 employees out of 102 responded to the survey, resulting in the following:

Gender Identity	Results	Percentage
Cisgender Woman	47	63.5%
Transgender Woman	0	0.0%
Cisgender Man	14	18.9%
Transgender Man	2	2.7%
Non-binary	3	4.1%
Intersex	0	0.0%
Genderqueer	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	1	1.4%
My gender identity is		
not listed here.	0	0.0%
Other:		0.0%
Transmasculine	1	1.4%
Woman	2	2.7%
Female	1	1.4%
Male	2	2.7%
Blank response	1	1.4%

Note that 'cis' or 'cisgender' means your sex assigned at birth corresponds to your personal gender identity. For example, if you were assigned male at birth and continue to identify as male, you are a cisgender man.

Over 60% of the staff members are female, cisgender woman or woman, while less than 25% are cisgender man, male or transgender man. The percentage of female staff members has increased since the last WASC report when it was reported as 58%.

In 2014, the ethnic make-up of our staff was 28% African-American, 6% Asian, 6%

Latino and 60% White. **Currently**, the ethnic make-up is 17% African-American, 11% Multi-Ethnic, 7% Asian, 3% Latinx, 58% White, and 5% Declined to State. (Staff & Faculty Directory)

# 3. School Purpose and ACS WASC Accreditation History

# a. School purpose

Oakland School for the Arts (OSA) is a nonprofit public charter school founded by Governor Jerry Brown – then Oakland's Mayor – in 2002. Now in its 19th year, OSA serves 800 students in grades 6-12 tuition-free. OSA is housed in Uptown Oakland's historic Fox Theater, Sweet's Ballroom and Newberry Building.

OSA is a Linked Learning Pathway School offering an immersive arts program and a strong academic curriculum. We serve youth from across the Bay Area with a preference for Oakland-based students. OSA students complete a challenging academic curriculum with an emphasis in one of nine artistic fields: Dance, Digital Media, Fashion Design, Instrumental Music, Literary Arts, Production Design, Theatre, Visual Arts and Vocal Music.

#### Oakland School for the Arts Vision Statement:

The Oakland School for the Arts balances a **comprehensive** academic curriculum with an **immersive** arts program, providing students unique opportunities for learning, expression and personal growth. OSA's arts and academic programs build discipline and confidence, effectively preparing creative youth to achieve their potential both in and outside of the arts.

Expected School-Wide Learner Results/Outcomes

In 2014, OSA refined the original ESLRs into the following four declarations.

#### Effective communicators who:

- Clearly articulate ideas and speak and write with eloquence and passion
- Use appropriate communication in different environments
- Listen to others with empathy and understanding
- Demonstrate their artistic and creative voices
- Accept and offer constructive criticism

#### Critical thinkers who:

- Question ideas and analyze a variety of perspectives
- Recognize bias and respond appropriately
- Develop informed opinions while remaining open to other views
- Use both imagination and logic in solving problems
- Demonstrate intellectual curiosity and discipline

# Dynamic global citizens who:

- Contribute to the community and value the contributions of others
- Collaborate successfully to reach goals and create beneficial outcomes
- Stay informed about world events; develop a sense of social responsibility
- Reflect the community from which they come
- Solve conflicts peacefully
- Respect the physical and cultural environments of all people
- Are accountable for their choices and actions
- Demonstrate a high degree of integrity and character

#### Self-disciplined students and artists who:

- Display pride and passion in their artistic and academic work
- Demonstrate consistent effort and commitment through practice and focused study
- Challenge themselves to achieve high standards in all endeavors
- Appreciate and respect the artistic and academic efforts of others
- Innovate and create in all aspects of their work
- Move into adulthood with maximum opportunities and choices
- Develop their own identity

#### b. ACS WASC Accreditation History

OSA received a preliminary accreditation upon its inception in 2003 and a three-year accreditation in 2008. In 2011 the Visiting Committee extended the accreditation through 2014. In 2014, the school received a 6-year accreditation. We were scheduled to have a visit in April 2020, however, that was delayed until November 2020, due to the large number of schools requiring visits in the Spring of 2020. Our November visit has now been delayed until May 2021 due to the global pandemic.

#### c. Refinement to our ESLRs/Grad Profile

As part of our work in becoming a Linked Learning Pathway school, we formed a subcommittee to revisit our ESLRs/Grad Profile. The new Grad Profile is based on an acronym, which is expected to be more readily adopted and remembered by students, faculty and staff.

#### **Grad Profile**

**OSA** students are able to develop their strengths and passions to **CHANGE THE WORLD. OSA** students are **R.E.A.D.Y.** 

#### Reflection

- > Engaging in **growth mindset** practices
- Developing self-awareness
- Creating and implementing personalized goals

#### **Engagement**

Practicing empathy and compassion while being open-minded

- Accepting and offering critical feedback
- Recognizing and engaging in the different communities of **Oakland** and **California**

#### Advocacy

- Understanding and navigating systems, applications and bureaucracy
- > Utilizing artwork to express **identity** and make an impact in **community**
- Engaging in social justice and activism within the community of OSA, Oakland and/or California

#### Dedication

- Embodying a high degree of intrinsic motivation for their arts and academics
- Exhibiting an artistic and academic self-discipline
- Understanding and implementing the artistic and academic "Habits of Mind"

# Y for YOUR voice, YOUR journey

- > Expressing voice, vision and plan for MS, HS and post HS
- Demonstrating the mindset and practice of perseverance and resilience in the face of obstacles

# 4. LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan from our 2018-2019 report)

NOTE: Our next Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) will be published in June 2021.

Our 2020-2021 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCAP) with all responses focused on addressing our current situation in remote learning can be found at:

(LCAP and Annual Update Template - Local Control Funding Formula (CA Dept of Education))

## a. Stakeholder engagement

OSA has conducted a range of stakeholder meetings throughout the year. There are monthly parent meetings, informational coffees with a variety of OSA leadership, individual appointments, departmental meetings in which parents serve as Board members for the different art departments, community meetings throughout the city and at different times in the year -- OSA is a place of high parent involvement and community input. We have focused - and will continue to focus - on transparency to our families this year.

Our leadership teams have held presentations and open Q & A sessions about our Strategic Plan as well as School Finances, and greater parent involvement has been sought via informational sessions about our Dashboard and SBAC scores.

Stakeholders had access to standardized test score presentations, attendance rates, budget information, departmental staffing information, and the cost of new facilities, all of which have been presented at APT and OSA Board meetings. Additionally, financial and budgeting information, as well as academic metrics, were made available at the September "State of the School" address, an annual event that kicks off each year with the data necessary to inform our decisions. The OSA leadership team, consisting of 13 school leaders, has also developed a series of presentations on "Academic Excellence" for the Board. Each presentation has shown data collected by departments to illustrate student growth, as a school and by demographic, according to certain benchmarks. The first presentation was given in September, followed by the second in January. The final presentation will be given in May.

(Academic Excellence Presentation, January - Board Meeting 2/28)

As a result of many of these meetings we are now seeing a big increase in parent interest in fundraising. Board members and the advancement team have held public meetings with parents and students to hear ideas and solicit support. Going forward we anticipate a greatly increased level of parent involvement in these critical efforts.

(LCFF Budget Overview for Parents Template - Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) (CA Dept of Education)

#### b. LCAP

#### Needs

African-American students and Students with Disabilities are the areas where we see the greatest need for improvement. While on an upward trajectory, there remains a wide variance in SBAC scores between these student subgroups when compared to the 'All Student' numbers. For example, preliminary 2019 SBAC data shows that 46% of our African-American students met or exceeded standards, compared to 70% school-wide. The access gap has been and will continue to be a prime focus for us, because OSA is 100% committed to the success of our African-American youth.

Our students with disabilities - while making a substantial gain in ELA and math (based on early 2019 SBAC reporting) by scoring at the meet/exceed SBAC ELA and Math standards at 22% each - still show a wide variance compared to the school-wide 70% ELA and 54% Math meet/exceed rates.

#### Goals

We remain true to the goals we set out for ourselves in our original LCAP and our Strategic Plan. Our Executive Director has implemented many positive changes and we continue to grow in structure, accountability, and process.

#### Oakland School for the Arts ACS WASC/CDE Self-Study Report

We are working to close the Access Gap for African-American students as indicated by SBAC scores.

We continue to strengthen our student support system, especially in terms of supporting a high graduation rate, low drop out rate, and improved college (and overall) counseling,

An additional opportunity for success is in our attendance rate, improvement of which supports all our LCAP goals.

We work towards inclusion and success of the disadvantaged youth in our community.

#### Actions

In our attempts to close the access gap for African American students we have strategies in place which include vigorous outreach to hire more teachers of color, panels with students and teachers of color to share issues and brainstorm ways to increase classroom success, and creating supportive environments for our students of color. We partner this with academic interventions for reading, ELA, and math.

We are trying to bolster our already comprehensive Special Ed department with more efficient communication strategies with classroom teachers as well as enhanced reporting data systems. We believe that these strategies should continue to yield positive growth in SBAC scores for our students with disabilities.

A bigger focus has been placed on supporting and preparing all students for the SBAC, with more sensitivity to the timing during the already-full academic load in efforts to more accurately assess our students' depth of knowledge. We hope to continue to increase our school's testing scores by continuing to offer practice tests, including teacher-designated student supports within the testing software itself, and better teacher training. We also feel our reading literacy program and enhanced math lab tutoring will support higher performance.

Additionally, we continue to identify formative/summative assessments in all departments and use this data to form department goals, build focused PD, and to identify struggling students in time for re-teaching.

We identify and prioritize the needs of disadvantaged youth. We are mindful in our outreach to Oakland Title I schools through the structure of our Step It Up program. Step It Up provides free after-school arts enrichment to Oakland students from Title One schools to ensure equity in our audition process.

We continue to take steps to improve our school-wide attendance through increased parent communication, follow up on absences, and teacher outreach. In 2019-20 we have added a higher degree of attendance monitoring to our existing administration roles to better serve our students.

#### c. Metric Towards Meeting Goals

In the effort to close the access gap, we will see increases by minimum 5% annually as measured by SBAC testing, i.e.the access gap closes by 5% a year as gains made by targeted subgroups exceed gains made by the highest scoring group.

We will see a higher graduation rate and a lower drop out rate.

We will increase numbers of the SED students that are admitted to OSA.

We will look for the success of SED students as we carefully and routinely monitor their school performance.

As the school increases efforts to insure high attendance, the metric of success will be to see increased attendance in all grade levels.

# **B. School Program Data - Description of Programs**

#### 1. General Education Program

OSA has an outstanding college-preparatory academic program, which meets the A-G requirements for University of California and California State University admissions. All students take English, Mathematics, Language, Science and Social Science/History. Students concentrate in one area of art – Dance, Digital Media, Fashion Design, Instrumental Music, Literary Arts, Production Design, Theatre, Vocal Music or Visual Art.

Small arts classes allow for individual attention and personal training. Tutoring for core academic classes is also available and encouraged. OSA students also receive ongoing professional training from various East Bay arts organizations and practicing artists in the community.

Oakland School for the Arts is a Linked Learning Pathway School, which we call our Creative Careers Pathways. In addition to our existing college preparation, students will be gaining industry experience and feedback from targeted partnerships for their art focus. As a learning community, we are committed to unifying our instruction to bring an experience to students that is engaging and relevant to their future as dynamic global citizens and innovative critical thinkers. Our goal is to prepare students for higher education in the field of study of their

choice, as well as give them the advantage of high-level training and experience which will enable them to enter apprenticeships or artistic positions as a working professional. The OSA program enables our students to:

- Be creative and innovative
- Develop techniques and skills in at least one artistic area
- Speak in their own artistic voices with authority
- Communicate effectively
- Develop and maintain a global perspective
- Seek solutions
- Think in an interdisciplinary mode
- Satisfy college admissions requirements

# 2. College and Career Preparation

As a Linked Learning Pathway school, OSA is committed to optimizing the college and career readiness of our graduates. OSA applied for and was approved as a Pathway school in 2018, funded by Oakland's Measure N Parcel tax. Through small learning communities of career-oriented pathways, OSA offers intensive, individualized support to create the conditions for all students to graduate high school prepared to succeed in college and career. The pathways are composed of four essential elements:

- I. Rigorous Academics
- II. Integrated Student Support
- III. Work Based Learning
- IV. Career Technical Education Sequence (CTE)

OSA offers two pathways- the Performing Arts Pathway is composed of Theater, Dance, Vocal Music and Instrumental Music, the Design, Visual, and Media Arts Pathway is composed of Fashion Design, Visual Art, Digital Media, Production Design, and Literary Arts.

A pathway development team composed of students, parents, industry partners, teachers, and administrators meets regularly to focus on further developing these elements and is open to interested stakeholders.

( Measure N Document )

# Types of Instruction and learning opportunities

As part of our commitment as a Linked Learning Pathway school, OSA currently has 22 courses as part of CTE, which includes all of the Arts classes offered at OSA. All Arts Department Chairs have been part of this design process. All of the courses are listed in CALPADS, which allows us to track student progress in the program. In the Spring of 2021, we expect to have 71 students as "Completers" of the program – and we are required to track them on CALPADS for 1 year after they graduate. Nine OSA Arts Teachers in the industry sectors of Arts, Media, and

Entertainment and Fashion Design and Merchandising have obtained the Career Technical Education (CTE) Preliminary Credential.

We are working toward having all of our CTE courses A-G approved as of Spring 2021. We will start looking at our Middle School courses and decide which ones can serve as Pathway Access Courses with a CTE approval. In the future, we would like to allow students to access courses in pathways other than their own, to gain important exposure. We are planning to offer a wider range of course options next year – some classes will become quarter long, others will last a semester.

All of our courses are currently offered onsite.

How courses support college and career preparedness and other goals Industry partnerships have been established to support work-based learning in all of our emphases. We are developing on-site internships for high school students. Our Literary Arts Chair has been leading a trial internship for students. The goal is to set up a "business" atmosphere, complete with interviews for positions and time cards. This initial internship is with the host of the KQED "Perspectives" radio broadcast. She has already visited our literary arts students once and plans on workshopping a "Perspectives for Kids" program.

Based on research with members of the artistic world, we have learned that it is important for arts students to graduate with a "business sense." We developed a single section, one semester long, elective last year called "Business of the Arts". We are offered two sections, with each class being co-taught by our Vocal Music Department Chair from the Performing Arts Pathway and a Literary Arts teacher from the Design, Visual and Media Arts Pathway. We have now integrated this course into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum as a required course to help develop Career Awareness early on. The goal is for each student to leave OSA with an Exit Portfolio containing the beginning of an artist's bio, a CV, a resume and a 10-year plan.

(<u>Business of the Arts Syllabus</u> <u>Business of the Arts Roadmap</u>)

We are currently working on integrating CTE standards into our academic courses. Our first integration is with the High School English Department. Last summer (2020), school Administrators put together a packet dovetailing CTE standards into the high school English curriculum. Over the summer, High School English teachers were given a stipend to attend several planning sessions where they studied the packet and built lessons using templates. All High School students are participating in this curriculum in English this year, however, their assessments vary depending on their pathway: Design, Visual and Media Arts or Performing Arts. We have found it difficult to fully roll out the new curriculum during Remote Teaching and plan a relaunch next school year when we anticipate being on-site. (HS English & Arts Integration- Scope and Sequence)

Support for equal access, academic and personal counseling, college and career preparation support and health services

The Student Support Team has been specifically restructured to ensure comprehensive 1-on-1 supports are provided for all students. The goal of the team is to establish and maintain a positive school culture (grades 6-12) in which all students are motivated to learn, support each other, and have structures in place that assist students in accessing their full artistic and academic potential. The team consists of the following staff members:

- Assistant Principal, the student support team lead working to design and implement structures that support the team mission,
- the Dean of Students, who oversees the student discipline of all students grades 6-12 and supports teachers in the implementation of restorative practices in the classroom,
- the Head Counselor/Counselor Grades 6-9, who ensures that our course offerings are preparing students for a multitude of college and career opportunities and monitors the placement of students in the appropriate classes,
- the College and Career Counselor/Counselor Grades 7-12, who monitors student progress and works closely on the college application process with students and families during high school as they approach graduation,
- the Psychologist (a credentialed school psychologist and licensed clinical psychologist) who provides psychological consultation to students, faculty/staff, families and admin; Social Emotional Learning (SEL) opportunities; and assessment services.
- and the Mental Health Coordinator, who provides individual and group counseling to students that are identified as needing specific mental health supports.

Partnerships, including businesses, industry, community, and higher education We have recently started an MMI (Mentor, Masterclass & Internships) program. Our CTE coordinator is connecting with working artists to ask them to serve as mentors for our students. She is seeking a six-month commitment, with mentor-student meetings occurring monthly. In the Fall of 2021, we hope to have 2-3 mentors per sub-pathway, host two master classes per quarter - per pathway, and to find internships for all seniors who meet the established criteria. Currently, we have monthly Master classes for the entire school. We have hosted a talk show host, a musician from the Metropolitan Opera, two professional dancers (including one alumni) and a reality TV producer. Our next speaker series will be focused on the business world, including an agent, an entertainment attorney, a publicist, a manager, an image consultant and a brand manager.

( OSA MMI Program Packet )

In the future, there is an aspiration for OSA to start its own record label, create hip-hop culture thread with courses offered to both pathways, and possibly incorporate graffiti and rap into our curriculum. We are currently developing "Pathways Access" courses for all Middle School students to take one or two days a week to give them experience outside their emphasis. Some examples are "Machine and Hand Sewing" offered by Fashion Design, "Light and Sound Magic" offered by Production Design, and "School Newspaper" offered by Literary Arts. We would like to present arts offerings that are attractive to local students and create an engaging and relevant place for them at our school.

The State of California highly supports the CTE program as a way to prepare students to follow a path after high school. We are a certified Linked Learning Pathways program and are currently working towards earning our Silver Certification, which will indicate that OSA has developed a sustainable program and will be recognized as a State-wide and National leader in CTE. We will apply for this status in the Spring of 2021. If we are granted this certification, we will also be eligible for increased funding, beyond what is allotted by our local Measure N parcel tax.

#### **Dual Enrollment**

We have been building the Early College Credit (ECC) program for three years now with the intention of providing as much relevant college experience for our students free of charge prior to high school graduation. This is an equity and access initiative in that it is statistically demonstrated that students with successful college experience prior to graduation are more likely to successfully complete a four-year degree. To support students who would like ECC, on our campus we offer two Dual Enrollment college courses each semester. Statistics and English 1A are offered in a partnership with the Peralta Colleges. These courses are taught by Peralta instructors during the Fall semester, in a classroom at OSA. We are offering English 1B this spring, but the Sociology course fell through. English 1B will also be taught by a Peralta instructor on our campus.

This school year (2020-2021) we had 33 students from 11th and 12th grade enrolled in Statistics.

Two sections of College Level English 1A were offered last semester with 47 students enrolled. Some of these students had this course count as their full senior year of English. This semester, one section of English 1B is being offered, with 21 of the fall's enrollees continuing on to earn 4 more transferable college units.

#### 3. Online Instruction

At OSA, online instruction is used to help students recover credit, expand course selection options, and create individualized programs for students. OSA's charter

requires that all graduates complete coursework that is UC A-G eligible. Although not preferable, we allow students to pass their courses with a minimum grade of "D". We recognize that to be UC/CSU ready, students need to pass their courses with a grade of "C". This is what we strive for through student support, however, we recognize that not all students have the intention of pursuing a UC degree after high school.

Students take Concurrent (Online) courses for many reasons. Some need to make up courses that they did not pass and would rather take the course online than repeat in the classroom. Often these are English or History courses and not, generally, Science. Some students take courses for ECC (Early College Credit). Some students would like to accelerate in Math. Others are interested in courses that we do not offer, including ASL, Japanese, and African-American History. Since we weave the State required Health course into our 9<sup>th</sup> grade Biology curriculum, students who transfer from other schools into 10th - 12th grade have sometimes missed that course and need to make it up. Other students plan to study abroad during high school and want to get ahead on their required coursework. Generally, students take these courses during their free period or after regular school hours.

Students can also enroll in Concurrent courses by accessing online A-G approved college courses via Peralta or Saddleback College, in Mission Viejo. We have approximately 10 students taking online courses.

Over the last few years, students have chosen to attend CyberHigh online. These courses are very affordable and count as coursework for entering community college or conservatories or obtaining a GED. However, we are phasing this option out since the courses are not proctored by a Staff member and, therefore, not A-G approved. Students have also completed course work through BYU, but that is a more expensive option. We have found that there are also other online options available which are more affordable and A-G approved.

( OSA Academic Counseling website )

# 4. Support Programs

OSA does receive Title I and Title II funds. We do not receive Title III funds because our EL population is very small. Title I funds are used to assist our school in meeting the educational goals of our low-income students. Our Title II funds are used to help our school recruit, prepare, train and develop teachers and school leaders. They are also used for participation in the TIP program for beginning teachers.

# English Learners (EL)

OSA has a very low EL population. Currently, we have 5 EL students, all who list Spanish as their home language. Therefore, we do not receive any Title III funds. Our EL program is paid for with General Operating funds. Our development in supporting English Language Development has been slower than in other areas

as a result of this low population. The recruitment of EL students has been challenging but we are starting to see an increase in the EL population and are developing an EL program to support these students. At the moment, all of our EL students participate in regular classes.

Our EL Coordinator, with a .1 appointment, uses her time to focus on students' developing English language skills, guide their understanding of the curriculum and to reach out to parents. We do have a pull-out component to our program. Students meet with the Coordinator during third period on Mondays where she conducts a regular Zoom class. She plans lessons around the skills that the students need, but she also supports these skills through their coursework by keeping up with their teachers and their Google Classrooms.

Our main goal is to create a safe environment for our current EL students where they feel comfortable taking risks in their classes. We work to prepare them to exit from the EL program. Our EL students will take the ELPAC this spring. We do have an EL site plan and a designated EL support class in place.

(EL Site Plan)

Our 2018-2019 SARC report states that English Learners are .8% of our student population. All 12 of our EL students took the CAASPP test that year. 41.67% reached the "met or exceeded" level in both English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Data from the CA State Dashboard:

# **English Language Arts Data Comparisons: English Learners**

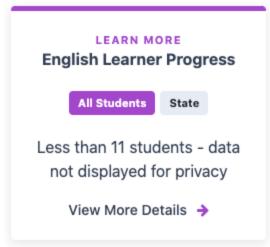
Additional information on distance from standard for current English learners, prior or Reclassified English learners, and English Only students in English Language Arts.



# **Mathematics Data Comparisons: English Learners**

Additional information on distance from standard for current English learners, prior or Reclassified English learners, and English Only students in mathematics.





Low Income/socioeconomically disadvantaged students (SED)

OSA is working diligently to encourage a wide range of students to apply for enrollment. Some students do arrive with a significant amount of arts training. However, we also offer a program to the Oakland community called "Step It Up" where students are offered weekly arts training before applying for admission. OSA offers prioritized admission for Step-it-Up graduates, ensuring that we have encouraged students from the entirety of Oakland to join our student body. In the future, Step It Up completers will be guaranteed admission to the school. OSA has a small, but growing SED population due to our Step It Up outreach program to local Title I schools. We also have a preference in admissions to pupils who reside in the elementary school attendance area where we are located (a Title I school), as well as those who attend Oakland elementary schools who fulfill our Charter School Facility Grant Program Free and Reduced Priced Meal requirement, by being a Title 1 school. Most recently, 13.8% of our students were designated as SED students.

OSA does receive Title 1 funds. Title I funds are used to assist our school in meeting the educational goals of our low-income students. Title I funds help with student support in a multitude of ways. Funds are used for classroom materials, tech needs, student transportation and supplies for students should the need arise.

Low income students are eligible for several supports at OSA such as free and reduced lunch and a fee waiver for SAT and ACT tests, AP tests and college application fees. In some cases we have covered the cost of Cyberhigh courses for recovering credits. During this time of Remote Teaching, we prioritized support of our SED students by offering and delivering both Chromebooks and WiFi hotspots to them. Our Counseling department sources college applications for students who would be the first in their family to attend college. They also assist with finding and filling out scholarship applications, college grants, FAFSA applications, and other funding opportunities for our low income students. In addition, we have a comprehensive student support structure called the Coordination of Services Team (COST). This structure is in place to support all students attending OSA. Because of the low numbers of students in all of our high needs groups, we find that this one structure helps us accurately and quickly identify each student's individual needs. As a school-wide support, the COST process allows a student privacy concerning their exact situation. COST is a 5-step process that begins when a teacher identifies a student who may need intervention. The teacher may have concerns about the student's academic performance, social emotional and behavioral state and/or health condition. The teacher fills out an online form, which is read by the COST lead, our assistant Principal. The COST lead then assembles a team that includes the teacher to meet and discuss the student fully and decide on the best way to support the student. The COST may be composed of special education teachers, intervention teachers, mental health therapists, speech therapists, school administrators, discipline deans, support specialists and coaches. The team decides on a plan of action which is implemented by key staff. The team schedules check-ins to monitor the student's progress and to determine if the implemented steps have been effective or need adjustment.

( COST Process )

Our SED students' performance on the most recent CAASPP tests indicate that the implementation of a Literacy Support class and a Math Lab have been beneficial.

CAASPP test results:

ELA - 5.1 points above standard, an increase of 21.9 points

Mathematics - 38.6 points below standard, an increase of 51.1 points In addition, the Graduation rate for SED students is 92.3%, an increase of 1.4%.

#### Foster Youth

Although OSA has very few Foster Youth in the school population, we support the Foster Youth Education Rights Developed by the California Foster Youth Education Task Force. The number of Foster students is always under 1% of our school population. We count on our well-designed student support structure to support these students.

(Foster Youth Education Rights )

# Migrant, Homeless and Indian education

We do not have any migrant or Indian (Native American) students at OSA. We do have transitional students. This year we have about 5 students in transition. Because many of them live with other families, they don't have a permanent address. Families in transition are welcome and encouraged to enroll at Oakland School for the Arts. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ensures educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness. Unhoused youth and families are encouraged to contact our assistant principal for assistance with enrollment applications, referrals to services, access to technology, and other questions. OSA is making a direct commitment to prioritize enrollment for Oakland residents and students that participate in our Step It Up program. Preferences, particularly for those students who are enrolled in Title I schools, will be given in the lottery for this and other areas: successful completion of the Step It Up program and residing in Oakland, using OUSD's residence documentation standards, with provision for Families In Transition per the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

(Families in Transition )

#### 5. Special Learning Needs

OSA has its own in-house special education department (SPED), with a SPED coordinator, three case managers, a psychologist and three para-professionals. Our program is administered by the El Dorado Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). OSA is committed to serving students with disabilities in the General Education environment. We offer a full inclusion program and do not have a SDC class. Students with IEPs access specialized academic instruction through a combination of different services, including push-in and pull-out support. The Education Specialists and the para-professionals provide weekly, scheduled push-in support in student's classes, as well as scheduled, weekly pull-out

services depending on student need. This may be with an individual student or small group instruction.. The Education Specialists closely collaborate with General Education teachers and administration to ensure implementation of students' accommodations, modifications, services, and supports. Education Specialists coordinate IEP meetings with teachers and parents, gathering pertinent information via survey before the meeting. A psychologist provides 1-1 counseling, group counseling, consultation and assessment services. Any needed additional services, such as Speech, are provided for students with Individualized Education Plans.

Our faculty participate in SPED training during Professional Development time, periodically, throughout the school year. Early in the year, the SPED department goes over SPED requirements and meets with teachers in small groups to discuss the students by grade level. Later in the year, the SPED team presents a topic to improve faculty understanding of students with disabilities. The SPED department encourages all teachers to have the mindset of a special education teacher, which means that the support structures that a teacher might provide for students with disabilities on assignments and assessments are extended to all students, where they have proven to be of great value.

Our SPED program is paid for by restricted funds designated specifically for Special Education. Mental health support for students with disabilities is funded through our ERMHS grant.

The SPED department has implemented new initiatives this year which include SPED office hours, where general education teachers can stop in and discuss issues involving their students with disabilities. The department also offers a newsletter that highlights both SPED information as well as student achievement. They are celebrating their students by honoring a "Student of the Month" and also, during Remote Teaching, to have "Student Show Offs" via ZOOM, to highlight a student with disabilitie's artistic achievements.

(SPED Newsletter)

In our most recent LCAP report (2019-2020) we enumerate how OSA will support all students.

We support all of our students by using a data driven cycle of continuous improvement. We strive to identify early indicators and build respective intervention systems.

We use a variety of assessment tools, including the SRI, MDTP, and SBAC practice tests as both formative and summative data. We have also implemented a new schedule that allows access to students in need of specialized support.

#### Oakland School for the Arts ACS WASC/CDE Self-Study Report

Furthermore we are developing new classes (advisory and support time) and curriculum that is specifically designed to effectively address student needs. In addition, social/emotional support is being built into our new schedule as this area certainly impacts academic achievement.

Our counseling staff continues to grow and provide students with academic support, monitoring of academic progress, ensuring compliance with the minimum 2.5 GPA and 100% pass rate required for performance participation, and initiation of high level support to teachers and staff for students at risk. Counseling also sources college applications for first time college applicants, assists with finding and filling out scholarship applications, college grants, FAFSA applications, and other funding opportunities for our low income students. This team also supports credit recovery, dual enrollment for our students who are also taking college classes, academics support classes and other intervention.

Formative and summative assessments continue to be utilized by teachers, as well as technology such as Google Classroom.

These increased services will be supported by the following funds mentioned in our LCAP report: OSA will receive \$153,498 based on the enrollment of foster youth, English Learner and low-income students.

These implementations are in line with the goals in the schoolwide action plan that we put into place in 2014, revisited in 2017's ACS WASC Interim report and have continued addressing since then.

Priority #2 of the ACS WASC Year 3 Interim report states

#### "Priority 2: IMPROVE SPECIALIZED SUPPORT FOR ALL STUDENTS.

OSA will create a range of systems and processes that ensure all students are supported academically, artistically and socially. The specialized nature of this priority will be evident in supports that will reach gifted and advanced students, students with learning and other special needs, and students in need of socio-emotional assistance. There will be a special emphasis placed on support in mathematics to address the long-standing challenges OSA has faced in this area.

Summary of Steps taken (see full Interim Report for more details)

OSA will support students in math achievement with an after-school program, a middle school math lab and new CPM math curriculum.	We have a high school Math Lab class and have fully implemented the CPM math curriculum.
2. Incoming students will be assessed to determine what supports are needed.	We have given both a math and an ELA assessment to incoming students before Remote Teaching began.
3. OSA will explore an academic assessment approach that may include: benchmark assessments, skills-based exams, subject-specific expectations, arts emphasis goals.	All academic departments are using an assessment tool - Math is using the MDTP, ELA is using the SRI.
4. OSA will develop a comprehensive plan to address the socio-emotional needs of its students.	We have implemented the COST program.

5. Structures will be in place to ensure success in both the academics and the arts.	Academic teachers are given a calendar containing arts performance dates and give approval for student participation.
6. When benchmarks and other tests are determined, a remediation plan will be created for students who do not meet the expected levels.	Again, we have implemented the COST program.
7. OSA will develop a data study plan that supports the Common Core curriculum and demonstrated student need. A process for reporting data will be developed.	This has been a department led effort until this year. We are now looking at our data division wide (Middle School and High School)
8. OSA will reduce the achievement gap between groups that represent: ethnicity, disability status, subject area, economic status.	This is an ongoing effort - addressed throughout this report.
9. Using the RTI system currently in place, OSA will continue to identify and serve students with a range of needs, from academic to socio-emotional. The Coordination of Services (COST) team will lead this effort.	We have implemented the COST program.
10. OSA will serve students with special needs through Special Education, and RTI and 504 systems.	We have our own SPED department and counselors who administer our 504 program.
11. Student leadership groups will take an active role in helping fellow students through tutoring and mentorship.	Through our grant with BAWAR (Bay Area Women Against Rape) we have a student team who help deliver health lessons to students. Otherwise, peer mentoring has not been implemented yet.
12. OSA will explore the creation of an advisory system that would provide extended support for students.	Advisory is now in its second year.

13. A credit recovery system will be put into place to ensure high school students are on track to graduate.	The counseling department works closely with students to ensure that they will graduate, including helping them enroll in concurrent course work.
14. Middle school curriculum will be enriched to maximize "cored" subjects.	ELA and Math teachers have added curriculum that engages students in real-life situations.
15. OSA will continue to build its student support systems to possibly include a Wellness Center and health curriculum.	OSA has woven the health curriculum into 9th grade Biology. We also offer relationship awareness to all 7th graders through BAWAR presentations.
16. OSA will ensure that all students receive the appropriate level of challenge, specifically ensuring that advanced students receive differentiated curriculum.	Teachers learn about differentiated instruction through informal learning groups and attendance at professional development events.

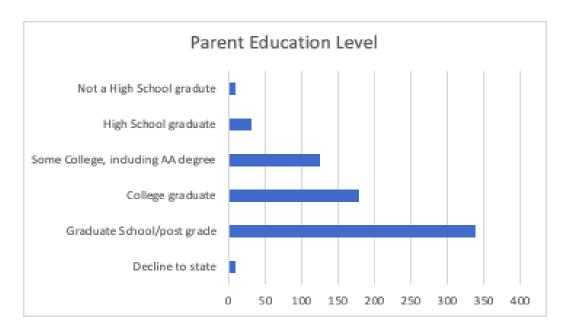
( 2017 WASC Interim report )

# C. Demographic Data

# 1. Socioeconomic status of the school

Parent education level

Parents of OSA students are highly educated, with a majority having a college degree and even graduate school experience.



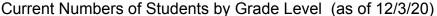
Percent of eligible free and reduced lunch students

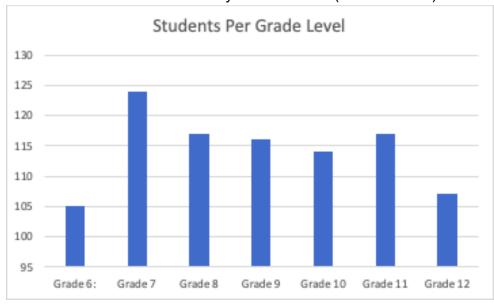
Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch make up 15% of our student population.

#### 2. Student enrollment

Grade Level

OSA typically has around 115 students per grade. This number varies depending on the number of students who accept our offer after receiving their invitation to enroll.



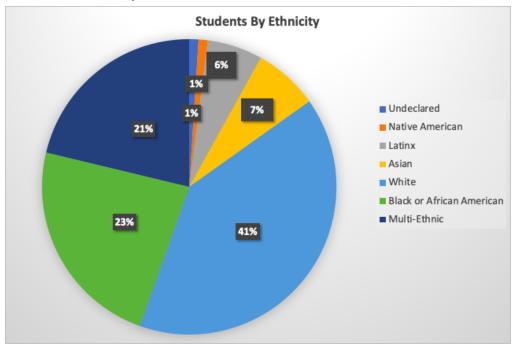


#### Gender

Currently, students at OSA identify as 65% female, 35% male and under 1% undeclared. Our student population is known for being welcoming to students who identify their gender in non-traditional ways, especially those who are questioning. As an open and inclusive community, we notice that although the percentage of males has increased slightly over the years, OSA would like to encourage enrollment by males and has investigated ways to better support our male students. We have a support group for interested boys to attend. We are also developing a variety of course offerings to encourage Oakland boys to enroll at our school.

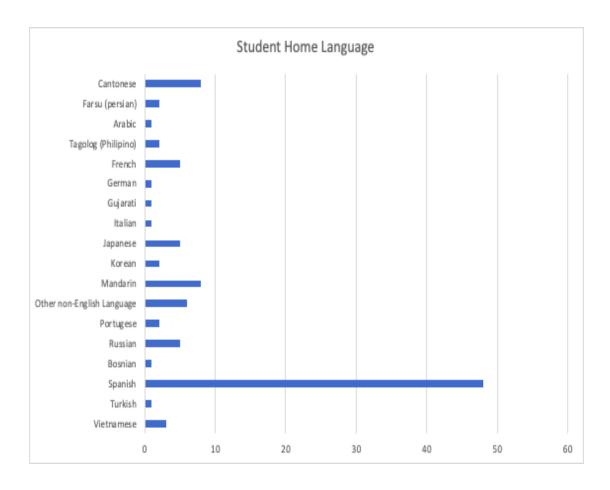
## **Ethnicity**

The majority of students at OSA choose white as their ethnicity, followed by Black or African American and then Multi-ethnic. We also have smaller student groups who choose their ethnicity as Asian, Latinx, American Indian and Undeclared.



# Predominant primary languages other than English

The main home language spoken, other than English, is Spanish. There are 16 other home languages spoken with less than 10 students in any one group.



Title 1

Currently, 13.8% of our students qualify as Title 1 students.

Special Needs and Other Focused Programs
We have 74 students with IEPs at OSA in grades 6 -12.

Grade Level # of SPED students

17
12
8
10
9
11

12th	7
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In middle school we have 1 case manager and 2 paraeducators, in high school we have 2 case managers and 1 paraeducator. We have 69 students with 504's, grades 6-12. Our counseling team manages the accommodations for these students.

Grade Level	# of 504 st	udents
6th	3	
7th	4	
8th	6	
9th	11	
10th	13	
11th	15	
12th	17	

We currently have 10 students enrolled in a concurrent (online) course.

OSA students are invited to enroll in a College Support class. The class is offered to Seniors in the fall and Juniors in the spring. Last fall the class served 22 students, this spring there are 17. All students also receive College- and Career-readiness training through their participation in a Creative Learning Pathway and integration of CTE courses into the High School curriculum. (College Support Classes)

We currently offer 6 AP courses. Our enrollment numbers for this school year (2020-2021) are:

AP Course Title	Number Enrolled
Calc AB	10
Calc BC	1
Music Theory	9

Psychology	25
Studio Art	13
APUSH	30

We currently offer 8 Honors courses. Our enrollment numbers for this school year (2020-2021) are:

Honors Course Title	Number Enrolled
Algebra II	19
Physics	27
English II	54
English III	64
Spanish II	29
Spanish III	21
Ethnic Studies	34
Pre-Calculus	38

## 3. Language Proficiency Numbers

As mentioned earlier, OSA has a very small population of EL students. However, we expect that number to grow as our outreach efforts expand.

# English Learners (EL)

7 students are classified as EL, 5 in Middle School and 2 in High School. We expect that two of our Middle School students will soon be redesignated as Proficient. Our EL coordinator works with each student on a pull-out basis to support them in gaining English language skills as well as helping them understand the academic curriculum.

# Fluent - English proficient (FEP)

47 students are classified as I-FEP. They all received this classification before they enrolled at OSA.

Redesignated FEP (R-FEP)

61 students at OSA are classified as R-FEP. All of them were reclassified before they enrolled at OSA, except for the two who took the ELPAC in 2018-2019.

English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC)

2 students took the ELPAC in May of 2019 and both were reclassified as R-FEP. Last year, we did not have anyone needing to take the initial ELPAC in the fall, as all our incoming EL students had already been identified, and the spring testing was suspended due to COVID.

## D. Data on Addressing the Eight State Priorities

# 1. LCFF Priority 1 - Basics (Teachers, Instructional Materials, Facilities)

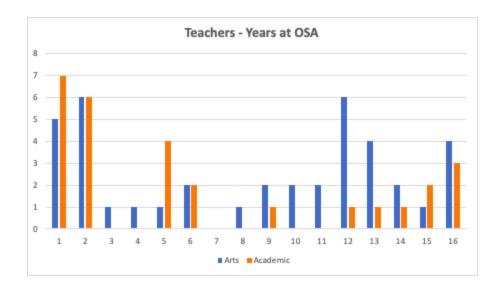
#### a. Teachers

OSA currently has 100 active staff members, made up of 68 faculty, 30 staff and 2 faculty/staff. Of our 68 faculty members, 31 are part time. Most of the part time faculty are arts teachers. OSA has 38 certificated employees, 8 are staff and 20 are faculty members. By 2025, our arts teachers will be required to have earned their CTE credential, if they do not already hold a Teaching Credential. At this time, 9 of our arts teachers have completed their CTE. OSA has two para-professionals working at the school supporting Special Education students.

#### b. Additional Teacher Qualifications

All of the credentialed teachers have met the requirements of ESEA for "highly qualified teachers". Currently, none of OSA's teachers are National Board Certified. All of the high school teachers, except two, are teaching in areas for which they are credentialed. One teacher is credentialed for and teaches Chemistry, but also teaches one section of Physics, for which she is not credentialed. One of our part-time teachers is multi-subject credentialed, but is teaching Spanish in high school. She has completed two of the required three subtests to earn her High School credential. In middle school, our 2 PE teachers are not credentialed, but do have "Certificates of Clearance". Three of the middle school teachers are multi-subject credentialed, but teaching a single subject only.. None of OSA's teachers have Short Term Staff Permits or Provisional Intern Permits. OSA Staff have achieved a high degree of education with 4% holding Doctorates and 75% holding Bachelor's degrees or higher.

The following is a chart showing teacher longevity at OSA, ranging from teachers who have been at OSA for 16 years to the twelve teachers who started this year.



OSA currently has four teachers completing their second, and final, year of the TIP teacher mentorship program. One new teacher has decided to wait one year before starting the program. All of the Support Providers are OSA faculty members. Two of our administrators are in a 2 year Clear Credential for Administrators Program. Our School Principal is in his second year of the program and our Assistant Principal is in her first year.

In 2014, the ethnic make-up of our staff was 28% African-American, 6% Asian, 6% Latinx and 60% White. Currently, the ethnic make-up is 17% African-American, 7% Asian, 3% Latinx, 58% White, 11% Multi-Ethnic, and 5% Declined to State. OSA would like to see a more ethnically diverse staff. We are currently building connections with local teaching colleges to foster Student-Teacher relationships. We hope to create an applicant pool with a wider range of demographics - beyond those we are able to attract through EdJoin. We have attended Diversity-based Recruitment Fairs.

OSA staff generally has a high rate of daily attendance. During this time of remote teaching, there is very little absence occurring. OSA has one member of staff who can serve as a substitute. For most substitute needs, OSA contracts through a local agency called "Teachers On Reserve". We have also used the "Education Team" and "School Professional Services".

OSA staff is involved in professional development in a variety of ways. During a normal, in-school schedule, OSA students are dismissed two hours early every Wednesday so that all staff can meet in working groups. During remote-teaching,

OSA staff has continued holding professional development on Wednesday afternoons. A high percentage of our faculty and staff attend PD. Some weeks, staff meets in its entirety. On other weeks, staff meets in departments, grade levels or divisions (middle school, high school and arts). Professional development time has been spent working on WASC in both Home Groups and Focus Groups. We often host outside speakers and speakers from within different departments (Special Education, Technology). A focus for our Staff this year has been to address issues of Equity. We have had a consulting group called Education4Equity Professional Development leading us semi-monthly as we identify our individual understanding of equity and how to address issues of equity in the classroom. Earlier this year we had a presentation on "Bull's Eye", an app that our Administration uses to track teacher progress during observations. In addition, OSA teachers attend conferences and seminars to further deepen their skill and understanding in pedagogy and in their curriculum area. OSA Math teachers have attended events sponsored by CPM both at OSA and off site. ( WASC PD Data )

#### c. Instructional Materials

Our students have full access to instructional materials while at school and we are continuously replenishing and addressing at-home access and expanding our online materials. Department Chairs survey available texts that comply with current Standards, such as Common Core or Next Generation Science Standards. They provide recommendations to the Administration as to the publisher, version and projected numbers required for the next school year. The Board has approved the use of these materials:

#### **Board Resolution 2021-008**

The Board of Directors of Oakland School for the Arts recognizes the ongoing adherence to standards-based materials when appropriate by the teaching and administrative staff of Oakland School for the Arts and hereby adopts this resolution to verify that students at Oakland School for the Arts will continue to be instructed with the use of standards-based materials when appropriate, with the provision that not all subject areas taught at Oakland School for the Arts fall under or are governed by state standards.

(2020 SARC)

#### d. School Facilities

OSA moved into the Fox Theater office complex in January 2009. The facility is safe, secure, clean and 100% functional. Academic classrooms and specialized

arts spaces are appropriate for the activity within them and receive regular care and cleaning by the Janitorial and Facilities team.

OSA also operates an off-campus art gallery and utilizes public performance spaces for some of its productions, including The Fox Theater itself, a 2000-seat professional venue.

Periodically, there are leaking roof or air conditioning issues and the building's landlord works with OSA to solve the problems that occur. We have a full time Facilities Manager who oversees all building maintenance and improvements and ensures all standards are upheld.

High School Biology and Chemistry classes are conducted in rooms with sinks, eye wash stations and lab tables. All 9th graders take Biology, all 10th graders take Chemistry. Next year, all 11th graders will be enrolled in Physics class. All chemicals are stored appropriately in the Chemistry classroom. Science Laboratory equipment for grades 9-12 consist of up-to-date regular lab supplies for smaller, more scaled-down labs, with enough equipment for every student to fully participate.

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: September 2020

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	HVAC needs to be updated to comply with COVID regulations and conversations are in progress with the property manager
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	Interior is actually excellent. The Facilities Manager has painted all the common areas in the main building
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	None
Electrical: Electrical	Good	None
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	None
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	None
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	None
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	None
Overall Rating	Good	

#### ( 2020 SARC )

# 2. LCFF Priority 2 - Implementation of Academic Standards

This standard has been met.

Oakland School for the Arts has adopted curriculum in all core content areas that is state standard aligned. In addition to the curriculum, each academic department has identified key anchor standards to track student progress both vertically and horizontally. Assessments have been designated to track progress in these areas, including the SRI (Scholastic Reading Inventory) in English Language Arts and the MDTP (Mathematics Diagnostics Testing Project) in our math classes. Our arts departments are all working to be CTE aligned with the goal to have all students be CTE completers upon graduation. Key members of our faculty regularly attend training and conferences that focus on CTE development and we are developing a board of industry experts with whom we will meet twice annually to ensure our artistic programs are industry aligned and relevant. Each of these progress tracking tools supports our mission to prepare all of our graduates for both college and industry.

#### **Professional Development**

Progress in providing professional learning for teaching to the recently adopted academic standards and/or curriculum frameworks identified below.

English Language Arts – Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts	English Language Development (Aligned to English Language Arts Standards)	
4 Full Implementation	2 Beginning Development	
Mathematics – Common Core State Standards for Mathematics	Next Generation Science Standards	
Mathematics	4 Full Implementation	
4 Full Implementation		
History - Social Science		
4 Full Implementation		

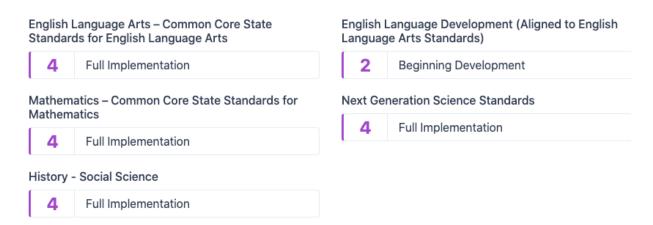
#### **Instructional Materials**

Progress in making instructional materials that are aligned to the recently adopted academic standards and/or curriculum frameworks identified below available in all classrooms where the subject is taught.

English Language Arts – Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts		
4 Full Implementation	2 Beginning Development	
Mathematics – Common Core State Standards for Mathematics	Next Generation Science Standards	
4 Full Implementation	4 Full Implementation	
History - Social Science		
4 Full Implementation		

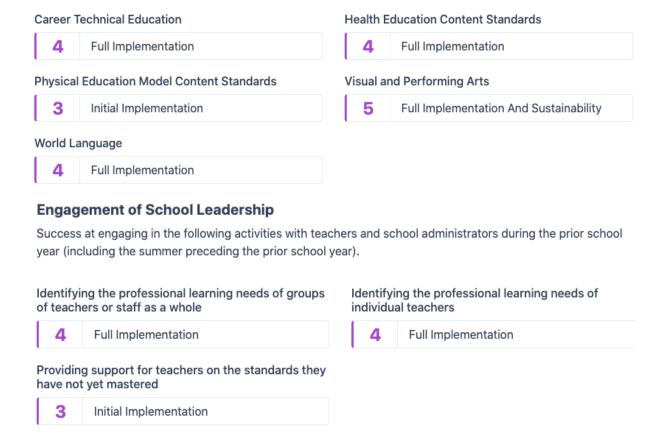
# **Policy & Program Support**

Progress in implementing policies or programs to support staff in identifying areas where they can improve in delivering instruction aligned to the recently adopted academic standards and/or curriculum frameworks identified below (e.g., collaborative time, focused classroom walkthroughs, teacher pairing).



#### Implementation of Standards

Progress implementing each of the following academic standards adopted by the State Board of Education for all students.



Our development in supporting English Language Development has been slower than in other areas as a result of our low EL population. The recruitment of EL students has been challenging but we are starting to see an increase in EL population and are developing an EL program to support these students. We have an EL site plan and a designated EL support class in place.

(from California State Dashboard)

#### 3. LCFF Priority 3 - Parent Engagement

Parent involvement at OSA is purposeful and robust. Parent volunteers form teams of event planners, fundraisers and departmental liaisons, usually as part of the arts departments of their children, and there is extensive parent activity on show nights and during other departmental events. OSA has developed a

volunteer database, called OSA Connects, where more than two hundred parents have offered their skills to the school.

When we started our pathway development, a team composed of students, parents, industry partners, teachers, and administrators met regularly to focus on the development of the program, soliciting the viewpoints of all stakeholders. In addition, each arts emphasis area has its own parent leadership structure. Departmental boards manage finances, support events, build stages and gallery environments, and in general, form the backbone of these busy, fast-moving departments.

In addition to serving a vital role as volunteers, OSA parents organize themselves as a collective voice to represent their children's interests as key stakeholders in the shared governance of the school. The Alliance of Parents and Teachers (APT) is the longest running and largest parent organization at OSA and the only one that is an independent 501 c3 not-for-profit corporation. APT hosts the only online interactive discussion platform for parents via Konstella. The group holds monthly meetings, has its own officers and Board of Directors, and organizes events and activities that support teachers and the overall mission of the school. APT parents produce a monthly newsletter highlighting resources for families of students with disabilities, BIPOC students and LGBTQ+ students; features about school programs and events; and reports of parent engagement in the shared governance of the school. There will be three voting seats on the OSA Board of Directors for parents of current OSA students to become Directors on the OSA governing board, who will adhere to the job description for the role. The parent representatives will be nominated by the APT Board and presented to the OSA Board of Directors for final membership approval. There will be one nonvoting student representative elected by the OSA student body. The APT has identified equity issues at the school as their top priority for the 2020-21 school year, and is actively working to advance equity with the APT-affiliated Parents of Color (POC) group and the Parents of Students with Disabilities (PODS) group. An Anti-Racist Education & Activism Parent group has also formed this year among OSA parents. Through their collective, independent organizing, OSA parents pushed for expanded equity measures, formal parent representation on the OSA board, and greater transparency—all of this incorporated in OSA's most recent successful charter renewal and implemented by the school.

OSA has conducted a range of stakeholder meetings throughout the year. There are monthly parent meetings, informational coffees with different members of OSA leadership, individual appointments, departmental meetings in which

parents serve as Board members for art departments, and community meetings throughout the city and at different times of the year -- OSA is a place of high parent involvement and community input. Responding to parent concerns about timely access to key information, we have focused - and will continue to focus - on greater transparency to our families.

Our leadership teams have held presentations and open Q&A sessions about our Strategic Plan as well as School Finances, and greater parent involvement has been sought via informational sessions about our Dashboard and SBAC scores. Although, as a charter school, we are not required to have a parent LCAP committee, we have done outreach and offered parent information sessions to gather as much input as possible.

Stakeholders have had access to standardized test score presentations, attendance rates, budget information, departmental staffing information, and the potential cost of new facilities, all of which have been presented at APT and OSA Board meetings. Additionally, financial and budgeting information, as well as academic metrics, were made available at the September "State of the School" address, an annual event that kicks off each year with the data necessary to inform our decisions.

As a result of many of these meetings we are now seeing increased parent interest in fundraising. Board members and the advancement team have held public meetings with parents and students to hear ideas and solicit support. Going forward, we anticipate a greatly increased level of parent involvement in these critical efforts.

# 4. LCFF Priority 4 - Performance on Standardized Tests a. Results from the CAASPP test

Number of students who participated:

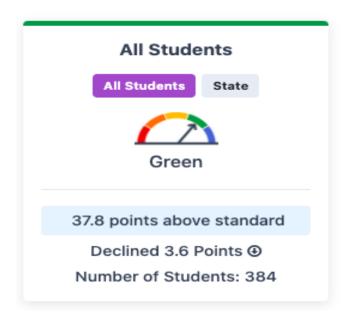
Grade	ELA - Numbers testing	Math - Numbers testing
6th	89	87
7th	91	92
8th	107	109
11th	95	96

TOTALS 382	384
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Percentage of students who participated by student group:

Group Name	ELA	Math
All Students	95	96
English Learner	100	100
Foster Youth		
Homeless Youth	100	100
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	90	93
Student with Disabilities	87	87
2 or More Races	93	94
African American	99	99
American Indian	50	50
Asian	95	95
Filipino		
Hispanic/Latino	92	94
Pacific Islander	100	100
White	96	97

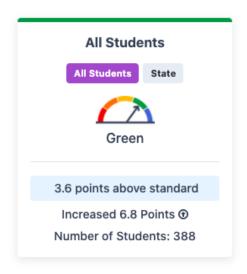
# **English Language Arts**



	Africa n- Ameri can	Socio- economi cally Disadvan taged	Two or More Races	White	Hispanic	Asian	Students with Disabiliti es	English Learners
Number of Students	65	57	70	128	69	17	26	12
Distance from Standard in Points	-27.1	5.1	56.5	65.4	10.1	69.1	-88.2	-25.3
Change from previous year in Points	2.1	21.9	-18.3	-0.6	19.6	-18.1	23.2	5

Highlight color indicates performance category from the California School Dashboard results. No performance categories were available for non-highlighted groups. Other student groups with too few students to display performance percentages (for reasons of privacy):

# **Mathematics:**



	Africa n- Americ an	Socio - economi cally Dis - advantag ed	Two or More Races	<u>White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>	Students with Disabiliti es	English Learners
Number of Students	65	59	71	129	70	17	26	12
Distance from Standard in Points	-74.2	-38.6	18.6	45.5	-37	56.2	-132.2	-42.4
Change from previous year in Points	19.4	51.1	-12.3	17.7	1	13.7	19.7	42.4

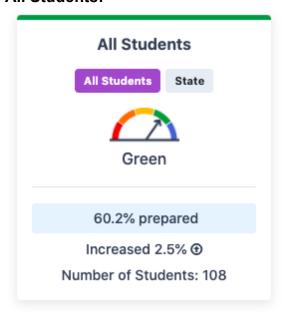
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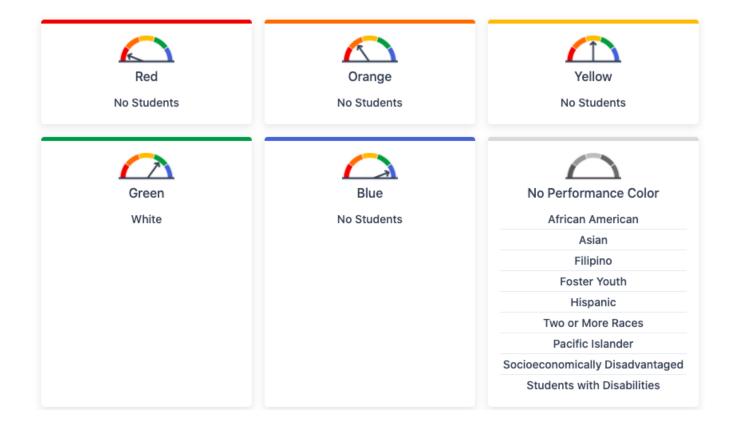
Pacific Islander Homeless	<u>American</u> <u>Indian</u>	Filipino	Foster Youth
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# b. Students in College and Career Indicator:

# All Students:

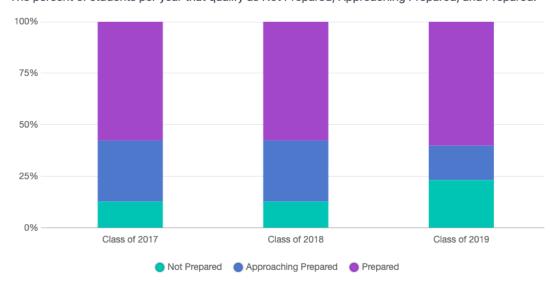


# **Student Groups Details:**



## College/Career

The percent of students per year that qualify as Not Prepared, Approaching Prepared, and Prepared.



We expect to see our number of prepared students rise as we incorporate CTE into our curriculum and more students are CTE completers.

#### c. SAT and ACT results and EAP for the CSU

SAT scores are summarized in the attached document. SAT Score Summary

ACT Re	sults: P	ercent	of Stu	udents	s Who	Met C	ollege	Readin	ess Bei	nchmar	ks	
Graduat ing Class	# of Students Tested	Englisl	h	Math		Readin	g	Science		Met All	Four	
		OSA	State	OSA	State	OSA	State	OSA	State	OSA	State	
2019	33	88	73	46	55	83	57	67	46	43	38	
2020	24	88	72	42	53	70	56	52	46	39	37	
				Ave	rage	ACT So	ores					
		Englisl	h	Math		Readin	g	Science		Composite		
		OSA	State	OSA	State	OSA	State	OSA	State	OSA	State	
2019	33	26.2	22.5	21.5	22.7	27.2	23.1	22.9	22.2	24.6	22.8	
2020	24	25.2	22.5	21.2	22.5	25.5	23.0	22.7	22.1	23.8	22.7	

OSA did not have any students take the EAP exam.

# d. Advanced Placement Classes

We used to offer 7 different AP courses at OSA, including two calculus courses, a language course, music theory, psychology, studio art and US History.

In each course the teacher was responsible for maintaining course approval. The following table shows the enrollment numbers for each course, percentage of students taking the test and the test results.

AP Course Title	Number Enrolled	Number testing	Percentage Testing	2019 Pass Rate	2020 Pass Rate	2020 Average Score
Calc AB	9	3	33.3%	75%	100%	4.5
Calc BC	2	2	100%	NA	100%	5

Lang	55	52	94.5%	68%	74%	3.12
Music Theory	8	9	112.5%	100%	87.5%	4.25
Psychology	23	20	86.9%	100%	100%	4.26
Studio Art	11	2	18%	100%	100%	4.5
APUSH	22	22	100%	100%	63.6%	2.91

This year we are offering 6 different AP courses. We are no longer offering the AP English Language and Composition course, partly due to the barrier of the test and the fact that many schools are no longer accepting AP credit. We are encouraging concurrent enrollment for college credit and offering honors as challenge classes. Here are the 20-21 courses and the number enrolled.

AP Course Title	Number Enrolled
Calc AB	10
Calc BC	1
Music Theory	9
Psychology	25
Studio Art	13
APUSH	30

# e. English Learner Proficiency

Our 2018-2019 SARC report states that English Learners are .8% of our student population. All 12 of our EL students took the CAASPP test that year. 41.67% reached the met or exceeded level in both English Language Arts and Mathematics.

(2019 SARC)

Data from the CA State Dashboard:

# **English Language Arts Data Comparisons: English Learners**

Additional information on distance from standard for current English learners, prior or Reclassified English learners, and English Only students in English Language Arts.



# **Mathematics Data Comparisons: English Learners**

Additional information on distance from standard for current English learners, prior or Reclassified English learners, and English Only students in mathematics.





## Current Status of English Learners (EL)

7 students are currently classified as English Learners, 5 in Middle School and 2 in High School. We expect that two of our Middle School students will soon be redesignated as Proficient.

## Fluent - English proficient (FEP)

47 students are classified as I-FEP. They all received this classification before they enrolled at OSA.

## Redesignated FEP (R-FEP)

61 students at OSA are classified as R-FEP. All of them were reclassified before they enrolled at OSA, except for the two who took the ELPAC in 2018-2019.

## English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC)

2 students took the ELPAC in May of 2019 and both were reclassified as R-FEP. Last year, we did not have anyone needing to take the initial ELPAC in the fall, as all our incoming EL students had already been identified, and the spring testing was suspended due to COVID.

#### f. Other local assessments -

Our department chairs have collaborated with our principal to establish internal assessments and progress monitoring systems with the goal of establishing effective early intervention systems based on identifying barriers to academic success. Though the main focus is on math and ELA, all five of our academic departments have established metrics and regularly engage their departments in this process. This practice has been increasingly valuable as we moved into remote learning where learning needs have accelerated and state testing was paused.

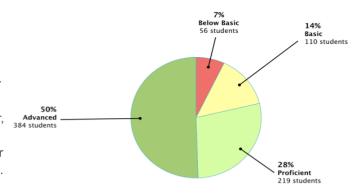
#### **ELA Assessment**

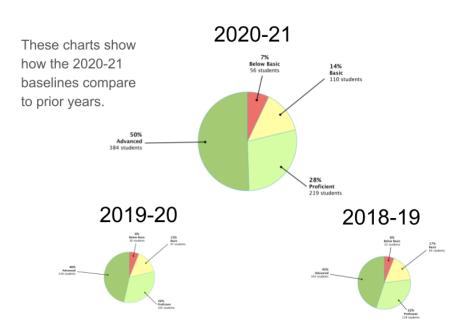
At OSA we use the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) to measure student reading performance. The SRI is given 3 times per year, once in the fall, mid-year in January and then again in the spring. This assessment is used to measure student growth in reading and to highlight which students may need additional help. We have a Literacy Support class for students in middle school whose reading levels indicate that they need additional support in reading. In the Literacy Support class, students practice individual and group reading comprehension and other skills via IXL (a personalized learning program). They are also involved in group creative writing projects to build writing (and other) skills in a fun way. We plan to incorporate a Literacy Support class for high school students in the next school year.

# 2020-21 All Grades (769 Students)

This chart shows the breakdown of OSA's most recent test scores into four bands of proficiency.

Note: We are still waiting for 64 students to complete the Fall 2020 SRI test. However, we have prior data for 41 of those 64 students. This prior data is included in this chart.

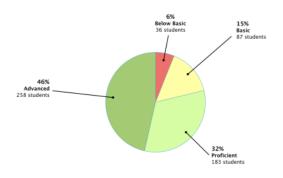




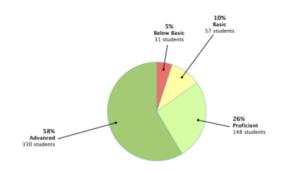
These charts show the growth made by current students who were enrolled at OSA during the 2019-20 school year. Class of 2020 is not included in this data.

# 2019-20 Growth

# September 2019



June 2019



Here is the current (January 2021) demographic breakdown of the SRI levels.

# Demographic Proficiency Report

#### Oakland School for the Arts (6-12) (757 total students)

DEMOGRAPHIC	STUDENTS	PERFORMANCE STANDARD				
Asian	51	18%	24%		59%	
Black/African American	172	13% 22%	6	30%	35%	
Economically Disadvantaged	114	15% 14%	3	3%	38%	
Female	491	5% 11%	26%		57%	j.
Hispanic	30	7% 23%	27	%	43%	
Male	258	10% 14%	25%		51%	
Students with Disabilities	36	28%	22%	229	6 28%	
Two or More Races	111	10% 11%	32%		47%	
White/Caucasian	368	4% 6% 21%		- (	58%	

Demographic categories with sample sizes of less than 10 have been removed from this chart. Those categories are American Indian/Alaskan Native (4), Gifted and Talented (0), Limited English Proficiency (5), Migrant (0), Pacific Islander (8).

#### Math Assessment

OSA uses the Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project (MDTP) assessment tool to evaluate student mathematical competency. MDTP achieves its purpose by

developing diagnostic assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and supplying these tools to secondary schools in California free of charge. The student reports indicate areas in which students did well and those areas in which the test results suggest a need for further study in order to be prepared for future coursework. The summary reports have been used by teachers to help identify areas of the curriculum that seem to be working well and other areas or topics where changes may be needed.

This assessment is administered twice a year. It is designed to gauge student readiness for the upcoming school year's curriculum as well as place incoming middle-school students in the appropriate math class. It is also used to:

- Understand collective areas of strength and weakness to help focus our curriculum
- Look at individual student understanding, and place eligible students into Math Support classes
- Measure growth over the year (we give it toward the beginning of the year and the end of the year)

After administering the MDTP, the scores are analyzed by comparing them to an index that is calculated as follows:

- 1. TEST AVERAGE = Average All Test Scores for Specific Test
- 2. GROUP INDEX PER TEST = Group Average for test / TEST AVERAGE
- SCHOOLWIDE GROUP INDEX = Weighted average of GROUP INDEX across tests

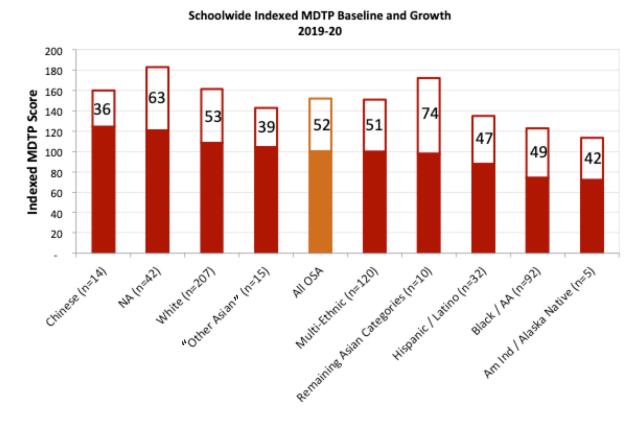
**Example**: Algebra 1 Readiness Test, average score for all test takers 40.3%

"Hispanic/Latino" A1 Readiness Test average score: 33.8%

Algebra 1 Readiness INDEX: 33.8/40.3 = 0.84 or 84%

Overall Group Index = weighted average of all indices

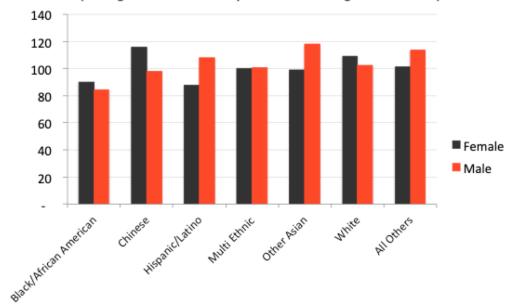
This chart shows results for the entire school for the 2019-2020 school year. Based on the indexed school-wide average (orange band in the center of the chart), the subgroups, with population size indicated by "n", are shown as a solid red bar for the beginning indexed average compared to the all-school average, and the white, numbered bar indicating the amount of growth during the school year.



This chart shows the results, by gender, of the students who took the assessment last fall (2020). Note that the assessment was administered as our school was in remote learning mode.

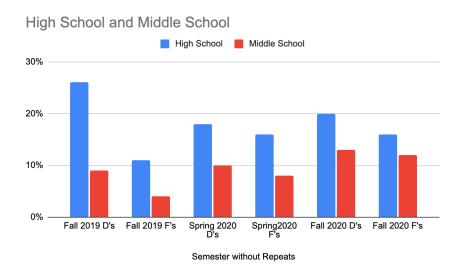
# October 2020 Schoolwide MDTP Results by Ethnicity and Gender

(Average Score within Group Indexed to Average Score Overall)



This graph will be compared to the assessment that will be given this spring (2021) to gauge student growth in math over the school year.

## Report card analysis - D's and F's for last 3 semesters

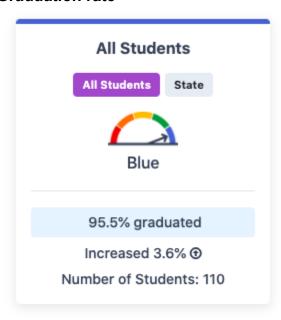


When the grades were analyzed after the Fall 2019 semester, it was evident that certain students needed additional tracking. Students with D's and F's were put on Student Support Team alert and communications about available support were sent home to parents. The Student Support team set up study periods and

additional tutoring help for these identified students. It can be seen that in the Spring of 2020 the number of students with one or more "D's" dropped, even as students attended school remotely.

# 5. LCFF Priority 5 - Pupil Engagement

#### a. Graduation rate



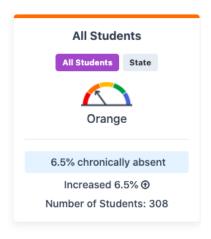
#### **Graduation Rates for Student Groups:**

	African-America n	Hispanic	Two or More Races	Socio-economically Disadvantaged
Number of Students	19	19	15	26
Percent graduated	94.7%	94.7%	93.3%	92.3%
Change from previous year	-5.3%	+33.2%	-1.4%	+1.4%

Other student groups with too few students to display performance percentages (for reasons of privacy):

Asian Filipino	Foster Youth Pacific Islander		
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## b. Chronic absenteeism for Middle School, grades 6-8:



Chronic Absenteeism Rates for Student Groups, grades 6-8:

	African - American	Socio - economically Disadvantaged	Two or More Races	White	Hispanic	Students with Disabilities
Number of Students	53	47	87	100	57	22
Percent chronically absent	15.1%	12.8%	5.7%	6.0%	0.0%	9.1%
Change from previous year	15.1%	12.8%	5.7%	6.0%	0.0%	9.1%

This was the first year that records of chronic absenteeism were entered into the Ca State Dashboard.

Other student groups with too few students to display performance percentages (for reasons of privacy):

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Asian	Filipino	Youth	Pacific Islander

# c. Dropout rate for middle and high school

Dropout rate for High School, 2015 - 2018

Indicator	School 2015-16	School 2016-17	School 2017-18	
<b>Dropout Rate</b>	0	0.9	4.5	

Any students who leave OSA during middle school are typically transferring to a different middle school.

## d. Average daily rate of attendance

Our overall rate of attendance, while in remote learning mode, for the 2020-2021 school year is 98.21%. For our current quarter (Quarter 3) our average daily rate of attendance for the high school is 97.4% and for the middle school is 99%.

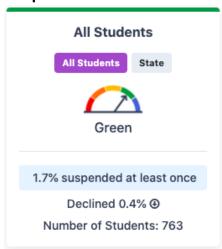
#### e. Other local survey data

According to the Student Survey given in the Spring of 2020, 68% of students strongly agreed or agreed that their academic teachers create and maintain focused, engaged classroom environments. According to the Student Survey given in the Spring of 2020, 83% of students strongly agreed or agreed that their arts teachers create and maintain focused, engaged classroom environments.

According to the Parent Survey given in the Spring of 2020, 77% of parents strongly agreed or agreed that their student's classes were engaging. 85% of Parents felt that engagement would be enhanced by integrating art into academic classes.

# 6. LCFF Priority 6 - School Climate

## a. Suspension rate



#### **Suspension Rate for Student Groups:**

	African- American	SED*	Two or More Races	White	Hispanic	Asian	Students with Disabilities
Number of Students	130	113	187	264	128	44	63
Suspended at least once	3.1%%	4.4%	2.1%	1.5%	0.8%	0.0%	3.2%
Change from previous	0.1%	-0.3%	1.1%	-0.9%	-2.0%	0.0%	-4%

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<sup>\*</sup> SED - Socio-economically Disadvantaged

b. California Healthy Kids survey, School Conditions and Climate Survey OSA does not administer the California Healthy Kids survey as we survey students with a self-designed tool that measures many different aspects of student perspective on OSA, including school conditions and climate.

## Student Experience of OSA

Students at OSA greatly appreciate the diversity they find there. Students are less clear about how well-behaved other students are. They do not always see consistency among teachers when dealing with students who are off task. Students do not always appear to be respectful of each other, adults or the facility.

Students feel that many students do not arrive at school alert and rested, they are not motivated to learn and do not work towards creating a positive school climate.

The majority of students have not observed alcohol or drug use at OSA, harassment based on race, ethnicity, or sexual identity. They have not observed theft or cyberbullying.

It is more likely that they have observed physical fighting, inappropriate use of technology, lack of respect for staff, peer pressure or bullying, cutting classes and depression or other mental health issues Most likely is observing nicotine use. When responding on a personal level, students have engaged in disruptive behavior, depression or other mental health issues and cutting classes or being truant.

Students feel that it is easy to make friends and many feel close to other students. They do see that some students form cliques, but they do not generally feel intimidated by other students. They do not always experience older students serving as positive role models.

Although many agreed that their transition from middle school to high school was smooth, some felt that they were not academically prepared for high school.

Students feel strongly that they are proud and happy to be at OSA. They feel as if they are part of the school and make a positive contribution to the culture. They are committed to their art and have opportunities for work-based learning.

Students are less clear about their awareness of school activities and events. They do not strongly feel like they have an influential voice. They don't see many opportunities to take advanced or specialized courses. They do not feel strongly that school culture has improved during their time at OSA.

Half of the students surveyed have considered leaving OSA to be homeschooled, to participate in sports, because they didn't find friends, the curriculum was not academic enough or it was too hard, or they just didn't like OSA. However, those who stayed did so because of parental persuasion, they decided they liked being at OSA, OSA offered the grades they will need for college, they weren't accepted into their transfer school, or it was just too hard to arrange a transfer.

#### c. Expulsion rate

OSA had 1 expulsion during the 2018-2019 school year. An expulsion hearing was held for a student who had caused great bodily harm. The OSA Board put the student on a Suspended Expulsion contract. However, the Suspended Expulsion contract was violated and the student was expelled.

#### d. Discipline referrals

Our online grading and attendance program, PowerSchool, allows teachers to submit Log Entries detailing student behavior issues. These are collected and analyzed by our Assistant Principal and Dean of Students. Issues that are reported range from simple notes about minor disruptions to serious behavior issues. The more serious issues result in a conversation with the administration, conferences with parents and, possibly, performing community service for the school. Our school is very invested in Restorative Justice principles, so the conversations are generally not punitive and accusatory, but focused on addressing and alleviating the cause of the student behavior. In looking at the log reports from the last school year up through February of 2021, the most often reported incidents were:

Walking out of class	Disrespectful
After school conflict	Eating in Class
Altercation	Gone too Long on Break
Bathroom vandalism	Hate Speech
Blurt outs	Improper Computer Use
Bullying	Leaving Class
Cheating	Possession of Vape Pen
Cutting Class	Sleeping in Class
Conflict with Others	Skipping Class

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e. Student participation in co- and extra- curricular activities
OSA holds 25 different student enrichment meetings. Some of these are
clubs offering topics from the environment (Green Team) to literature
(Harry Potter series); some are affinity groups for ethnicity, gender identity,
etc. (Asian Pacific Islander Student Union, Black Student Union, Latinos
Unidos, Women of Color, ).

( OSA Student Clubs Schedule )

f. Other local measures including surveys of pupils, parents and teachers on the sense of safety and school connectedness.

The student culture survey from 2019-2020, given to both Middle School and High School students, indicates that students feel safe at the school and connected to the school community.

## Middle School Responses:

Student Culture Survey 2019-2020

SurveyMonkey

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
A safe place for students.	29.56% 81	58.76% 161	9.85% 27	1.82% 5	274
A supportive and inviting place for students to learn.	31.64% 87	55.27% 152	10.18% 28	2.91% 8	275
An accepting and inclusive environment for students.	38.24% 104	47.79% 130	11.40% 31	2.57% 7	272
A school where teachers treat students fairly.	23.36% 64	58.03% 159	17.15% 47	1.46% 4	274
A school where administrators treat students fairly.	31.25% 85	61.40% 167	6.62% 18	0.74%	272
A school where students have an influential voice	31.87% 87	52.75% 144	12.09% 33	3.30% 9	273
A school where students treat each other with respect.	18.01% 49	46.69% 127	26.10% 71	9.19% 25	272
School administrators create and maintain a safe and focused	27.68%	60.52%	8.86%	2.95%	074
campus environment.	75	164	24	8	271

## **High School Responses:**

Student Culture Survey 2019-2020

SurveyMonkey

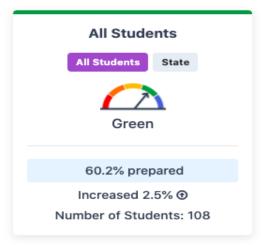
	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
A <mark>safe</mark> place for students.	19.68% 62	68.89% 217	10.16% 32	1.27% 4	315
A supportive and inviting place for students to learn.	15.51% 49	68.04% 215	15.82% 50	0.63% 2	316
An accepting and inclusive environment for students.	21.59% 68	65.08% 205	12.70% 40	0.63%	315
A school where teachers treat students fairly.	8.54% 27	55.06% 174	30.06% 95	6.33% 20	316
A school where administrators treat students fairly.	14.29% 45	64.76% 204	17.14% 54	3.81%	315
A school where students have an influential voice	20.70% 65	58.92% 185	18.15% 57	2.23%	314
A school where students treat each other with respect.	10.76% 34	57.59% 182	26.58% 84	5.06% 16	316
School administrators create and maintain a sale and focused	15.02%	64.22%	16.93%	3.83%	
campus environment.	47	201	53	12	313

According to the Parent survey from the Spring of 2020, parents strongly agreed or agreed that OSA is a safe place for their student and that students experience support. OSA has been welcoming to parents and students. Students enjoy being at OSA and feel that there is a positive culture. Students respect each other's differences and students' cultures are reflected in classrooms. OSA cares about students and treats them with respect and dignity. Parents feel supported in helping their student manage their behavioral needs.

According to the Teacher survey from the Spring of 2020, teachers strongly agreed or agreed (100%) that students feel safe at OSA. They feel that students care about the school and have school spirit. Students seem to care about each other.

## 7. LCFF Priority 7 - Access to a Broad Course of Study

a. CCI Indicator on Dashboard and Percent of students prepared for college and career



We expect to see our number of prepared students rise as we incorporate CTE into our curriculum and more students are CTE completers. Also, we realize that, although many students are in A-G approved courses at OSA, if they receive a D they are not considered College and Career ready in that course. Our student support team and counseling staff are tracking "D's and F's" mid-quarter and helping faculty with parent notification.

	African-American	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Two or More Races	White	Hispanic
Number of Students	19	24	15	44	17
Percent Prepared for College	21.1%	33.3%	66.7%	77.3%	41.2%
Change from previous year	-21.8%	6.1%	19.3%	-4.0%	33.5%

Other student groups with too few students to display performance percentages (for reasons of privacy):

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## b. Number of students meeting UC A-G requirements.

Our school principal is the person responsible for maintaining course approval.

### Courses for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) Admission

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2018-19 Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	61.68
2017-18 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	93.46

### Courses for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) Admission

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2019-20 Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	99.56
2018-19 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	71.57

Over the last few years, more students have taken courses that are required classes for UC/CSU admission. This has happened as more of our classes, including arts classes, have become UC/CSU A-G approved.

## 8. LCFF Priority 8 - Other Pupil Outcomes

## a. School budget

Here is the school budget for the 2020-2021 school year.

## **Oakland School for the Arts**



	NAME	202	0-21 ADOPTED		2020-21 REVISED	VARIANCE
	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	Т	820		820	-
	AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE		779		749	(29.6)
	State LCFF Revenue	\$	6,602,733	\$	6,865,376	\$ 262,643
≝	Federal Revenue	\$	151,127	\$	433,648	\$ 282,521
$\equiv$	Other State Revenue	\$	1,632,178	\$	1,678,770	\$ 46,592
Æ	Local Revenue	\$	1,465,054	\$	1,380,054	\$ (85,000)
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$	9,851,092	\$	10,357,848	\$ 506,756
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	Certificated Salaries	\$	3,796,894	\$	3,869,761	\$ 72,867
	Classified Salaries	\$	2,138,175	\$	2,118,587	\$ (19,588)
	Benefits	\$	1,771,844	\$	1,697,122	\$ (74,723)
ĸ	TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES	\$	7,706,913	\$	7,685,470	\$ (21,444)
Ω	Books and Supplies	\$	326,371	\$	326,371	\$ -
EXPEN	Services and Other Operating Expenses	\$	1,986,946	\$	2,081,076	\$ 94,129
û	Capital Outlay	\$	243,000	\$	243,000	\$ -
	Other Outgoing	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$	2,556,317	\$	2,650,447	\$ 94,129
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	10,263,231	\$	10,335,916	\$ 72,686
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	SURPLUS\(DEFICIT)	\$	(412,139)	\$	21,932	\$ 434,070
ARY	% of LCFF Revenue	_	-6.2%	L	0.3%	6.0%
SUMM	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$	7,950,786	\$	7,950,786	\$ -
SU	ENDING BALANCE	\$	7,538,647	\$	7,972,718	\$ 434,070
	% of LCFF Revenue		114%		116%	0.0%

The expenditure per pupil is \$15,915. Funding sources include Title 1 funds, Title II funds, grants, and support from foundations.

## b. Other pupil outcomes

Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2019-2020)

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Four of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Five of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Six of Six Fitness Standards
5	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Note: The 2019–2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-56-20 was issued which waived the requirement to administer the physical fitness performance test for the 2019–2020 school year.

### E. Schoolwide Learner Outcomes

Provide evidence for each ESLR/READY that students are achieving these outcomes

### **Students are effective Communicators**

Effective communicators who:

- Clearly articulate ideas and speak and write with eloquence and passion
- Use appropriate communication in different environments
- Listen to others with empathy and understanding
- Demonstrate their artistic and creative voices
- Accept and offer constructive criticism

### **Evidence: Literary Arts students**

The <u>September issue of the OSA Telegraph</u> is live! Check out stories written by both middle school & high school journalists on everything from Distance Learning and Anti-Racism in OSA classrooms, to how COVID-19 is affecting everyone from students, incarcerated people, to Native American Communities. Plus, reviews on podcasts, movies, TV shows, & even the RNC—& more! Check it out!

( OSA October Newsletter: Literary Arts )

#### **Students are Critical Thinkers**

Critical thinkers who:

- Question ideas and analyze a variety of perspectives
- Recognize bias and respond appropriately
- Develop informed opinions while remaining open to other views
- Use both imagination and logic in solving problems
- Demonstrate intellectual curiosity and discipline

### **Evidence: 6th Grade Science Students**

#### Science

In our 6th grade Earth Sciences class, students have imagined their own towns and each built a piece of it, which we shared with each other online. As we study communities, many students mentioned that Black Lives Matter has been a major

influence in their communities and by extension their daily lives, and that change is needed in order for our modern communities to be successful. We are very glad that they were able to take the assignment to heart and really examine what is important to them, their communities, and justice!

( OSA October Newsletter: Science )

## Students are Dynamic Global Citizens

Dynamic global citizens who:

- Contribute to the community and value the contributions of others
- Collaborate successfully to reach goals and create beneficial outcomes
- Stay informed about world events; develop a sense of social responsibility
- Reflect the community from which they come
- Solve conflicts peacefully
- Respect the physical and cultural environments of all people
- Are accountable for their choices and actions
- Demonstrate a high degree of integrity and character

### **Evidence: Social Sciences Students**

**Social Sciences** 

In World History, students just finished their border conflict projects. They were able to create informative videos and presentations to inform their peers about the different border conflicts happening currently around the world. In Economics, students completed some practical work around budgets, taxes, and other "real world" applications, and have now turned to a broader study of the field. They will be wrestling all semester with questions surrounding capitalism--where it works, where it doesn't, and what can be done to improve our economic system and make it more just. (OSA October Newsletter: Social Sciences Students)

### **Students are Self-Disciplined Students and Artists**

Self-disciplined students and artists who:

- Display pride and passion in their artistic and academic work
- Demonstrate consistent effort and commitment through practice and focused study
- Challenge themselves to achieve high standards in all endeavors
- Appreciate and respect the artistic and academic efforts of others
- Innovate and create in all aspects of their work
- Move into adulthood with maximum opportunities and choices
- Develop their own identity

### **Evidence: Dance Students**

Dance

OSA Dance students have learned about Vaganova and Katherine Dunham, watched and reflected on Vaganova Exam videos, completed their own mid-quarter exams, received Progress Reports, and are working toward finishing the quarter strong by creating their own Q1 Goals and Action Plans. MS students

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are continuing to focus on their basic Dance flexibility and will begin increasing the level of difficulty of their Dance strength workouts as we move into the last part of the quarter.

HS students are challenging the honing of their instruments beyond the Basic Stretch Routine and Basic Strengthening workouts, by adding High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) to challenge and increase their stamina, and Heel in Hand stretches to focus on improving their extensions, to their Dance Conditioning regimens.

( OSA October Newsletter: Dance )

## **OSA** students are **R.E.A.D.Y**.

#### Reflection

- > Engaging in **growth mindset** practices
- Developing self-awareness
- Creating and implementing personalized goals

### **Engagement**

- Practicing empathy and compassion while being open-minded
- > Accepting and offering critical feedback
- Recognizing and engaging in the different communities of **Oakland** and **California**

### Advocacy

- Understanding and navigating systems, applications and bureaucracy
- Utilizing artwork to express identity and make an impact in community
- ➤ Engaging in social justice and activism within the community of **OSA**, **Oakland** and/or **California**

### Dedication

- Embodying a high degree of intrinsic motivation for their arts and academics
- Exhibiting an artistic and academic self-discipline
- Understanding and implementing the artistic and academic "Habits of Mind"

### Y for YOUR voice, YOUR journey

- > Expressing voice, vision and plan for MS, HS and post HS
- Demonstrating the mindset and practice of perseverance and resilience in the face of obstacles

### F. Perception Data

The following are narrative results of the surveys taken by students, parents and staff during the Spring of 2020.

## Student Survey Narrative - Spring 2020

### Student Profile:

We had 82% of the student population (615 results) responding to 42 questions. The number of respondents from each grade represent approximately 15% of the total results.

61% identify as female, 31% male, 7% combined transgendered, non-binary, agender, other and declined to state. In describing their sexuality, students are 52% straight, 5% Lesbian, 4% gay, 17% bisexual, with asexual, pansexual and questioning all being under 10%. Students stated their ethnicity to be 28% Black or African American, 17% Hispanic or Latino, 58% White, Chinese 8%, Filipino 6% and all other groups are under 5%. (Mixed ethnicity was not offered). 92% of students speak English as their primary language in their home. 62% of students live at home with both of their parents. 14% live with one parent. 17% live in multiple homes with split parents. Other students live with other relatives, some with more than one family, some in no fixed housing, in a temporary shelter, or other situations.

96% of students have internet access at home, with the other 4% having it sporadically. 93% have necessary electronics, with 1% not having electronics and 5% having electronics available sometimes.

Under 10% of students reported being on free or reduced lunch, while 26% did not know what this is and 5% qualifying but not choosing to register.

Respondents' emphasis distribution is: Theatre 21%, Instrumental 14%, Visual Art. 17%, Vocal Music 17%, All others under 10%.

### **School Culture**

Students attend OSA mainly because they are passionate about their art. They also attend because their parents wanted them to or they have friends who attend OSA. They found all faculty and staff to be welcoming, with other students being slightly less welcoming. They found the general culture to be very to somewhat friendly.

### Academics

Students have a positive relationship with their teachers. Teachers seem passionate, prepared and also relaxed. Students learn from their teachers and are able to make positive contributions in class. Students use Chromebooks in many of their classes. Students feel less clear about talking to their teachers when they need support. They do not always feel that their classrooms are focused and engaging. Teachers do not always discuss diversity, and when they do it is not always comfortable and effective. Students do not always feel academically challenged and they do not always feel that they have a voice in their classrooms. They are not especially encouraged when academic teachers attend their performances.

Many students perceive that their teachers do not know them outside of class and that their culture is not reflected in class content.

Students understand the reasoning behind block periods and feel that most of their teachers use the time well.

They feel less clear about the use of block periods in math and English class.

Students feel that instruction at OSA reflects social and cultural diversity, but not political diversity as much.

When students require academic support they mainly get help from parents, friends and When students require academic support they mainly get help from parents, friends and siblings. They also meet with teachers during the school day. To a lesser degree they

attend an academic support period, see their counselor, have private tutoring, attend Math Lab or receive support through their IEP or 504 plan.

#### Arts

Students have a positive relationship with their arts teachers. They talk to their teachers when they need support. Teachers seem passionate, prepared and also relaxed. They feel that their classrooms are focused and engaging. Teachers discuss diversity, and when they do it is comfortable and effective. Students learn from their teachers and are able to make positive contributions in class. Students feel artistically challenged and they feel that they have a voice in their classrooms. They are encouraged when their arts teachers attend their performances.

However, some students perceive that their teachers do not know them outside of class and that their culture is not reflected in class content. Students do not generally use Chromebooks in their arts classes.

## Advisory

Students have a positive relationship with their advisor. Advisors seem prepared and relaxed. Their advisor expresses support for the Advisory program. Their advisor seems comfortable leading discussions around sensitive topics. Students feel like they have a voice in their advisory. Students feel less clear about the role of advisory. They do not feel completely comfortable talking to their advisor when they need support. Students are sure that advisory helps them as an OSA student.

### Administration

Students feel like they have positive relationships with school administrators and that they care about each student's education. Administrators create and maintain a safe and focused campus environment. And, they do feel encouraged when administrators come to their art performances. They do not completely feel like they can talk to administrators or that the administrators know individual students.

Different students feel comfortable talking to the principal, executive director, assistant principal, the arts department chairs, the school dean, the counselors, advisors and to the front desk staff.

## Safety, both Physical and Mental

Students feel that OSA is a safe place for students. They can learn and the environment is accepting and inclusive. The administrators treat students fairly and students have an influential voice. They also use Google Classroom to find out information about all of their classes.

They are not completely clear on how fairly teachers treat students and not all students treat each other with respect.

Students feel prepared for earthquakes and fire at OSA, but not at all prepared for an intruder on campus or how to shelter in place.

## **Experience of OSA**

Students appreciate diversity.

Students are less clear about how well-behaved other students are. They do not always see consistency among teachers when dealing with students who are off task. Students do not always appear to be respectful of each other, adults or the facility. Students feel that many students do not arrive at school alert and rested, they are not motivated to learn and do not work towards creating a positive school climate.

The majority of students have not observed alcohol or drug use at OSA, harassment based on race, ethnicity, or sexual identity. They have not observed theft or cyberbullying. It is more likely that they have observed physical fighting, inappropriate use of technology, lack of respect for staff, peer pressure or bullying, cutting classes and depression or other mental health issues Most likely is observing nicotine use. When responding on a personal level, students have engaged in disruptive behavior, depression or other mental health issues and cutting classes or being truant.

Students feel that it is easy to make friends and many feel close to other students. They do see that some students form cliques, but they do not generally feel intimidated by other students. They do not always experience older students serving as positive role models.

Although many agreed that their transition from middle school to high school was smooth, some felt that they were not academically prepared for high school.

Students feel strongly that they are proud and happy to be at OSA. They feel as if they are part of the school and make a positive contribution to the culture. They are committed to their art and have opportunities for work-based learning.

Students are less clear about their awareness of school activities and events. They do not strongly feel like they have an influential voice. They don't see many opportunities to take advanced or specialized courses. They do not feel strongly that school culture has improved during their time at OSA.

Half of the students surveyed have considered leaving OSA to be homeschooled, to participate in sports, they didn't find friends, it wasn't academic enough, it was too hard and they just didn't like it. However, those who stayed did so because of parental persuasion, they decided they liked being at OSA, OSA offers letter grades, they weren't accepted to their other choices, or it was just too hard to arrange a transfer.

### **School Spirit**

Of all possible activities, students mostly attend arts performances. They also participate in Spirit Week. They go to Cultural Assemblies, Spirit Rallies, and Field Trips and join Clubs. They most enjoy the Arts Performances, Spirit Week, Field Trips and Intersession. Their school spirit is mostly promoted by Arts Performances, Spirit Week, Spirit Rallies and Field Trips. After school they work in their art area, they do other work, they do sports and they take private lessons or training in their art. They wish we offered more field trips, OSA gear and a mascot, held fundraisers and a field day and that there was more collaboration between emphases.

When listing what they love about OSA students responded: friends, their art, creativity, social awareness, appreciation for diversity and their teachers. Students listed a wide range of changes they would like to see at OSA, including the students, the administration, the teachers, having a bigger school, less homework, more homework and changing nothing at all

Finally, 92% of the respondents took the survey seriously.

## **Parent Survey Narrative - Spring 2020**

Parent Profile:

We had 220 respondents answering 14 questions. Parents of 6th graders represent the largest group of those who responded (20%) with 12th grade parents representing the smallest group (9%).

Parents specified their student's gender as 60% female, 36% male, 4% combined transgendered, non-binary, other and declined to state. Students stated their ethnicity to be 19% Black or African American, 18% Hispanic or Latino, 69% White, Chinese 6%, Filipino 7% and all other groups are under 5%. (Mixed ethnicity was not offered). Students' emphasis distribution is: Theatre 21%, Instrumental 19%, Visual Art. 16%, Vocal Music 15%, All others under 10%.

78% of parents confirmed that their student would be returning to OSA for the 20-21 school year. 9% of parents had a graduating senior.

### **Environment**

Parents feel that OSA is a safe place for their student and that they are supported. OSA has been welcoming to parents and students. Students enjoy being at OSA and feel that there is a positive culture. Students respect differences and students' cultures are reflected in classrooms. OSA cares about students and treats them with respect and dignity. Parents feel supported in helping their student manage their behavioral needs. Parents are not clear about their student feeling free to talk to OSA staff about problems. They do not feel completely supported managing their student's academic and social/emotional needs. They are not clear about who to contact for help with their student's behavioral needs.

They are very unclear about who to contact regarding additional resources to support their student's social/emotional needs.

### **Expectations**

Parents generally feel that the academic and behavioral expectations are appropriate. They feel very strongly that the artistic expectations are appropriate.

### **Program and Instruction**

Parents feel that OSA is successfully preparing their student for college. They perceive the middle school academic program to be strong. They feel that their student is learning to work in a team and that they are more confident and poised since attending OSA. Parents are not clear about the engagement level of classes or that the high school program is strong. They are not sure that their student has ample opportunities to get

extra help. It is not clear to them that their student's writing and math skills have improved at OSA.

The most negative impressions are about whether student's leadership skills and reading skills have improved.

Most often parents reported that their student spends 0-1 hour and 1-2 hours on academic homework every night. Most students spend 0-5 hours on their art (homework, private lessons and performances) each week. They reported high satisfaction with their arts classes, followed by Social Science, Math, Science and English, followed by PE and, finally, World Language and AP & Honors courses.

### Communication

Parents feel that there is open communication between school, staff, parents and the community. They feel that they have opportunities to voice their concerns. They regularly read OSA News through Konstella. They refer to the Google Classrooms to obtain class information. Teachers make themselves available to talk about students. They feel comfortable contacting the OSA Leadership Team. They use PowerSchool regularly to chart their student's academic progress. They are comfortable using OSA's website. They do not feel that they can communicate with the OSA Board of Directors and that they receive enough information about their child's progress.

They reported not generally attending APT meetings. And, they do not feel that teachers proactively communicate with them about their students' progress.

Linked Learning Pathway Development/Creative Careers Pathway Development Parents feel that students would like the exposure to other arts that the linked learning pathways curriculum would offer. Their student would benefit from interaction with professionals in their art emphasis. Artistic integration into academic classes would increase student engagement. Students would benefit from access to Community College courses at OSA during the school day.

Parents are not clear about how much their student benefits from the Advisory program. Parents are especially unclear about the Linked Learning Pathways program and what it means at OSA. They do not feel that their student has access to art outside their sub-pathway. They do not see their student having access to opportunities for career development connected to their art. And, their students do not access Earl College Credit opportunities at OSA.

### **Teacher Survey Narrative - Spring 2020**

Teacher Profile:

We had 52 teachers respond to 12 questions. 30% of the respondents were first year teachers.

Most teachers communicate by email. 50% feel that communicating during group meetings is also effective. When communicating with families, teachers mostly use email, (98%) then Google classroom, PowerSchool, the telephone, and, finally, personal text messages (23%)

(Talking Points was not included on the survey)

Half of the teachers teach in just one room, the other half teach in 2 or more rooms – and sometimes need to move to a different building.

### School Environment

Teachers agree that the school is clean. They feel that students care about the school and have school spirit. Students seem to care about each other and to feel safe at OSA. Teachers feel knowledgeable about accessing support for student needs and that counseling improves students' wellness.

Teachers think that they treat students with respect, as individuals and as a group and that students and staff respect cultural differences. Teachers feel valued and respected by colleagues and OSA leadership.

Teachers feel less clear about being equipped to manage student stress levels. They are not sure about the effectiveness of student government and leadership. They do not always feel supported in their facilities requests or classroom cleanliness.

The most controversial topic for teachers is whether or not discipline is fair, consistent and effectively implemented throughout the school.

### Communication

Teachers feel that the leadership team listens to them and students and that student concerns are addressed. They feel that they have opportunities and are comfortable voicing concerns to the team.

Teachers think that parents have a reasonable amount of input into school operations. They have a good rapport with most of the students' parents and guardians and that they do a good job of communicating with them.

Teachers also feel that they receive pertinent information regarding the academic progress and eligibility status of students.

Teachers feel less clear about appropriately receiving pertinent information about the disciplinary status of students. They also do not always feel well informed by the Leadership Team. There is also less confidence about clearly understanding the mission, vision and strategic goals of OSA.

The most controversial topics for teachers are how to apply the strategic goals to their teaching, and about how well Linked Learning Pathways has been communicated to students, families and teachers.

#### Satisfaction

Teachers feel satisfaction, personal accomplishment and stress as teachers. Satisfaction stems partly from flexibility in curriculum planning. Student support team work definitely helps alleviate stress. Teachers who share rooms work well together. Teachers do enjoy weekly slideshows during PD that display school happenings.

Teachers would like to participate in outside professional development experiences. They feel that their views are aligned with the mission and vision. They are proud to be part of OSA and are inspired by their colleagues. Most teachers plan to continue teaching at OSA into the future.

Teachers are less clear about the development of Linked Learning Pathways. They are not happy with how our Chromebooks are managed. They would like to see more

diversity in the recruitment process. They are not completely satisfied with our in-house PD, and have not attended many PD sessions outside of OSA. They also have some trouble balancing their personal and work life.

The most controversial topics for teachers are that they are not fairly compensated and feel motivated to look for positions in higher paying districts. They are concerned about the financial sustainability of the school. They are not optimistic about phasing out the audition process.

### **Program and Instruction**

Teachers feel as if they have adequate technology to use both personally and for their classes. They use a variety of methods to help students learn. They understand the purpose of block days and use the time. They understand the purpose of advisory, they are prepared for the sessions and get along well with the students.

During class all teachers embed reading and writing into their curriculum. Students can work in teams and have opportunities for leadership and learn about respect for others. They help students establish goals. They integrate arts and academics. Students are engaged in a high-level of rigor.

Teachers would like to learn how to implement and develop Linked Learning curriculum for their classes.

Teachers are less clear about technology in the classroom. Chromebooks and other electronics are not readily available. Teachers are not sure that block periods or advisory are beneficial and they do not always use the structured advisory curriculum.

Finally, teachers do not assign homework three times per week. They are not sure that they would benefit from training in support of block periods.

### **Mission Statement**

Teachers agree that the mission statement reflects both their personal understanding of and belief for OSA.

### Change for OSA

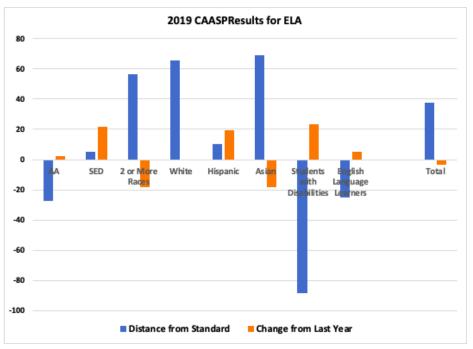
Some of the most often mentioned changes teachers offered:

- · Differentiated arts classes
- · School norms, classroom rules, discipline policy
- Equity and cultural responsiveness professional development from an outside organization
- · Full 1:1 technology
- · Keep the audition as is
- · Allow students to experience other emphasis

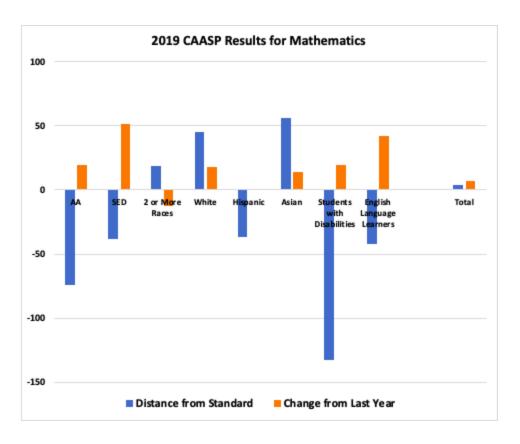
## **G. Summary of Profile**

1. What is implied by the student performance data?

Comparison of Largest Student Groups for CAASPP testing in 2019



It is apparent from the chart that in general, our student population is doing well in ELA, given that we are 37.8 points above the standard, with only a small change from the previous year. Our SED students and Hispanic students are above the standard and improving. Our White students are maintaining their level. Although our 2 or More Race students and Asian students are above the standard, we need to keep watch since their scores dropped from the previous year. Our students of greatest concern are our African American students, Students with Disabilities and our English Language Learners. They did slightly better in 2019 than the previous year, but they are consistently performing below the standard.



Our student population is close to the standard in math, given that we are 3.6 points above the standard, with a small positive change from the previous year. Our Asian students and White students are above the standard and improving. Although our 2 or More Race students are above the standard, we need to keep watch since their score dropped from the previous year. Our students of greatest concern are our African American students, SED students, Students with Disabilities and our English Language Learners. They did better in 2019 than the previous year, but they are consistently performing below the standard. Of special concern in math is our Hispanic students since they are performing below the standard and did not show any change from last year.

## 2. Select 2-3 student learner needs based on the data (early) Identified Critical Student Learner Needs

- 1. Math Achievement for all, especially minority groups
- 2. Inclusion of Arts Field experience (CTE)
- 3. Support of student Mental Health

## 3. List important questions that have been raised by the analysis of student performance, demographics and perception data.

1. Students, parents and teachers agree that we would like to have a **More Diverse**Staff

## 2. Balance grade levels

To develop a more sustainable model for the school, we are investigating a system to set a quota for the number of students per grade level (between 116-118) and also populate each Pathway in a balanced way.

- 3. Integrating CTE curriculum into all academic classes.
- 4. More equitable Audition Process which they have previously entered through an audition process. This process will gradually be phased out over the coming years. We will need to work with our new enrollment norms.
- 5. Transition to and integration of new ESLRs **READY**
- 6. Bolster Special Ed with more efficient communication and enhanced data reporting systems.
- 7. We will **increase numbers of the SED students** that are admitted to OSA.
- 8. We will look for the **success of SED students** as we carefully and routinely monitor their school performance.

## 9. Improve our Outreach to High Needs Students

We would like to encourage high needs students to attend OSA. We note that there are increasing numbers of homeless/transitional students due to the pandemic. We recognize that foster students need an advocate and that we need to design this type of support. We could improve our outreach by designing a brochure that is distributed both digitally and on paper to health workers, health care centers, through BAWAR, and to youth development centers to reach these youth.

## 10. Accurate reporting of High Needs Students

We would like to better monitor our students in terms of free and reduced lunch and housing, because we believe there are mistakes and the numbers are underreported. We would like to have one person monitoring this situation, and if the position were filled with a social worker, we could more easily connect students with services.

- 11. We would like to better **balance the student population** between males and females.
- 12. In the effort to **close the access gap**, we will work towards increases by minimum 5% annually as measured by SBAC testing, i.e.the access gap closes by 5% a year as gains made by targeted subgroups exceed gains made by the highest scoring group.

- 13. We will see an even higher graduation rate and a lower drop out rate.
- 14. As the school increases efforts to ensure high attendance, the metric of success will be to see **increased attendance** in all grade levels.

### 15. Special Ed Program Needs

Hire another case manager, paraeducator and possibly contract with another school psychologist for triennial and initial IEP meetings. Add more Professional Development sessions for teachers on the importance of SPED. Attempt to change the culture of OSA to mirror SPED needs driving schedules and supports - A SPED teacher mindset benefits all students. Have a system in place for identifying incoming students with IEPs. Educating General Education teachers about their role in the IEP process, including implementing IEP goals, and designing lesson plans with accommodations and modifications in place. Hold schoolwide discussions around diagnostic, formative and summative assessments. Teachers need to better understand how assessments are used to measure desired outcomes. They also need to understand the importance of timeliness in returning assignments. Design and offer support classes that focus on skill remediation, data tracking, individualized support and are not a study hall. Design support for new teachers to better understand their role in the SPED program.

### 16.EL Program

We would like to enroll more EL students. We believe this will happen as we continue growing our outreach efforts and the new lottery system for admission is implemented. We need to provide not only a once a week pull-out program, but also be able to have push-in classroom support.

17. Establish a summer **Bridge Program** for incoming students. This would help us identify students who may need extra support at an early stage. By meeting with teachers and each other during the summer, students' comfort level will increase as they start school at OSA.

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## a. Preliminary Identified Critical Student Learner Needs

As we began our 2021 self-study we determined that our preliminary *Identified Critical* 

Student Learner Needs were:

- 1. Math Achievement for all, especially minority groups
- 2. Inclusion of Arts Field experience (CTE)
- 3. Support of Student Mental Health

The Critical Student Learner Needs still appear to be appropriate after reviewing the Focus and Home group results and the findings from the Community Profile.

## b. Summary of Findings from Focus Groups and the Community Profile

## 1. Math Achievement for all, especially minority groups

The Community Profile shows that although our African American students improved their math scores on the CAASPP test in 2019, they are still our lowest performing group at 74 points below the standard. Our school's overall score is in the green zone at 3.6 points above the standard.

In our LCAP we state that "African-American students and Students with Disabilities are the areas where we see the greatest need for improvement. While on an upward trajectory, there remains a wide variance in SBAC scores between these student subgroups when compared to the 'All Student' numbers." The Focus and Home Group results show that students of color are still struggling with math. We need to implement more support for math students.

## 2. Inclusion of Arts Field experience (CTE)

The Community Profile shows in the **Students in College and Career Indicator** that the school achieved a 60.2% rating for students prepared for college. As we stated in the profile "We expect to see our number of prepared students rise as we incorporate CTE into our curriculum and more students are CTE completers."

We are currently working on integrating CTE standards into our academic courses. Our first integration is with the High School English Department. Last summer (2020), school Administrators put together a packet dovetailing CTE standards into the high school English curriculum. Over the summer, High School English teachers were given a stipend to attend several planning sessions where they studied the packet and built lessons using templates. All High School students are participating in this curriculum in English this year, however, their assessments vary depending on their pathway: Design, Visual and Media Arts or Performing Arts. We have found it difficult to fully roll out the new curriculum during Remote Teaching and plan a relaunch next school year when we anticipate being on-site.

The Focus and Home group results show that a current strength is "the CTE development that is integrating arts and academics even more with a career-pathway perspective; This is work that needs to be ongoing". Teachers feel that "Although we started applying CTE standards in ELA

classes this year, teachers still need more guidance in teaching integrated English and arts." It appears that we need to deepen the CTE integration into the ELA curriculum as well as advance the integration into other departments.

## 3. Support of Student Mental Health

From student surveys we have found that students feel that there are few disturbing forms of behavior present on campus:

"The majority of students have not observed alcohol or drug use at OSA, harassment based on race, ethnicity, or sexual identity. They have not observed theft or cyberbullying.

It is more likely that they <u>have observed</u> physical fighting, inappropriate use of technology, lack of respect for staff, peer pressure or bullying, cutting classes and depression or other mental health issues.

When responding on a <u>personal level</u>, students have engaged in disruptive behavior, <u>depression or other mental health issues</u> and cutting classes or being truant." We are in a position to provide stronger mental health supports for students.

In our last self-study, Priority 2 was:

### IMPROVE SPECIALIZED SUPPORT FOR ALL STUDENTS.

We accomplished this goal by forming a new Student Support Team which provided "Support for equal access, academic and personal counseling, college and career preparation support and health services."

The Student Support Team has been specifically restructured to ensure comprehensive 1-on-1 supports are provided for all students. The goal of the team is to establish and maintain a positive school culture (grades 6-12) in which all students are motivated to learn, support each other, and have structures in place that assist students in accessing their full artistic and academic potential. The team consists of the following staff members:

- Assistant Principal, the student support team lead working to design and implement structures that support the team mission,
- the Dean of Students, who oversees the student discipline of all students grades 6-12 and supports teachers in the implementation of restorative practices in the classroom,
- the Head Counselor/Counselor Grades 6-9, who ensures that our course offerings are preparing students for a multitude of college and career opportunities and monitors the placement of students in the appropriate classes,
- the College and Career Counselor/Counselor Grades 7-12, who monitors student progress and works closely on the college application process with students and families during high school as they approach graduation,
- and the Mental Health Coordinator, who provides individual and group counseling to students that are identified as needing specific mental health supports.

Even with all of these supports in place, we are still experiencing a high need for mental health support among our student population. This need has only been exacerbated as we have been in Remote Learning, and will continue to be present as students return to in-school learning. As stated by our Focus Groups: "Difficult to identify student challenges in a Zoom environment. Difficult to contact parents & families in a Zoom environment. Students may not be attending the support sessions that are available due to the challenges of online instruction."

In addition, reports from the Student Support Team state that we need to "improve our outreach to high needs students. We would like to encourage high needs students to attend OSA. We note that there are increasing numbers of homeless/transitional students due to the pandemic. We recognize that foster students need an advocate and that we need to design this type of support." We would also like to "accurately report our High Needs Students. We would like to better monitor our students in terms of free and reduced lunch and housing, because we believe there are mistakes and the numbers are underreported. We would like to have one person monitoring this situation, and if the position were filled with a social worker, we could more easily connect students with services." In addition, as we enroll youth from challenging backgrounds, we would like to have the mental health supports in place to ensure their success at OSA.

### c. Strengths, Growth Areas, Next Steps

Focus Group	Strengths	Growth Areas	Next Steps
A: Organization	Parent Involvement -Many parents have added their names to the volunteer catalog.	Communication -The Oakarts website contains a lot of information but it needs to be more	Communication - Clearer paths for distributing and obtaining information
	School Attitude -Faculty, staff and students value and practice creativity.	user-friendlyThere is room for growth in finding ways to help stakeholders We need to	
	College & Career Readiness -Students are prepared for CollegeCTE curriculum and standards amplifies the artistic expertise of students	encourage people to attend meetings so they are informed - We should add a blurb to the newsletter to encourage people to come to the next board meeting -We need a procedure for	

-Students are made aware of scholarship opportunities

- Work based
learning opportunities
are provided in
several of the arts
emphasis' with more
internships and
mentorships planned
for the future

### Alumni

-Alumni feel
connected to OSA
and come back to
visit and lend their
support by bringing
their college or career
experience to current
students

# Community Building

- -Student Affinity Groups
- There is engagement of our community through Town Hall events, Board Meetings and the monthly newsletter
- -A teachers' union was started in the Spring of 2019 called COSATS

# Student Support & Engagement

-Our high graduation rate is an indication of strong student

providing data if someone requests information in between our reporting deadlines.

## OSA Board of Directors

-Need to heighten the Board presence on campus.

-Board goals need to be reshaped. It is a governing board and focus needs to shift to becoming a fundraising board.

## Uniform Complaint Procedure

-Clearer procedures need to be developed so that everyone knows what will happen if a complaint is raised.

#### **Finances**

-Meetings of the

Board Finance Committee happen at the worst times mornings during the week when students, teachers, and many parents can't attend -It would be nice to have the financial meetings when all can attend -The budget comes from the board down, and we have only recently been granted access

### **OSA Board of Directors**

Encourage the Board presence at student events

## Uniform Complaint Procedure

Create a document to accompany the form outlining the steps

#### **Finances**

Rearranging the Finance Committee meeting time Encourage community participation in budget discussions

## **Facilities**

Locate and develop spaces to accommodate our arts departments

support and engagement

- -Our high attendance rate is an indication of strong student engagement
- Student support team functions well and is constantly improving
- Our student support team uses data to promote positive student outcomes

### **Arts Division**

- We provide strong artistic programming for our students
- We have an Arts Speakers Series which promotes interest and vision for our arts classes -Arts departments provide performance opportunities for all

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

eligible students

-We committed to year long Professional Development training to understand and improve our DEI practices

### **SPED**

-Special education services are provided by a strong team

-The cost of the student health/wellness centers are adding cost to the budget. These funds could have been spent on other things.

### **Facilities**

-We need to look for new arts spaces/buildings that are safe, seismically retrofitted, have fire detection and suppression systems. -We need to provide space and facilities that are specialized for arts.

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

-We need to keep expanding our efforts in this area.
-We should work on increasing diversity and retention of

teachers of color.

### Alumni

-We need to leverage our alumni relationships more fully.

#### Advancement

-We need to increase family participation in the annual fund.

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Hire a DEI Coordinator to monitor and encourage the skills we have developed during our trainings

### Alumni

Increase our outreach to alumni

### Advancement

Continue the support of our advancement department

## College & Career Readiness Increase the number of

Increase the number of internships

## **Community Building**

Continue outreach to the community for partnerships through attendance at events and social media

#### Finances

- -We have transparency in our financial procedures. -There is more agency in resource allocation than ever before now that COSATS is active/partnering in resource allocation
- -We need employee participation in the annual fund.

## College & Career Readiness

-We need to provide more work-based learning opportunities

## **Community Building**

- -Students/parents should be more involved in leadership positions.
- -We should establish more of a social media presence.
  -We should look for more collaboration and partnerships with

#### **B:** Curriculum

#### Arts Division

 An arts school with arts faculty who are all professionally-trained artists.

## College and Career Readiness

-CTE development that is integrating arts and academics even more with a career-pathway perspective, -We provide students with real world experiences that will help them be successful in either post-secondary

## Academic Division Math

other organizations.

-CPM curriculum should find even more practical, "real-life" problems which may speak more to our students of color.

## College and Career Readiness

-One important gap in our curriculum and public messaging is the value in teaching students at the high school level how to get a job and be independent without needing to feel they must go to college in

## **Academic Division**

Encourage all departments to develop curriculum that pulls in the real world making lessons more relevant to students

## College and Career Readiness

Increased support and recognition for students who do not plan to go to college. More curriculum devoted to life skills.

schooling or career opportunities.

### **SPED**

-We are an inclusion school regarding students with IEPs so access is foundational in our approach to teaching arts and academics.

### Curriculum

-Academic teachers and arts Faculty who are grounded in the current grade level curriculum provide links to current events and current cultural phenomena to make the curriculum both relevant and rigorous. Examples: Many classroom discussions and art making related to the recent Black Lives Matter movement, the 2020 Election, the COVID19 Pandemic. etc.

order to be successful. We feel this could be an important motivator for those students who may have no plans or interests in a post-secondary education. This would provide more value to an OSA diploma and not less. -Since Economics is a required course, it would be very useful to provide some more practical education on budgeting and cost of living in the Bay Area, etc.

### **SPED**

-Despite our strengths as an Inclusion school, the Special Education Department still gets marginalized too often and there are still too many general ed and arts teachers who do not fully understand their crucial, even legally mandated, role in implementing and even abiding by a student's IEP. We need to keep growing our Inclusion Mindset!

### Communication

-Support families to most effectively utilize technological tools to

### SPED

Increased training and oversight for general ed teachers in regards to SPED

### Communication

Offer workshops on the use of school technology tools for parents and guardians

		enhance communication with school staff and support of students.	
C: Learning and Teaching	Community Building -Our school has a strong sense of community, even during CovidStudents and teachers are sharing their art through Zoom and other methods. This is inspiring to the entire communityCommunity is being built at OSA by ensuring that students and teachers have opportunities to interact both inside/during class and outside of class	Facilities - Limited differentiation due to lack of staffing and space. In middle school, one teacher oversees all digital media students grade 6-8. All HS students, grades 9-12, also share one classroom. These limitations make it difficult to differentiate for more advanced students to engage in more long-term and complex projects.  College & Career Readiness - Need more	Facilities Increase the amount of space available for conducting identified arts classes  College & Career Readiness Offer more TA spots and mentorship opportunities for 11th and 12th graders
	time.  Alumni -Having alumni involved is very helpful for new students and teachers, gives us a sense of shared history and a feeling that OSA is a community to be part of for life.  School Attitude -OSA staff and	opportunities for internships for 11th and 12th graders with relevant art firms/industries - Need for more TA and mentorship opportunities for 11th and 12th graders  Professional Development - We need "real" professional development, like what we are having	Professional Development Offer more professional development that is led by outside experts. Also, allow and fund teachers to attend conferences and trainings outside of school.

students have a problem-solving, flexible, can-do attitude. This has been very important during Covid with the continuously changing state guidance, etc. -OSA teachers go above and beyond to help their students, holding extra office hours as needed. running numerous clubs, attending student performances, etc. -Students are taking initiative by starting their own social groups and clubs in order to stay connected to each other and to the school.

### Communication

-Students and teachers' input have been/are being considered in developing the remote learning schedule and program.
-Administration is accessible and responsive to concerns, even during remote learning.

### Student Leadership

now with Diversity and Equity training. In the past, much of the PD has been run by teachers. We need funding for teachers and Department Chairs to attend conferences in their fields and to continue to develop. Often experienced teachers are asked to lead and are not given the opportunity to continue to grow. Also, too much is left for teachers to figure out on their own, such as teachers volunteering to present ideas for teaching online as our only real training in remote learning.

### **Teacher Support**

- We need more support for new teachers, so that they see we are invested in them becoming part of the OSA community. Ideas: Buddy system, ongoing observations with suggestions for improvement. collaboration as a norm, regular meetings with opportunities to share ideas as well as ask questions.

## **Teacher Support**

Increased and codified support for new teachers is necessary. Create opportunities for teacher collaboration. Need more oversight of teacher growth plans.

-Students are being asked and encouraged to run assemblies, clubs, etc.

#### Mental Health

Students' emotional well-being is being addressed in the time of "distance learning" by providing them many extra-curricular activities and clubs, so they can keep up their social connections.

## College & Career Readiness

- -Supporting students for post high school education.
- -Ability to switch arts emphasis gives students the opportunity to explore more than one passion.
- -Artist Speaker Series: All students have access, (school-wide assembly) not just a particular emphasis or classroom.
- -Business of the Arts: This is now a linked learning class, part of the academic division in both pathways.

## Technology

- Classes should be set up so that there is not an entire grade level with new teachers, as has happened a few times in the past few years. Collaboration should be required of new teachers, instead of them being given an entire class to teach on their own (Example: Biology or U.S. History) - We need a more effective teacher evaluation system with the goal of continuous growth, not just checking up when things go wrong. Students want the opportunity to follow up on surveys, to see if a teacher is improving or not, and

## Student Support

used.

to know how the data

they provide is being

- Student support has not been consistent enough in remote learning, and some students are falling through the cracks. We have accumulated a lot of data on who they are and why they are struggling, but we

## Student Support

Need to provide more consistent student support once we have the data indicating struggle. We need to add remediation classes for math and literacy that are well specified. We need to identify and support new students who are struggling as soon as possible.

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

We need to hire a full-time DEI Coordinator and Curriculum Developer. We need to create and use an accountability rubric and we need to hire and retain faculty and staff of color.

-During COVID &
Remote Learning, we have been able to provide computers (chromebooks & laptops) and hotspots to students, which has been crucial to their continued learning and provides equitable access for all students

### **Arts Division**

Music: Strong selection of musical choices from a variety of cultures.

### **Academics Division**

Science: Biology -Curriculum aligns more with NGSS, taught from an inquiry and phenomena perspective rather than rote memorization. This allows for many ways to differentiate instruction and assess for the zone of proximal development and foundational skills/ concepts. Emphasis is on usage of evidence-based arguments, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

#### Math

-Teacher retention is

have not done enough to help them. - We need a stronger remediation program (Math support and Literacy support), especially for new students. They need to be identified and supported with an action plan right away, with the goal of getting them to the level where they can achieve success in the regular classroom as quickly as possible.

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- We need to really commit to this by:
- 1. Hiring a full-time
  DEI Coordinator and
  Curriculum
  Developer, and
  fulfilling the other
  recommended
  objectives (Students
  reps, Avid
  Coordinator, required
  A-G Ethnic Studies
  class)
- 2. Creating an accountability rubric and holding everyone accountable through evaluations based on this rubric
- 3. Committing to hiring and retaining teachers and

#### **Arts Division**

Integrate a global view into all arts classes. Create a world music class. Provide a foundational computer literacy class for incoming students.

### Academic Division

Need to create organized spaces/closets for supplies and materials for all departments.

Create vertical alignment matrix for all courses by department.

In math, we need to continue addressing the access gap for students of color.

We need to support students at <u>all</u> levels in math.
We would like to add new courses to the math department, including

higher since 2018 -Providing math support for students who need it so that they can get through the requirements for high school. -Better vertical alignment in recent years; reviewing material that has been covered in one subject and using it for the next year -Re-evaluating curriculum to see what topics are more important than others - making sure that there is more depth than breadth in our curriculum -More students are achieving at higher levels of math than before -We have more students taking both college Calculus and AP Calculus than prior years

### ELA

-Students are assessed for reading comprehension skills at different points during the year, and for the most part students' reading comprehension skills improve over the course of the year. This also provides the administrative staff of color

## **Arts Division Music Theory:**

- Should not be a white-centric, European construct - Should provide a more global and diverse view of concepts and instructional topics.

### World Music:

-We are hoping to create a class for students to learn more about cultural styles of music throughout the world

## Digital Media

-We would like to provide a foundational computer literacy class for incoming students who have never worked on a laptop or desktop before but are currently limited by number of staff available to teach different sections during the same time block

## **Academics Division** Science

-More resources and opportunities needed for hands-on instruction and activities. -More vertical

computer science.

We need to continue on with our arts integration into HS ELA classes. Teachers need training to do this.

### **SPED**

Increased training and oversight for general ed teachers in regards to SPED. Professional Development should focus on SPED support.

school with data and gives an alert to address when students don't meet the typical growth curves as seen on the standard assessment.

alignment between related subjects and content (7th grade Life Science and 9th grade Biology, for example).
-More vertical alignment of transferable science skills between subjects (NGSS Science and Engineering Practices and Crosscutting Concepts)

SPED Students with learning challenges need more support during remote learning.

## Math

-We still struggle with an achievement gap for black and brown students -Struggle with differentiation and being able to allow student achievement at all levels -More resources and opportunities needed for the application of mathematics to real world application within the arts - ie. using music and math, architecture and math, etc. -We struggle with finding math from other worlds: everything we have is from old european men -Need computer science as a part of the math department

## **ELA**

how to integrate curriculum with arts. Teachers are willing to teach more lessons aligned with the arts program, but need guidance. -More work is needed on bringing diversity to the middle school reading selections. Selections that are more current and which reflect the diversity of the student population should be considered.

- More training on

## **SPED**

-It is challenging to make sure that student accommodations are in place for the SPED students It is difficult to engage in pertinent discussions about accommodations, as there is not much response from emails, and there is not a consistent designated time to have face to face time with the general education teachers -General education teachers need to have a lens that focuses on how to plan and prepare for

### **Accountability**

-The school has a standard grading scale for all classes. -The school has a single eligibility standard for all subpathways, based on performance across all classes.

### Communication

-All teachers use Powerschool, Google Classroom, progress reports, and report cards to share data with parents.

cards to share data with parents. -The use of Talking Points software has helped bridge the language barrier between teachers and parents, which has helped with student performance. -OSA began using these online forms of communication before the pandemic, which made it easier for students to adapt and continue to participate in school during remote learning.

-Grade level teachers are given meeting time to check in with each other across departments to

-The school is in the beginning stages of more formalized tracking of student performance and growth by department and grade level. Departments are working on ways to authentically measure this year after year. Some departments are further along the process than others. and some have more natural ways to measure progress due to the nature of the content. -Right before Covid,

the school began a schoolwide initiative to track other aspects of student growth across the years, with the goal of determining scaffolded, developmentally appropriate targets around skills students should be developing more broadly. This effort needs to be continued.

## **Student Support**

- OSA needs more Math and Literacy support classes put into place based on analysis of student scores and needs. formalized tracking of student performance and growth for all departments. We need training in assessment by professionals.

We need to develop targets for skills that we would like to see throughout the entire school population and a means for monitoring growth.

## Student Support

Need to provide more consistent student support once we have the data indicating struggle. We need to add remediation classes for math and literacy that are well specified. We need to identify and support new students who are struggling as soon as possible.

We need to select and offer more electives to enhance student engagement

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

communicate about common standards and expectations. -Departments meet regularly to examine student performance and find ways to better articulate the curriculum across the grade levels. -OSA has a strong commitment to honoring stakeholder feedback. For example, the school implemented a block schedule and an advisory class based on student, teacher and parent feedback. Both endeavors are still in development as their implementation was slowed down during the pandemic.

# Student Support

- OSA has a strong student support system for both academics (counselors) and mental health (Wellness team), which helps alleviate some barriers to effective learning.

- We have incorporated some support classes, but consistency needs to be developed as to expectations for class time, associated teacher support of the class, and outcomes. - Students would like more electives put into place to enhance student engagement and relevance for their futures.

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

-OSA has engaged in professional development for training in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to better respond to the needs of staff. faculty, and students. However, there will be significant work in the upcoming years to fully implement these DEI principles to fully and authentically support student learning.

We need to hire a full-time DEI Coordinator and Curriculum Developer. We need to create and use an accountability rubric and we need to hire and retain faculty and staff of color.

	- Various programs are being put into place to better support our students as arts students, such as the introduction of Business of the Arts class. This started as an elective and is now a required class for 9th graders.		
E: School Culture	Student Support  -Mental Health supports are in place. We have multiple staff members who meet one on one with students to support their mental health needs.  -Student support team meets regularly to support students who have been identified as needing additional help.  -The diversity in arts classes offered at the school also helps provide support for student social & emotional needs.  SPED  -Special Education Department is currently on a positive trajectory in providing student support.	Student Support (during Remote Learning) -Difficult to identify student challenges in a Zoom environment -Difficult to contact parents & families in a Zoom environmentStudents may not be attending the support sessions that are available due to the challenges of online instruction -We have not held formal parent/ teacher conferences while we have been online  Supplies -Need more funding to provide some additional and helpful supports to students	Student Support (during Remote Learning) We are attempting to bring students back to campus - both struggling students who require support and students by grade level  Supplies Admin will continue to pursue grants and funding opportunities to support the purchase of additional supplies. Enrollment Admin will meet with and survey parents, teachers (both arts and academic), staff and students as we

# Counseling

-The Academic Counseling Team has established procedures that help students achieve success in their academic classes.

# Creative Career Pathways

-School culture is and will continue to be enhanced as we pursue the Creative Learning Pathways goal of integrating academic and art curriculum

(such as the purchase of audiobooks)

### **Enrollment**

-There is some concern about the school program as OSA transitions from accepting students who have gone through an artistic auditions into enrollment by lottery

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

-Student affinity groups (Black Student Union, APISA, Latinos Unidos) and parent support groups (POC and PODS) have expressed the need for greater support for students of color, including inclusive curriculum, equitable policy setting, and appropriate and timely academic support

process.

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

We need to hire a full-time DEI Coordinator and Curriculum Developer. We need to create and use an accountability rubric and we need to hire and retain faculty and staff of color.

# d. Themes from the Strengths and Areas of Growth

Obviously, many of these themes are intertwined but we have attempted to categorize the topics that were brought up consistently.

# School Strengths

Parent involvement, school attitude and student engagement are all seen as school strengths. Stakeholders feel that students are being given opportunities to develop leadership skills. During the pandemic, students' mental health needs and technology needs are being addressed. It is felt that teachers are aware of and address current events in their classes. Grading standards have been established consistently. The Counseling Department has developed monitoring procedures that support student academic success. The newly established Creative Careers Pathways program will increase student engagement as we integrate academic and arts curriculum.

# Several themes elicited mixed reactions from stakeholders. College and Career Readiness

Students are well prepared for college, including being made aware of scholarship opportunities. Several real world opportunities have helped prepare students for life after high school, including internships and mentorships. The artist speakers series and the Business of the Arts classes have supported students in their understanding of possible career paths. Integration of arts and academics based on the CTE standards along with the ability to switch arts emphasis give students a broader perspective on their future. However, it is thought that we need to provide more work-based learning opportunities, including internships, mentorships and even the opportunity to serve as TA's for various classes. We also need to help students prepare for their future in practical terms, such as knowing how to budget and understanding "cost of living". One gap in our school message is leading students to believe that they <u>must</u> go to college to be successful.

## Alumni

Although we have benefitted from returning alumni bringing their experience and perspectives back to our students, it is felt that we need to leverage our alumni relationships more fully.

# **Community Building**

There is an active community at OSA as exemplified by the number of student affinity groups and stakeholder participation in Town Hall events and Board meetings. Parents, teachers and students are attending community events during COVID. Currently, students and teachers are sharing their art through ZOOM. A teachers' union was started in the Spring of 2019. However, the community could be even stronger if students and parents were more involved in leadership positions, we had more of a social media presence and we created more partnerships with outside organizations.

# **Student Support**

The Student Support team functions well and is constantly improving. They use data to support positive student outcomes. The team helps lower barriers for learning. 9th grade students now take a Business of the Arts course which helps support students as artists. Although we do have a lot of data about how students are performing, there have not been enough supports during remote learning to ensure school-wide student success. Students who need ZOOM sessions for intervention don't always show up. We need to provide math and literacy support classes to help with remediation. New students who struggle need to be identified quickly and interventions offered as soon as possible.

### Academics

Classes adhere to current standards (Common Core, NGSS) which support the latest research on student learning. Improvements are being seen in math, with higher teacher retention and better vertical alignment between courses. Students are achieving at higher levels of math than before and more students are taking college level Calculus and AP Calculus than prior years.

However, in math, it is recognized that students of color are still having difficulty fully accessing the curriculum. It will be helpful when the arts and more real life problems are integrated into math. Science needs more resources and opportunities for hands-on learning and there needs to be more vertical alignment between courses. Although we started applying CTE standards in ELA classes this year, teachers still need more guidance in teaching integrated English and arts. Also, more diversity is needed in ELA class reading selections.

#### Arts

We have a strong artistic program for our students. They are being trained by professional artists. They are able to learn from the experiences of practicing artists through our speaker series. They have opportunities through their departments to perform for the public. However, some improvements could include more emphasis on a global and diverse view, including world music and culture. It would also be beneficial for new students to be exposed to a foundational computer literacy course.

# **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

We are currently involved in a year long professional development training to understand and improve our DEI practices at OSA. Many feel that we need to keep expanding our efforts in this area by hiring a DEI Coordinator, creating accountability rubrics and recruiting and training staff of color. Parent and student affinity groups have expressed the need for greater support for students of color.

#### SPED

The SPED team is perceived to be strong and improving. We have a lot of SPED students at OSA, so providing access to all class curriculum is foundational to our approach. However, there is frustration exhibited by the SPED department due to the general education teachers' lack of communication and observation of accommodations. Work needs to be done for everyone to have an Inclusion Mindset.

# **Finances**

The budget is determined by the Board and passed down to the community. It is felt that we have transparency in our finances and that our resource allocation is better understood with the teachers' union involved in finance discussions. However, it would be preferred to have the Board Finance Committee meet at a time when more people can attend so that more opinions for resource allocation could be taken into account.

### Communication

Teachers have been and are adept at communicating using technology tools. Teacher meetings happen frequently, in divisions, across grade levels and within departments. Surveys are distributed to stakeholders regularly and have helped guide new additions to the schedule including two block days and an advisory class. Students, teachers and parents have contributed to determining the school schedule and the norms during remote learning. It is felt that the administration is accessible and responsive to concerns. Although the OSA website holds a lot of information, it is not particularly user friendly. We need to do a better job at communicating in all ways - meeting announcements, encouraging enrollment. We could support families in a better way by offering seminars about technology use.

### **Areas that require attention**

People would prefer that the Board increases their presence on campus. Some feel that the Board needs to become involved in fund-raising for the school. We need to have clearer procedures for filing a Uniform Complaint. We need to increase family and teacher involvement in the annual fund drive. Arts teachers would like to have facilities that can better accommodate their classes. In addition, there are perceived needs for supplies to help support students in the classroom.

There were many findings in terms of teacher support. Teachers want "real" professional development, in other words, experts brought in from the outside, as well as opportunities to attend conferences and trainings. We should offer more support to new teachers. If we invest in them they will be more likely to become part of the OSA community. New

teachers should have an experienced teacher presenting the same class so that they can collaborate. We need a more effective teacher evaluation system that promotes continuous growth.

We need to become more adept at formalized tracking of student performance and growth by department and grade level. Finally, there is apprehension on the part of the staff as to how OSA will accommodate new students as we transition from enrollment by audition to a lottery system.

# e. Strategies and activities for addressing major student learning needs

# 1. Math Achievement for all, especially minority groups College and Career Readiness

Students need to be "math ready" for college and/or career by taking and passing high school A-G math courses. We need to closely monitor student performance so that they will be well positioned for participating in college classes.

# Student Support

We will provide a math support class that is well-structured. The student support team will closely monitor student progress and alert teachers, students, parents and the math support class teachers when students are struggling. They may also recommend students to join the math support class.

### Academics

Math teachers will research and use best practices in their classes. Math teachers will work closely with the Student Support Team to monitor student progress and offer interventions at the earliest opportunity. Other academic departments will employ the math strands listed in their standards to support the math mindset.

# **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

Math teachers will employ equitable practices in their classrooms. We will use equity rubrics to evaluate teacher DEI practices. Teachers will look for opportunities to introduce topics that are world-based. We will expand our hiring outreach to reach more teachers of color.

### **SPED**

Math (and all) teachers will support SPED accommodations and bring a SPED mindset to their teaching. Math teachers will work with the SPED team to ensure student progress and success, in both classwork and tests.

### **Finances**

Administration will work with the finance team to provide the funding necessary to purchase materials that may help with student learning. Funding will be made available for teacher professional development.

# Communication

All stakeholders need to communicate fully to support math growth at OSA. Teachers need to alert students and parents of progress. The Student Support Team needs to be in communication with students, parents and teachers. The administration needs to monitor progress and present this information at both Board and Town Hall meetings.

# 2. Inclusion of Arts Field experience (CTE) College and Career Readiness

Transitioning to CTE-based arts and academics integration will better prepare students for their future by giving them knowledge, experience and insight about future career paths, whether they attend college or go straight into a career.

### Alumni

Increasing our alumni presence on campus will allow students to connect with former OSA students in the "real world", helping the students deepen their understanding of how the arts and academics will influence their futures.

# **Student Support**

The student support team will play an important role in monitoring and supporting struggling students as they attend classes with arts and academic integration. They will provide a broad view ast to how students are doing with the newly integrated curriculums.

### Academics

Academic classes will offer a higher degree of engagement for students as teachers begin to integrate CTE standards into their classes. Teachers will need support as they transition to the new curriculum.

### Arts

Arts teachers will play a crucial role in delivering the CTE standards for their pathway and supporting the arts integration into the academic classes.

# **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

Inclusion of arts field experience at OSA will help support diversity as students have opportunities for understanding their art from more perspectives (within academic classes). As arts are integrated into academic classes, there should be awareness of providing a global perspective. Student engagement should increase in all populations as art and academics are integrated.

# **SPED**

SPED students may develop more understanding in their academic classes as the curriculum becomes more closely tied to their art pathway. Teachers will need to apply new types of accommodations as they adopt the CTE standards.

### Finances

There will be additional costs as all classes require a wider range of materials to support the new CTE standards.

### Communication

A great deal of communication will be required as we adopt the CTE standards, especially as the school integrates the standards into more departments. Parents will want to understand what this process entails and be made aware of student progress in both arts and academics. Progress in all areas will need to be fully communicated to the Board and at Town Hall meetings.

# 3. Support of Student Mental Health College and Career Readiness

As we incorporate CTE standards into all curriculum, students will find their coursework more relevant and engaging. They may find their confidence increased as their artistic profile develops. Focus on and success in their art may support students' mental health.

### Alumni

Increasing our alumni presence on campus will allow students to connect with former OSA students in the "real world", helping the students deepen their understanding of how the arts and academics will influence their futures. This may help lower anxiety levels as students have more understanding of their career path.

# **Community Building**

Continuing and increasing opportunities for community engagement will support student mental health. Making friends and being part of a community will help students feel seen and understood. These supports will help alleviate feelings of isolation and support positive mental health.

# **Student Support**

Growing the Student Support Team will offer opportunities for counseling, both one on one, and in small group settings when mental health issues arise. The team can also provide outreach for families and students who need additional mental health supports.

# **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

Students of color have expressed feelings of alienation in classes where they are "different" or their culture is not acknowledged. Training for all in DEI principles and application of this learning in the classroom will make a more comfortable environment for all of our students. Increasing the number of teachers and staff of color will create a more diverse and inclusive school setting.

# **SPED**

Bringing a SPED mindset to all of our work will provide more access to our curriculum for all students. As we increase our ability to honor SPED requirements, we will be allowing our SPED students to feel less anxious about their ability to participate in the classroom, thus lowering their stress levels and better supporting their mental health.

# **Finances**

We need to provide the funding to support the mental health staff that is required to run one on one counseling sessions, lead mental health small groups, and track students who may be transitional in their living situation.

### Communication

Communication and training needs to be provided for all stakeholders in support of mental health. We have many students who are exploring their gender identity, as well as their identity as an artist, and the community would benefit from seminars and presentations that offer ideas about supporting students through these times.

# Chapter III: Self-Study Findings

For each category of criteria include:

- 1. A summary of the degree to which these criteria are being met, including comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the major student learner needs
- 2. A list of strengths
- 3. A list of prioritized growth areas.

Note: The five criteria categories are:

- A. Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance, Leadership, Staff, and Resources
- B. Standards-based Student Learning: Curriculum
- C. Standards-based Student Learning: Instruction
- D. Standards-based Student Learning: Assessment and Accountability
- E. School Culture and Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth Culture.

Have available pertinent evidence for review by visiting committee. This includes samples of representative student work that have been analyzed.

# Category A: Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance,

# Leadership, Staff, and Resources

# A1. Vision and Purpose Criterion

The school has a clearly stated vision and mission (purpose) based on its student needs, current educational research, the district Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), and the belief that all students can achieve at high academic levels. Supported by the governing board and the district LCAP, the school's purpose is defined further by schoolwide learner outcomes and the academic standards.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard A: Mission Statement: The mission statement of a quality online program clearly conveys its purpose and goals. It serves as the basis for the program's day-to-day operations, as well as a guide for its strategic plans for the future. Communications between and buy-in from stakeholders is a critical component of a mission statement. [iNACOL Standard A, 2009]

# **Indicators with Prompts**

#### Vision - Mission - Schoolwide Learner Outcomes - Profile

- **A1.1.** Indicator: The school has established a clear, coherent vision and mission (purpose) of what students should know and demonstrate; it is based upon high-quality standards and is congruent with research, practices, the student/community profile data, and a belief that all students can learn and be college and career ready.
- **A1.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the degree to which the development of the school's statements has been impacted by pertinent student/community profile data, the district LCAP, identified future global competencies, current educational research and an overall belief that all students can learn and be college and career ready.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
OSA has a Vision statement that supports our students'	OSA Vision Statement
progress towards becoming adults who have access to their	
creativity and are able to fully commit to their community.	

OSA has a Mission statement that emphasizes our	OSA Mission Statement
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commitment to combining an arts program with comprehensive academics.	
Based on a perceived need gathered from all stakeholders, OSA embarked on a Creative Careers Pathways program, integrating arts and academics to allow students to better understand their future college and career choices.	Pathway Program of Study - Design, Visual and Media Arts Pathway Program of Study - Performing Arts
OSA went through the Charter Review process with our sponsoring district (Oakland Unified School District) in the Fall of 2019. After many meetings internally with all stakeholders, including faculty, staff, parents and students, and public meetings with the OUSD Board, our charter was approved with the mandate that we would no longer hold artistic auditions for entry but base enrollment on a lottery system.	OSA Charter 2020
During the school's process of developing the Creative Learning Pathways program, one committee worked on updating our ESLRs. The modified graduate profile is called READY and is in the process of being adopted by the school.	OSA ESLRs Grad Profile - READY
OSA designed a Diversity statement in recognition of the many types of students who are attracted to and attend our school.	OSA Diversity Statement

# **Development/Refinement of Vision, Mission, Schoolwide Learner Outcomes**

**A1.2. Indicator**: There are effective processes in place to ensure involvement of all stakeholders in the development and periodic refinement of the vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes.

**A1.2. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the processes that engage representatives from the entire school, the district board, business, and the community in the development and periodic refinement of the vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
During our initial Measure N work, we formed teams to work	Measure N Work
on and study different aspects of school culture. One of the	READY - Grad Profile
study teams examined the vision, mission and ESLRs.	
During this time, the ESLRs were reformed into R.E.A.D.Y.	
Once the team was finished with their analysis, they	
presented their work to the entire faculty and staff during	
professional development.	
In our culture surveys we ask if teachers feel that they	Teacher Culture Survey
understand the mission and vision of OSA.	

In our culture surveys, we ask parents if they attend	Parent Culture Survey
meetings where information is communicated - Board	
meetings, APT, Town halls	

### Understanding of Vision, Mission, Schoolwide Learner Outcomes, District LCAP

**A1.3. Indicator**: Students, parents, and other members of the school and business community demonstrate understanding of and commitment to the vision, mission, the schoolwide learner outcomes, and the district LCAP.

**A1.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the degree to which the school ensures that students, parents, and other members of the school's community understand and are committed to the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
This plan for remote learning was presented at the OSA Board meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2020, and approved on Thursday, September 24, 2020. This plan is also posted on the OSA website.	Learning Continuity & Attendance Plan 2020
ESLRs are posted in the classrooms.	OSA ESLRs
Case statements are made available to all stakeholders each year.	OSA Case Statement

### A2. Governance Criterion

The governing board (a) has policies and bylaws and the school's purpose is aligned with them to support the achievement of the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and college- and career-readiness standards based on data-driven instructional decisions for the school; (b) delegates implementation of these policies to the professional staff; and (c) monitors results regularly and approves the single schoolwide action plan and its relationship to the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

**Online Programs: iNACOL Standard B: Governance Statement**: Governance is typically provided by a Board of Directors, an Advisory Board or an ISCHOOL Board. In a quality online program, governance and leadership work hand-in-hand, developing the operational policies for the program and its leadership and staff. [iNACOL Standard B, 2009]

### **Indicators with Prompts**

# Understanding the Role of the Governing Board and District Administration

**A2.1.** Indicator: The school community understands the governing authority's role, including how stakeholders can be involved.

**A2.1. Prompt**: To what degree does the community understand the governing authority's role, including how stakeholders participate in the school's governance?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
New Executive Director -	New Executive Director
This past spring, Ms. Sherman-Colt began her leadership of OSA at a time of great transition and uncertainty, and has made great strides in moving OSA forward this year.	
She has overseen the ongoing development of remote	
learning and has worked with the Board, faculty, and	
families to initiate a comprehensive strategy focusing on	
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at OSA.	
OSA Board Members-	OSA Board Membership
Dr. Dianne Woods recently stepped into the Vice Chair role. And, while we have always had both past and present OSA parents represented on our Board, we have now enshrined this value in our recently renewed charter to have 3 voting seats for parents of current students and 1 non-voting student representative.	
Parent Involvement -	APT/Konstella Newsletter
The APT parent group encourages OSA parents to attend Board meetings.	Feb.2020
Faculty/Staff Involvement -	OSA Board Presentation -
Faculty and Staff make presentations to the Board about various topics including the results of benchmark testing, student support, CTE development.	September 2020

A2.1. Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the policies related to online instruction for

effectiveness in clarifying the vision for the school's use of various types of online curriculum, instruction and support methodologies; this includes, upgrading or updating technology, acceptable use policies, CIPA policies, and policies to ensure internet safety.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

# Relationships between Governing Board and School

- **A2.2. Indicator**: The school's stakeholders understand the relationship between the governing board's decisions, expectations, and initiatives that guide the work of the school.
- **A2.2. Prompt**: Provide examples of how stakeholders understand the relationship between the governing board's decisions, expectations and initiatives that guide the work of the school.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Parents are encouraged to attend Board meetings and	Board Meeting Minutes -
often report out during the Public Comment section of	<u>1/28/21</u>
the meeting.	
OSA has a Labor Management Committee called	Work with COSATS
COSATS that attends Board meetings as well as	Board Meeting Minutes -
meeting with school administration weekly	<u>1/28/21</u>

### **Uniform Complaint Procedures**

- **A2.3. Indicator**: The school leadership understands and utilizes the Uniform Complaint Procedures from the district.
- **A2.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the degree to which the school leadership ensures understanding and use of the district's Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Priority 1).

Findings	Supporting Evidence
OSA lists the discipline policy on the website and	Uniform Complaint
includes contact information for the school dean and a	<u>Procedures</u>
link to the Uniform Complaint Form. Currently, when a	Uniform Complaint Annual
complaint comes in, it is evaluated and next steps are	Notice 20-21
determined.	Uniform Complaint Form

# A3. Leadership: Data-Informed Decision-Making and Ongoing Improvement Criterion

Based on multiple sources of data, the school leadership, parent/community, and staff make decisions and initiate activities that focus on all students achieving the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and college- and career-readiness standards. The school leadership and staff annually monitor and refine the schoolwide action plan and make recommendations to modify the LCAP as needed.

**Online Programs: iNACOL Standard C: Leadership**: The leadership of a quality online program is accountable to the program's governance body, and is responsible for setting and meeting the operational and strategic goals in support of the program's mission and vision statements. [iNACOL Standard C, 2009]

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard D: Planning: A quality online program makes planning, managed by the leadership and staff of the organization a regular part of the program. There are several types of planning activities, including strategic planning, long-range and operational planning, which identifies annual goals. Effective planning is not a one-time activity, but instead should provide opportunities for reflection on how to improve the organization's performance. [iNACOL Standard D, 2009]

**Online Programs: iNACOL Standard F: Commitment**: In a quality online program governance, leadership and staff are responsible for creating an organization that demonstrates a commitment to attaining the program's goals and mission statement. Everyone within the organization understands the mission statement and works to achieve it. [iNACOL Standard F, 2009]

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard I: Integrity and Accountability: In a quality online program, leadership is transparent in its management of the program, providing regular and timely information on progress towards attainment of goals, alignment with policies and standards, and achievement of student learning outcomes. [iNACOL Standard I, 2009]

### **Indicators with Prompts**

### **Broad-Based and Collaborative**

- **A3.1. Indicator:** The school's broad-based, collaborative planning process is a continuous improvement cycle that a) assesses data to determine student needs, b) collaboratively determines and implements strategies and actions and c) monitors results and impact on student success.
- **A3.1. Prompt**: Determine the effectiveness of the continuous school improvement planning process to ensure that it is broad-based, collaborative and fosters the commitment of the stakeholders.

While the Strategic Plan in place has expired, OSA has crafted a detailed plan with the goal of working within the guidelines of Measure N. This plan initiated large structural changes in the	Findings	Supporting Evidence
school schedule, implemented Intersession and Advisory, and put a Strong Student support team in place. The Student Support Team meets twice	While the Strategic Plan in place has expired, OSA has crafted a detailed plan with the goal of working within the guidelines of Measure N. This plan initiated large structural changes in the school schedule, implemented Intersession and Advisory, and put a Strong Student support team in place.	11 2

a week, once for COST (Coordination of Student Services) to go over immediate referrals and follow up on students already on the case load. In the second meeting The Student Services Team looks at overall student progress to see who needs to be met with, placed in student support, or have other interventions. The Student Support Team releases monthly Student Achievement reports to the faculty and holds weekly COST meetings for students who are referred. Students in Eligibility Support have a class placed on their schedule. This data is presented to the board at least twice a year (once with broad overview, another covering the achievement gap). In addition, Student Support has increased the number of informational sessions on college support and academics both after school and during advisory time. In addition, individual family conferences are held for students and families at the guarter. Our math and English departments have also taken data through placement and SRI tests to help identify students who need more challenge or extra help. Departments also meet to discuss rigor, curriculum, and students.

#### **School Action Plan Correlated to Student Learning**

**A3.2. Indicator**: The school's Action Plan is directly correlated to and driven by the analysis of student achievement data and aligned with district LCAP.

**A3.2. Prompt**: How do staff ensure that the school action plan is directly linked to and driven by the analysis of student achievement of the major learner and college- and career-readiness needs, and the California School Dashboard indicators?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
OSA crafted a detailed plan with the goal	Measure N document
of working within the guidelines of	HS Student Achievement Report 9/19

Measure N, using original goals outlined HS Student Achievement Report 3/20 in the Action Plan. This plan initiated large structural changes in the school schedule, implemented Intersession and Advisory, and put a Strong Student support team in place. The Student Support Team releases monthly Student Achievement reports to the faculty and holds weekly COST meetings for students who are referred. This data is presented to the board at least twice a year (once with broad overview, another covering the achievement gap). In addition, Student Support has increased the number of informational sessions on college support and academics both after school and during advisory time. In addition, individual family conferences are held for students and families at the guarter. Our math and English departments have also taken data through MDTP and SRI tests to help identify students who need more challenge or extra help. Departments also meet to discuss rigor, curriculum, and students. MS Student Achievement Report 9/19 These same steps have also been taken for the Middle School. MS Student Achievement Report 2/20

## **Collective Accountability to Support Learning**

**A3.3.** Indicator: The school leadership and staff demonstrate shared decision-making, responsibility, and self-reflection on actions and accountability for implementing practices, programs, actions, and services that support student learning.

**A3.3. Prompt**: Determine the effectiveness of the processes and procedures for involving staff in shared decision-making, responsibility, and self-reflection on actions and accountability to support student learning throughout all programs.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Time has been set aside for all arts and	Referral for Student Support -
academic departments to meet during professional development (and	Responses
	Bell Schedule - In School
	Professional Development - Before

sometimes beyond). Advisories meet	School
once a week. Self reflection, discussion	Professional Development '20-'21
around best practices, and ideas on	
implementation and accountability are	
brought forth during these meetings. Arts	
teachers meet with academic teachers to	
develop integrated curriculum for the	
coming year. While this is happening on	
an informal level now, the school wants	
to make this practice more widespread.	
Arts and Academics teachers and staff	
continually collaborate to help support	
students.	

# **Internal Communication and Planning**

**A3.4.** Indicator: The school has effective existing structures for internal communication, planning, and resolving differences.

**A3.4. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the existing structures for internal communication, planning, and resolving differences among the staff or administration.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Professional Development and Department/Division meeting times are there for people to communicate, address concerns, talk through issues, and work through problems. Many surveys have been sent out to students, families, and faculty to help identify areas of focus. In addition, annual anonymous surveys are sent to allow people to give feedback without fear of repercussion or judgement.  OSA faculty and staff communicate	Professional Development - Before School Professional Development '20-'21 Parent Culture Survey Teacher Culture Survey Student Culture Survey
mostly via email. Communications to the families are via email and the APT uses Konstella.  Planning is held on multiple platforms including but not limited to:  Department meetings Pathway meetings COSATS bargaining	

Differences are resolved with open communication at the various meetings.	
Planning is held on multiple platforms	Leadership Meeting Agenda
including Leadership Meetings	Leadership Meeting Email

# A4. Staff: Qualified and Professional Development Criterion

Qualified staff and leadership facilitate achievement of the student academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes through a system of preparation, induction, and ongoing professional development. There is a systematic approach to continuous improvement through professional development based on student performance data, student needs, and research.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard E: Organizational Staffing: A quality online program recognizes appropriate levels of staffing are critical to the success of an online program. Staff should be well-trained in order to successfully meet their performance goals, and are provided with appropriate levels of support, resources, feedback and management. [iNACOL Standard E, 2009]

### **Indicators with Prompts**

### **Qualifications and Preparation of Staff**

**A4.1. Indicator**: The school has confidence in district procedures to ensure that staff members are qualified based on staff background, training, and preparation. The processes to assign staff members and provide appropriate orientation for all assignments maximizes the expertise of the staff members in relation to impact on quality student learning.

**A4.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of district procedures to ensure all staff members in all programs, including online instruction, are qualified for their responsibilities and that the process to assign staff members and provide an appropriate orientation process, including online instruction and focused programs, maximizes the expertise of all staff members in relation to impact on quality student learning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Teaching assignments are based on	
credentials and resumes reviewed by the	TIP Mentor Website
Principal and for the Arts the Arts Chair	HS Master Schedule
for placement. Teachers with preliminary	MS Master Schedule
credentials are eligible to participate in	
two years of induction through the El	
Dorado County Office of Education	
working with an assigned mentor teacher	

### **Professional Development and Learning**

**A4.2. Indicator**: The school effectively supports professional development/learning with time, personnel, material, and fiscal resources to facilitate all students achieving the academic, college- and career-readiness standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

**A4.2. Prompt**: Determine the effectiveness of the professional development support, time and resources to the teacher and staff needs. Comment on the effectiveness of the process in place to assess the measurable effects of professional development on teacher practice and the impact it has on student performance.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Professional Development supports	Advisory
student learner outcomes by meeting as	BAWAR
	COST Report
	Student Support Services Team

a faculty in designated department	
meetings and weekly PD meetings.	

**A4.2.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the processes and procedures for involving online staff members in professional development activities that enhance the use of technology in the delivery of instruction and support student learning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

### Measurable Effect of Professional Development on Student Learning

- **A4.3. Indicator**: There are effective processes in place to assess the measurable effect of professional development on teacher practice and the impact it has on student performance.
- **A4.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the measurable effects of professional development/learning activities, including coaching and mentoring, on student learning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
At department level, Math & English	SRI Results
faculty is trained on MDTP and SRI and	<u>MDTP</u>
data analysis to improve instruction,	<u>CPM Use</u>
particularly for struggling students. Math	
Teacher training through curriculum	
provider, CPM.	

#### **Supervision and Evaluation**

**A4.4. Indicator**: The school implements effective supervision and evaluation procedures in order to promote professional growth of staff.

A4.4. Prompt: How effective are the school's supervision and evaluation procedures?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
OSA implemented a structured	Bullseye Observation Tool
walkthrough/observation/evaluation	Teacher improvement plan
platform (Bullseye) which standardizes	HS Student Culture Survey
teacher instructional expectations and	MS Student Culture Survey
provides targeted feedback. Teachers	-
have one-on-one pre-observation	
meetings with either the Principal	
(academics/Special Education) and the	
Executive Director (arts) to norm and	
contextualize observations/evaluations.	
OSA administrators also regularly	
provide just-in-time support to faculty as	
needed and when administrators	
determine that intervention is needed.	

A4.4. Additional Online Instruction Prompt: How effective is the school's supervision and evaluation

procedures in order to promote professional growth of online instructional staff, including their technological competencies and use of technology within the curriculum, and their fulfilling requirements for quality student-teacher interaction?

Findings	Supporting Evidence

# Communication and Understanding of School Policies and Procedures

- **A4.5. Indicator**: The school implements a clear system to communicate administrator and faculty written policies, procedures, and handbooks that define responsibilities, operational practices, decision-making processes, and relationships of leadership and staff.
- **A4.5. Prompt**: Evaluate the system used to communicate administrator and faculty written policies, charts, pacing guides and handbooks that define responsibilities, operational practices, decision-making processes, and relationships of leadership and staff. Determine the degree of clarity and understanding of these by administration and faculty.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
OSA has a formalized process for	New Hire Orientation Checklist
onboarding and providing norms for new	Employee Handbook
faculty and staff.	Fiscal Policies and Procedures
	Student Handbook

#### A5. Resources Criterion

The human, material, physical, and financial resources are sufficient and utilized effectively and appropriately in accordance with the legal intent of the program(s) and LCAP to support students in accomplishing the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and college- and career-readiness standards.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard G: Financial and Material Resources: A quality online program has adequate financial and material resources to accomplish the mission of the organization. These resources are appropriately planned for and expended using sound business practices. [iNACOL Standard G 2009]

### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Resource Allocation Decisions**

**A5.1. Indicator**: The school leadership and staff are involved in the resource allocation decisions. There is a relationship between the decisions about resource allocations, the district's LCAP and the school action plan, the school's vision, mission, the schoolwide learner outcomes, major student learner needs, academic standards, and college- and career-readiness standards.

**A5.1. Prompt**: Determine the extent to which leadership and staff are involved in the resource allocation decisions. Evaluate the extent to which the resources are allocated to meet the school's vision, mission, the schoolwide learner outcomes, the major student learner needs, the student needs identified in the district LCAP and the school plan, the academic standards, and the college- and career-readiness standards

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Departments and Arts Chair prepare	Annual Financial Audit Procedure
budget needs for the Principal every	Budget Planning Process
year.	<u>DepartmentBudgetPlanning</u>
Teachers advise their chairs of needs.  The finance committee typically meets	Finance Department Meeting Minutes
the Friday before the next board meeting.	

#### **Practices**

**A5.2. Indicator**: There are district processes and practices in place for developing an annual budget, conducting an annual audit, and at all times conducting quality business and accounting practices.

**A5.2. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the school's processes in relationship to district practices for developing an annual budget, conducting an annual audit, and at all times conducting quality business and accounting practices, including protections against mishandling of institutional funds. (Note: Some of this may be more district-based than school-based.)

Findings	Supporting Evidence
<ul> <li>OSA has a Fiscal policies and</li> </ul>	Annual Audit 18-19
procedures manual that is	Annual Audit 17-18
updated annually. Guidelines in	Annual Financial Audit Procedure
the document are followed to	Fiscal Policies and Procedures
provide compliance with sound	<u> </u>
accounting practices	

- OSA is a district of one
- Annual audits are conducted by an outside auditor
- The finance department is working hard to provide a new spirit of translucency/transparency in financial matters

# **Facilities Conducive to Learning**

**A5.3. Indicator**: The school's facilities are safe, functional, well-maintained, and adequate to meet the students' learning needs and support the educational program (i.e., accomplish the vision, mission, and the schoolwide learner outcomes).

**A5.3. Prompt**: Determine the extent to which the facilities enable the school to maintain a learning environment to meet the educational health and safety needs of students.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Ensuring that the facilities at Oakland	Facilities Manager Checklist
School for the Arts are optimal for	Comprehensive School Safety Plan
learning continues to be a work in	
progress. We have been consistently	
improving protocols for better access and	
safety, and have established a clear	
system for contacting the appropriate	
people for addressing facilities' issues,	
which has improved response times and	
efficiency. We have particularly	
responded effectively to the challenges	
of COVID-19 and remote learning by	
creating strong systems to meet	
technology issues. Our student support	
team have hand delivered Chromebooks	
and hotspots to students in need, have	
created book pick up times, and have	
created a strong technology support	
system to assist students and families	
who need assistance with any issues	
arising during distance learning. While	
our facilities are maintained to the best of	
our abilities, Oakland School for the Arts'	
buildings and classroom spaces require	
some improvements to better facilitate	
learning and safety. HVAC systems have	

consistently malfunctioned, creating	
overheated classrooms and improper	
ventilation. We are currently working with	
landlords to address issues, as well as	
looking for alternative locations that	
would better satisfy the needs of our	
school.	
Protocols for identifying unsafe	
conditions:	
<ul> <li>The facilities manager does</li> </ul>	
regular(monthly/annual depending	
on checklist) checks of the	
facilities.	
<ul> <li>Staff can report unsafe conditions</li> </ul>	
via the Facilities online ticket	
system. Repair/maintenance	
priority is given to unsafe	
conditions.	

### **Instructional Materials and Equipment**

**A5.4. Indicator**: The policies and procedures for acquiring and maintaining adequate instructional materials and equipment, such as textbooks, other printed materials, audio-visual, support technology, manipulatives, and laboratory materials are effective.

**A5.4. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the policies and procedures for acquiring and maintaining adequate instructional material, resources and technology.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Emails were sent to families	Technology Needs Email
about Chromebook pick up	Support Letter for Student
and textbook pick up	Online Book Access for Student
During COVID, textbooks have been	Book Pick Up Dates - Remote Learning
available for pick-up at the school from	
9am-4pm with a security guard offering	
safe admittance to students at the school	
entrance.	

### **Resources for Personnel**

**A5.5. Indicator**: Resources are available and used to enable the hiring, nurturing, and ongoing professional development of a well-qualified personnel for all programs.

**A5.5. Prompt**: Determine if the resources are available and used to enable the hiring, nurturing and ongoing professional development of a well-qualified personnel for all programs.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
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PD is well documented	Staff Technology Support
○ Meeting agendas	Principal Survey: Faculty Needs Email
○ Meeting Schedules	Professional Development Calendar Q1 -
∘ Feedback surveys	2020
<ul> <li>Student and Family</li> </ul>	Student Support Schedule in Distance
feedback surveys	Learning
Department meetings bi-monthly	Professional Development Calendar
TIP Induction Program for new teachers	Back To School- 2020
who are placed with mentor teachers	SPED Collaboration Hour
All arts teachers are or soon will be	PD Follow-up with Survey
CTE certified	Principal Office Hour for Staff
SPED: Teacher Collaboration Office	Meeting Schedule for Staff - 2020
hours	Teacher Recruitment 21-22
Student Support for academics is offered	New Teacher Induction Program
Principal holds office hours for faculty	New Hire Checklist
and staff	
Looking for alternate ways of hiring staff	
to generate more equity and inclusion.	
HR staff has recently been utilizing new	
recruitment tools, organizations and	
websites.	

# **Long-Range Planning**

**A5.6. Indicator**: The district and school's processes for regularly and effectively aligning the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with site resource decisions ensures the availability and coordination of appropriate funds to support students' achievement of the schoolwide learner outcomes, major student learner needs, academic standards, college- and career-readiness indicators and standards, and schoolwide learner outcomes.

**A5.6. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of these processes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Twice a year OSA and CSMC do a deep	LCAP 2018-19 (English) (Spanish)
dive in evaluating the financials, at first	Learning Continuity & Attendance Plan
and second interim, to ensure all	LCAP Engagement OSA Newsletter
expenses line up to the budgeted	LCAP Follow Up Sent to Families
amount.The budget is developed in	· ·
conjunction with LCAP goals, which are in turn developed with community input.	
in turn developed with community input.	

# A6. Resources Criterion [Charter Schools only]

The governing authority and the school leadership execute responsible resource planning for the future. The school has developed policies, procedures, and internal controls for managing the financial operations that meet state laws, generally accepted practices, and ethical standards. The school is fiscally solvent and uses sound and ethical accounting practices (budgeting/monitoring, internal controls, audits, fiscal health, and reporting).

## **Indicators with Prompts**

### Long-range Financial (and Other Resources) Plan and Stakeholder Involvement

**A6.1. Indicator**: The school regularly involves stakeholders in the review of its long-range plan/capital needs (and other resources) in relation to the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes. Decisions about resource allocation are directly related to the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes.

**A6.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of how the school regularly reviews its long-range plan/capital needs (and other resources) and makes decisions about resource allocations.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Accountability	OSA Case Statement - FY21
<ul> <li>Finance Dept. Annual</li> </ul>	Measure N Document
report	Finance Committee Minutes - 8/21/20
<ul> <li>Development Dept. Annual</li> </ul>	Fiscal Policies and Procedures
audit	Board Meeting Financial Data - 8/27/20
<ul> <li>Capital Spending Alignment with</li> </ul>	Board Meeting Financial Data - 9/24/20
Vision and Mission	Board Meeting Financial Data - 11/30/20
<ul> <li>Measure N Funding</li> </ul>	Finance Committee Minutes - 10/9/20
o CTE	Finance Committee Minutes - 9/18/20
<ul> <li>Stakeholder involvement</li> </ul>	Office of Advancement Meeting Minutes
<ul> <li>Board Meetings</li> </ul>	LCAP
■ Student and Parent	Strategic Plan
reps	
<ul> <li>Pathway Design Process</li> </ul>	
■ Student Learner	
Outcomes	
<ul> <li>Strategic Plan Designing</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Office of Advancement</li> </ul>	
Committee Meeting	
(Public)	
<ul> <li>Finance Committee</li> </ul>	
Meeting (Public)	
<ul> <li>APT Meetings</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>COSATS / Faculty and</li> </ul>	
Staff	

Salary transparency
 Strategic Plan - currently being worked on by all stakeholders

 4 Pillars create accountability
 Financing for 3 year plan
 LCAP

### **Regular Accounting and External Audit Procedures**

**A6.2. Indicator**: The school has written policy that defines internal controls, contracts, regular accounting, and external audit procedures.

**A6.2. Prompt**: Comment on the effectiveness of the accounting procedures and review process to determine if they meet the generally accepted principles of accounting and audit procedures and education code for charter schools.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
-OSA has a Fiscal policies and	Annual Audit 18-19
procedures manual that is updated	Annual Audit 17-18
annually. Guidelines in the document	Cash Check Verification Form
are followed to provide compliance with	Expense Report Form
sound accounting practices	Financial Procedures Slide Show
-OSA is a district of one	<u>Presentation</u>
-OSA has contracts and internal controls	Fiscal Policies and Procedures
in place	Internal Controls OSA
-OSA successfully completed the Charter	Invoice for Guest Artists
Renewal process through OUSD in the	Purchase Requisition Form
Fall of 2019	Charter 2020

# **Processes for Implementation of Financial Practices**

**A6.3. Indicator**: The school employs accountability measures to assure that personnel follow fiscal policies and procedures.

**A6.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the school's processes and protections for the following: 1) who is authorized to sign contracts, write checks, and release institutional funds; 2) the monitoring of payroll information; 3) the review of bank reconciliations and deposits/withdrawals of all school financial accounts; and 4) the policies and procedures for the use of credit cards and other lines of credit.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Processes for implementation of financial	Finance Procedures 20-21
practices: the school employs	
accountability measures to assure that	
personnel follow fiscal policies and	
procedures.	

### **Budgeting Process** — Transparency

**A6.4. Indicator**: The school develops and monitors its annual budgeting process to ensure transparency and stakeholder involvement.

**A6.4. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the school's procedures to develop and monitor its annual budgeting process to ensure transparency and stakeholder involvement.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The school develops and monitors its annual budgeting process to ensure transparency and stakeholder involvement.	Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 8/21/20 Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 9/18/20 Finance Committee Meeting Agenda
Development Process: Individuals involved = ED, DOR, accounting manager, tech director, departments, Arts Chairs, team coordinators	10/9/20 Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 11/20/20 Finance Committee Meeting Agenda
<ul> <li>weekly meetings with CSMC</li> <li>weekly meeting with accounting manager and ED</li> <li>weekly meeting with ED and DOA</li> <li>monthly meetings restricted funding coordinators</li> <li>finance updates are given at the board meetings</li> <li>finance committee meetings take place once a month where the budget summary is reviewed</li> </ul>	1/8/21 Budget Monitoring Process Board Meeting Agenda 8/27/20 Board Meeting Agenda 9/24/20 Board Meeting Agenda 11/30/20 OUSD Key Reporting Deadlines Calendar 20-21 Budget Planning Process
Transparency:	
<ul> <li>submission of reports to the district (2 interim reports, unaudited actuals, audit)</li> <li>audit report</li> <li>all posted online</li> </ul>	

# Adequate Compensation, Staffing, Reserves

**A6.5. Indicator**: The school governing body provides adequate compensation to faculty, administrators, and staff; adequate staffing for the school's program; and reasonable accumulation of reserves.

**A6.5. Prompt**: To what extent does the school's governing body provide adequate compensation to faculty, administrators, and staff; adequate staffing for the school's program; and reasonable accumulation of reserves?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The school provides adequate	Salary Schedule 19-20
compensation to faculty, administrators,	10% Reserve Resolution
and staff; adequate staffing for the	Job Posting Sites & Organizations
school's program; and reasonable	
accumulation of reserves.	
Reserves:      Board resolution 10% of operational expenses, districts 3% Staffing for the school's program:     School is staffed adequately     With the elimination of auditions for grade 6 and the possible learning deficiencies due to COVID19, OSA will need additional support services for 21-22     When teachers are absent substitutes are sourced from:         o Internal teachers want to teach the class and receive sub pay         o Subs from third party vendors:	
<ul> <li>TemPositions</li> </ul>	

# **Marketing Strategies**

**A6.6. Indicator**: The school has marketing strategies to support the implementation of the developmental program, including research and information to help develop future planning.

**A6.6. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the school's marketing strategies to support the implementation of the developmental program, including research and information to help develop future planning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Annual Marketing and Communications	OSA New Parent Flyer
Strategies implemented by the Office of	OSA Creates Flyer Oct 20
Advancement:	OSA Annual Fund FY21 Brochure
Marketing and Communications	'20-'21 CASE Statement
plans and calendars are	Advancement Fundraising Goals
implemented each year to support	
overall fundraising needs	

- Case Statements, specific campaign-related brochures (like for our Annual Fund campaign) created to highlight unique needs for the school year
- Other materials are created throughout the year in support of fundraising efforts including branded thank you cards, folders, t-shirts, posters
- Presentations and decks are created at the start of each year to communicate fundraising needs that follow branding guidelines
- Information details about upcoming events, student or alumni highlights, special fundraising campaigns - is shared with the OSA community via social media outlets (primarily Facebook and Instagram) and two newsletters (one internal and the other that is donor-focused)

We measure our reach with communications by tracking newsletter open rates, click-through trends, shares and likes.

# **Informing the Public and Appropriate Authorities**

**A6.7. Indicator**: The governing authorities and school leaders inform the public and appropriate governmental authorities about the financial needs of the organization.

**A6.7. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the processes for the governing authorities and school leaders for informing the public and appropriate governmental authorities about the financial needs of the organization.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Budgets are presented at board meetings for review, input and	OUSD Key Reporting Deadlines Calendar 20-21
final approval. Board meetings are open to the public and public	Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 8/21/20
comment.	Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 9/18/20
<ul> <li>Final budget is on the website</li> <li>Historical budgets back to 17/18</li> <li>are are on the website</li> </ul>	Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 10/9/20
	Finance Committee Meeting Agenda

- Financial audits are on the website back to 2013/14 school year
- Budget information is provided to OUSD Charter School Office on required deadlines

11/20/20

<u>Finance Committee Meeting Agenda</u> 1/8/21

**Budget Planning Process** 

**Budget Monitoring Process** 

Board Meeting Agenda 8/27/20

Board Meeting Agenda 9/24/20

Board Meeting Agenda 11/30/20

# ACS WASC Category A. Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance, Leadership, Staff, and Resources: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category A are being met.

Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified major student learner needs (Task 2, Chapter II).

# Summary (including comments about the preliminary identified major student learner needs)

In the OSA mission statement we describe our commitment to both academics and the arts for all students. Our vision is to promote student growth towards becoming critical thinkers, developing a commitment to community, being able to speak clearly and confidently on issues of importance and having the discipline to pursue their chosen future pathway. All of these traits are embodied in both our ESLRs and READY. Stakeholders are involved in all aspects of our school through attendance at our open Board meetings, Finance meetings, Town Hall meetings, and parent group meetings (APT). All of these events are publicized through the school newsletter, direct parent and community emails, the parent communication site, Konstella, and our school website. Our stakeholders (parents, faculty/staff, and students) are asked to fill in a yearly culture survey. We also take surveys when other important decisions are pending. The Leadership Team, in conjunction with the faculty, offer updates to the Governing Board periodically to keep them aware of student progress and other important information. The Governing Board has a public comment section near the beginning of every Board meeting and public comment is asked for after each agenda item. The school's Leadership Team meets every other week. Each member reports out and then the group sets plans based on these findings. These plans often include bringing issues to impacted stakeholder groups for discussion. Communication between the Leadership Team and stakeholders is open and encouraged. There have been instances of confrontation during professional development and parent meetings and the leadership team has given space for all issues to be discussed - with follow up happening later. Leadership has weekly meetings with the teachers union representatives. All teachers are qualified for the position they hold. Every year a number of new teachers are enrolled in the TIP mentor program and have on-site teacher mentors. Professional development is designed to promote teachers' growth and development in the classroom. Topics range from monitoring student progress, supporting struggling students, encouraging aspects of the ESLRs, or studying our practices around equity. Teachers are observed by Admin who conduct both a pre-observation and post-observation session. Evaluations are made using a standardized online tool for consistency. An employee handbook is available on the employee shared drive and the student handbook is available on the OSA website for teacher and staff reference. Resources are allocated through discussions in Leadership meetings, Board meetings and Finance Department meetings. Input is received from parents, teachers, staff and the teachers union. Financial topics include hiring, compensation, facilities and teaching supplies. OSA is audited regularly and maintains the required surplus. OSA has developed and implemented policies and the necessary forms for all financial transactions. The school has a Department of Advancement which organizes fund drives and pursues grants.

# Prioritize the strengths and areas for growth for Category A.

Category A: Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance, Leadership, Staff, and Resources: Areas of Strength

### Parent Involvement

Over 250 parent sign-ups have come through the volunteer catalogue.

### School Attitude

Faculty, staff and students value and practice creativity.

# **College & Career Readiness**

- -Students are prepared for College.
- -CTE curriculum and standards amplifies the artistic expertise of students
- -Students are made aware of scholarship opportunities
- Work based learning opportunities are provided in several of the arts emphasis' with more internships and mentorships planned for the future

#### Alumni

-Alumni feel connected to OSA and come back to visit and lend their support by bringing their college or career experience to current students

# Community

- -Student Affinity Groups
- There is engagement of our community through Town Hall events, Board Meetings and the monthly newsletter
- -A teachers' union was started in the Spring of 2019 called COSATS

### Student Support & Engagement

- -Our high graduation rate is an indication of strong student support and engagement
- -Our high attendance rate is an indication of strong student engagement
- -Student support team functions well and is constantly improving
- -Our student support team uses data to promote positive student outcomes

### **Arts Division**

- We provide strong artistic programming for our students
- We have an Arts Speakers Series which promotes interest and vision for our arts classes
  - -Arts departments provide performance opportunities for all eligible students

# **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

-We committed to year long Professional Development training to understand and improve our DEI practices

#### SPED

-Special education services are provided by a strong team

### **Finances**

- -We have transparency in our financial procedures.
- -There is more agency in resource allocation than ever before now that COSATS is active/partnering in resource allocation

# Category A: Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance, Leadership and Staff, and Resources: Areas of Growth

#### Communication

- -The Oakarts website contains a lot of information but it needs to be more user-friendly.
- -There is room for growth in finding ways to help stakeholders.
- We need to encourage people to attend meetings so they are informed
- We should add a blurb to the newsletter to encourage people to come to the next board meeting
- -We need a procedure for providing data if someone requests information in between our reporting deadlines.

### **OSA Board of Directors**

- -Need to heighten the Board presence on campus.
- -Board goals need to be reshaped. It is a governing board and focus needs to shift to becoming a fundraising board.

# **Uniform Complaint Procedure**

-Clearer procedures need to be developed so that everyone knows what will happen if a complaint is raised.

#### Finances

-Meetings of the Board Finance Committee happen at the worst times - mornings during the week when students, teachers, and many parents can't attend

## Oakland School for the Arts ACS WASC/CDE Self-Study Report

- -It would be nice to have the financial meetings when all can attend
- -The budget comes from the board down, and we have only recently been granted access
  - -The cost of the student health/wellness centers are adding cost to the budget. These funds could have been spent on other things.

#### **Facilities**

- -We need to look for new arts spaces/buildings that are safe, seismically retrofitted, have fire detection and suppression systems.
- -We need to provide space and facilities that are specialized for arts.

# **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

- -We need to keep expanding our efforts in this area.
- -We should work on increasing diversity and retention of teachers of color.

## Alumni

-We need to leverage our alumni relationships more fully.

#### Advancement

- -We need to increase family participation in the annual fund.
- -We need employee participation in the annual fund.

# **College & Career Readiness**

-We need to provide more work-based learning opportunities

# **Community Involvement**

- -Students/parents should be more involved in leadership positions.
- -We should establish more of a social media presence.
- -We should look for more collaboration and partnerships with other organizations.

# Category B: Standards-based Student Learning: Curriculum

# **B1. Rigorous and Relevant Standards-Based Curriculum Criterion**

All students participate in a rigorous, relevant, and coherent standards-based curriculum that supports the achievement of the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and the college- and career-readiness standards in order to meet graduation requirements.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard J: Curriculum and Course Design: A quality online program will have a well thought-out approach to its curriculum and course design whether it develops its own courses and/or licenses curriculum from other educational providers. [iNACOL Standard J, 2009]

## **Indicators with Prompts**

# **Current Educational Research and Thinking**

- **B1.1.** Indicator: The school provides an effective, rigorous, relevant and coherent curriculum based on current educational research and thinking that supports the academic standards.
- **B1.2. Prompt**: Evaluate how effective the school uses current educational research related to the curricular areas to implement the curriculum and instructional program for students.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
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; World Language 2 years; Advanced Elective 1 year	School Profile
8th Grade Social Science covers U.S. History	8th Grade Social Science Differentiated Project
<ol> <li>Mathematics and other textbooks are based on current education research and thinking and are consistent with relevant California State Standards</li> <li>Syllabus are developed for each course and shared with administration, parents, and students</li> <li>Lesson plans are developed for each course</li> <li>Appropriate assessment and tests show students are comprehending what we are teaching</li> </ol>	Core Connections Geometry Standards CPM Text & Series Rationale Geometry Syllabus Math Lesson Plan Geometry Math Assessment

5. We have an established threshold (GPA) which must be maintained in order to be eligible to perform.	
<ul><li> Graduation rates</li><li> Percent of students going on to</li></ul>	SARC
college	
Attendance rates	
Support / special help classes /	
counseling	
<ul><li>Early college credit</li><li>Examples of textbooks being</li></ul>	
used	
Theatre courses are comprehensive.	Theatre Unit Plans

## Academic and College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Each Area

**B1.2.** Indicator: The school has defined academic standards and college- and career-readiness indicators or standards for each subject area, course, and/or program that meet or exceed graduation requirements.

**B1.2. Prompt**: Determine the extent to which there are defined academic standards and college- and career-readiness standards for each subject area, course, and/or program that meet state or national/international standards and, where applicable, expectations within courses that meet the UC "a-g" requirements. (This includes examination of the annual submission of course syllabus approval to UC for all AP courses. Verify that the facility requirements for "wet labs" are met for all lab science courses.)

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The school is transitioning from the ESLRs to the acronym READY, which are the qualities that we want to see in our graduates	Grad Profile - READY
Appropriate texts are available for all courses.	Textbooks & Materials
Mathematics	Core Connections Geometry
OSA uses CPM (College Preparatory	<u>Standards</u>
Mathematics) curriculum for	CPM Text & Series Rationale
mathematics from CC1 (6th grade)	Geometry Syllabus
through Algebra 2. The curriculum is	
aligned with California Common Core	
State Standards for Mathematics.	
OSA also offers Pre-Calculus and AP	
Calculus courses, as well as Statistics,	
which is taught by a visiting junior	
college professor. So, why was CPM	
selected in Mathematics? CPM	
stands for "College Preparatory	

Mathematics": that naming conventions says a lot. We are committed to getting our students not only career ready, but college ready, be that 2-year or 4-year. The CPM approach is itself evidenced-based. It is a Problem-Based, Collaborative, Mixed- Spaced practice approach to education. "Problem-based" means that students are challenged with thinking critically and analytically about problem solving approaches, often before they are given a formula, algorithm, or equation to solve. The problems are often presented in "real-life" manner and are not just images and graphs without relevant context. Collaborative means that problems are solved in teams where there is an "all-teach", "all-learn" approach to group-based problem solving. This is an effective way for teaching math, while teaching life skills. Finally, we particularly like the "Mixed-Space" approach to mathematics which means that students have an opportunity to loop back and build on prior knowledge, and also complicate their thinking with different branches of mathematics being applied in the context of the same problem.

Chemistry Syllabus 20-21
Science Curriculum CK-12 Option
School Profile

# Science

OSA has a science curriculum sequence beginning with Earth Science in 6th grade, 7th grade life science, and 8th grade physical science in middle school. OSAs High School Graduation Requirements

include 9th grade biology and 10th grade chemistry. Additional courses are available for further college readiness, including physics and environmental science. Health is included in the 9th grade Biology curriculum. These science courses are aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards. Some teachers use ck12 curriculum resources as a centralized curriculum for their science courses, as ck12 has NGSS-aligned curriculum for all of these subjects.	
English	Schoolwide SRI Results
The ELA curriculum is based on	<u>Literature Circles</u>
Houghton Mifflin's California	
Connections program. All grades also	
do Literature Circles. We focus heavily	
on developing reading skills with the	
goal of attaining a Lexile that is	
"College and Career Ready".	
Social Studies	Social Science Syllabus
Middle school social science program	SocialScience Intro to Medieval Times
is Cengage by National Geographic.	
We have an online and physical	
textbook and a rich curriculum that is	
integrated with a variety of online	
sources.	
World Languages	Spanish Project
OSA offers Spanish I/II/III sequence	Spanish: Create and Act Out a Book
with honors options in II and III, and	
students also have the option to take	
American Sign Language through the	
Peralta system or online community	
college.	
Advisory	Advisory
OSA offers an advisory course, which	
offers mixed-age, student-mentor	
based supplemental academic	

counseling and addresses issues	
related to school culture, life skills, and	
issues in society. Also creates a	
friendly and caring community in	
between the students.	
Arts	CTE
OSA recently transitioned the arts	AP Courses Offered
curriculum to fit within the CTE	Business of the Arts
(Career Technical Education) model	Electives for Arts Students
under the pathwayArts, Media and	
Entertainment Media Sector. OSA	
offers an AP music theory course and	
AP studio art. Arts emphases include	
pre-professional curriculum including	
internships, opportunities to work with	
renowned performers, CV and resume	
building. Courses include preparation	
in professional standards in the field.	
Also we offer elective classes that can	
expand students' knowledge to	
subjects that are related or helpful to	
their main major. For example, we	
offer compositions and audio	
production classes to all	
instrumentalists, piano class to	
non-piano major students and one of	
the elective classes is the	
collaboration between OSA and	
Purple Silk Chinese art organization	
through Laney College in Oakland and	
it would count as college credits.	
Students often go into the community	
to engage directly with working	
professionals in the field.	

**B1.2.** Additional Online Instruction Prompts: Evaluate the extent to which the online curriculum/courses consistently meet state academic standards.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

# Congruence

**B1.3. Indicator**: There is congruence between the actual concepts and skills taught, the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and the college- and career-readiness indicators or standards.

**B1.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which there is congruence or consistency between the actual concepts and skills taught, the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and the college- and career-readiness indicators or standards.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
OSA Graduate Profile	Grad Profile - Ready
We are transitioning to a new	
graduate profile named by its	Internships-
acronym: READY. (See evidence)	AnnaSara Mehouelly/Any'a Johnson-
Meanwhile, we are still preparing our	Oakland Central, GirlsRock Music
graduates in the following ways:	Industry Summit Both students are in college music
<ul> <li>Critical Thinkers</li> </ul>	business programs
<ul> <li>Methodologies in</li> </ul>	business programs
classrooms engage in	Visual art Internships: Contemporary
real world	Jewish Museum, Yerba Buena Center for
<ul> <li>Holistic thinking</li> </ul>	the Arts, Asian American Museum,
<ul> <li>Problem solving</li> </ul>	
skills/process- analytical,	Middle School Production Design
artistic, logical	<u>Handbook</u>
<ul> <li>Standards are</li> </ul>	Middle School Course Catalog
connected to lesson	
plans- driving expected	Schoolwide SRI Results
student outcomes	AP Visual Arts Thesis Presentation
<ul> <li>Teaching and</li> </ul>	Senior Grants Project 2020 Overview
understanding critique	SocialScience Intro to Medieval Times
and feedback. The value	6th Grade ELA & SS Syllabus
of continued feedback	Bell Schedule In-School
and reflection	
<ul> <li>Navigating</li> </ul>	
communication and	
developing tools for	
deeper thinking and	
inquiry	
Global Citizens	
<ul> <li>Internships and career</li> </ul>	
readiness, teaching	
students	

- professionalism, code switching and work school balance
- Academic content (relevance)
- Effective Communicator
  - 12 Grade AP Studio Artstarted presentations of portfolio, rubric and expectations and assessment
  - Senior Grant Project
  - Planning and cooperation of student produced event (Vocal) to elicit an emotional and authentic experience with its audience.
  - Internships (evidence pending)
- Self Discipline
  - Internships
  - Our schedule (long arts block) building stamina
  - Management of long term projects to meet deadlines, benchmarks and progress towards completion. Measure of success is public and progress can be a reminder of a need to reflect on own practices.

## **Integration Among Disciplines**

**B1.4.** Indicator: There is integration and alignment among academic and career technical disciplines at the school.

**B1.4. Prompt**: Evaluate to what extent is there integration among disciplines and career technical programs.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

High school English classes are incorporating art into their curriculum.	High School English & Arts CTE Integration High School Course Catalog
Providing opportunities for oral	8th Grade Speeches
presentations in both arts and	Theatre Unit Plans
academic to build professionally	
relevant communication skills (theater	
and 8th grade speeches)	
Have embarked on a process of	Creative Learning Pathways
integrating more Linked Learning	Student Artist Statement
practices between our academic and	
arts curriculum.	
Incorporating a high level of	
academic rigor to certain aspects of	
the arts curriculum (writing artist	
statements, applying critical theory	
and art history terms to discussion of	
arts, business of arts class) (dance	
papers)	
-Arts integration: Teaching arts	Artist's Bio
administration through	
vocabulary/language/writing skills that	
support professional studio habits	
such as producing personal	
biographies, arts reading and creating	
agreements, memorandums and	
contracts that support implementation	
of student driven art exhibitions	
-New Works and other student	Off the Table performances
performances combine multiple arts	
disciplines and auditions are available to	
all students.	
For students who have difficulty with	High School English & Arts CTE
traditional academics due to learning	<u>Integration</u>
challenges (including IEPs or 504s),	
provide opportunities for alternative	
assessment via student's art medium	
English and Arts Integration (CTE	

alignment in English 9-12)	
Invite local professional artists for	Visiting Artist
master classes and special projects	
(vocal, visual)	
AP classes in both arts (for example	AP Courses 20-21
Studio Arts/Visual Arts Emphasis and	
Music Theory/Vocal Emphasis) and	
academics (USHistory, Calculus)	

## **Community Resources and Articulation and Follow-up Studies**

- **B1.5.** Indicator: The school engages with community partners and resources, articulates regularly with feeder schools, local colleges and universities, and technical schools. The school uses follow-up studies of graduates and others to learn about the effectiveness of the curricular program.
- **B1.5. Prompt**: Evaluate to what extent the school solicits and employs business and community resources and partnerships to support and extend learning. Determine the extent to which the school articulates curricular programs and expectations with its feeder schools, local colleges and universities, and technical schools. Explain how the school uses follow-up studies of graduates and others to learn about the effectiveness of the curricular program.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
English/Language Arts	Senior Project
ELA12 students are each completing	
a capstone project, most of which	
involve some degree of community	
outreach.	
6th graders take an annual field trip to	
the Oakland Public Library to learn	
about their resources.	
Math	Math Olympiad
Students have participated in the Math	
Olympiad.	
Social Science	Facing History Lessons
Teachers use resources from a local	
organization Facing History in their	
curriculum.	
Science	Engineers Alliance for rhe Arts
Honors Physics participates in a Bay	Engineers Alliance for rhe Arts 2021
Area wide engineering competition	Schedule
that focuses on building a sustainable	Robotics Announcement
and aesthetically designed bridge.	Sea Lion Bowl

The competition focuses on	TechTrek Summer Camp
engineering skills that combine	
aesthetics, practicality and sustainable	
design. We have participated in the	
Pioneers in Education (PiE) robotics	
program in partnership with a UC	
Berkeley student organization that	
provides mentors to our team as they	
prepare for a competition.	
High School students have	
participated in the Sea Lion Bowl, a	
nationwide competition with our local	
event happening at CSU Monterey	
Bay	
7th Grade girls interview for spots at	
TechTrek - a weeklong science	
summer camp held at Sonoma State,	
sponsored by the AAUW	
Electives	High School Course Catalog
Leadership collaborates with a local	
chapter of Toastmasters to teach a	
public speaking unit once a week for 8	
weeks.	
Ethnic studies students participate in	
community action projects where they	
volunteer with specific organizations.	
Arts: Design Pathway	OSA Community Partners List
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Visual Art	
The VA classes are challenged	
thematically and professionally with	
Collaborations/Exhibitions via local	
Galleries (eg. Sanchez Contemporary,	
Joyce Gordon, Betty Ono).	
Students apply and are accepted to	
Internships at:	
Asian Museum of Art SF	
<ul> <li>Jewish Museum SF</li> </ul>	

Oakland Print Shops, Design	
Firms and Architects (some no	
longer in Oakland)	
Cape and Cowl Comic Books	
VA classes visit OMCA, SFMoMA,	
MOAD, Legion of Honor, DeYoung,	
Asian Art Museum, Jewish Art	
Museum and more. We participate in	
their education programs for public	
schools.	
OSA students are in community-based	
student art groups at Flax Art and	
have made public art that is showing now on billboards and bus stops.	
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Step-It-Up programs engage students from feeder schools and OSA	
students help out with the VA SIU	
classes.	
Gladese.	
Literary Arts	
Students did readings at Litquake's	
culminating event, the Lit Crawl and	
will be published in Writopia Lab's	
teen litmag The Ellipsis	
Production Design	
Mini shelters, a program building	
shelters for the homeless in Alameda	
county.	
Fashion	
Exploratorium Project	
Arts: Performance	OSA Community Partners List
Pathway	
Theatre	
Collaborations/workshops with local	
theatre companies; Crowded Fire	
Theatre Company, and Theatre of	
Yugen (San Francisco)	

Vocal	
Collaborate with local companies to	
raise money for Oakland Children's	
Hospital, and to raise money for OSA;	
Jennifer Johns, The Seshen.	
Collaborate with many local	
organizations to provide vocalists for	
'	
events, Notes to Words, Coldplay's	
world tour SAP center show, SF Gay	
Men's chorus among many others.	
Step-It-Up programs engage students from feeder schools and OSA	
students help out with the VA SIU	
classes.	
Instrumental	
Collaborate with performance based	
organizations: SF Symphony, SF	
Performance, Cal Performance,	
Kronos Quartet, SF Jazz, Purple Silk	
Music Education Foundation, San	
Francisco Botanical Garden, Mercury	
Soul	
Partnerships with higher education:	
California Jazz Conservatory, Cal	
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State East Bay University, SF State	
University, Stanford University,	
Berklee School of Music, Oakland	
Symphony	

# **B2.** Equity and Access to Curriculum Criterion

All students have equal access to the school's entire program and are provided assistance with a personal learning plan to meet the requirements of graduation and are prepared for the pursuit of their academic, personal, and career goals.

**Online Programs: iNACOL Standard H: Equity and Access**: A quality online program's policies and practice support students' ability to access the program. Accommodations are available to meet a variety of student needs. [iNACOL Standard H, 2009]

## **Indicators with Prompts**

#### Variety of Programs — Full Range of Choices

- **B2.1.** Indicator: All students are able to make appropriate choices and pursue a full range of realistic college and career and/or other educational options. The school provides for career exploration, preparation for postsecondary education, and pre-technical training for all students.
- **B2.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the processes to allow all students to make appropriate choices and pursue a full range of realistic college and career and/or other educational options. Discuss how the school ensures effective opportunities for career exploration, preparation for postsecondary education, and pre-technical training for all students.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
There are numerous opportunities for students to learn about the range of realistic college and career options as well as to explore different educational opportunities both at OSA and with affiliated programs and institutions. Students are also supported throughout the process of applying to colleges and universities.	(see evidence below)
ENROLLING IN OSA & CHANGING SUBPATHWAYS	OSA Audition Dates, Open House, Campus Tours OSA Enrollment Process
The process begins when students first consider attending OSA. While we are phasing out the audition process, prospective students and families are given the opportunity to visit the school and are given guidance for selecting the subpathway. Once enrolled in OSA, students are informed in Advisory, via bulletin boards, and through other means about the process for transferring to a	Change of Arts Subpathway Form

different sub-pathway on an annual basis.	
COLLEGE ADVISING Students are advised within their sub-pathways on colleges specific to their arts. They learn about the different types of programs and schools available to help them find the best fit for them and their goals. Academic counselors help students find schools and programs they want to apply to, apply to them, find scholarships and apply for them, apply for financial aid, and more.	College Counseling & Naviance
APPLYING FOR COLLEGE	College Support course for seniors
Students can enroll in a one semester course to help with the college application process	and juniors
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	OSA A-G Course List - 2021
The Academic Counselors regularly monitor and consult with students as to their progress with A-G requirements.	
EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT	Early College Credit
Students are provided with opportunities to take community college classes both in-person and online, either with other OSA students or with college students. They are able to earn credit for high school graduation as well college credit. Students are also given time during	

the school day to complete work for	
these courses.	
CAREER ADVISING	Business of the Arts - Course Map
Numerous opportunities for career advising and experience are offered both through the subpathways as well as through academic classes. Arts teachers regularly hold sessions where they help students develop resumes, look at pre-professional programs, and explore the job market for their field. Internship opportunities are regularly coordinated through the subpathways. Finally, the recently developed Business of the Arts class takes a deep dive into various aspects of being an artistic professional, including resume writing, job search, and finances.	Creative Career Pathways

# Accessibility of All Students to Curriculum, including Real World Experiences

**B2.2. Indicator**: A rigorous, relevant, and coherent curriculum that includes real world applications is accessible to all students through all courses/programs offered.

**B2.2. Prompt**: Evaluate students' access to a rigorous, relevant, and coherent curriculum across all programs that includes real world applications. To what extent do the instructional practices of teachers and other activities facilitate access and success for all students?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Academic and art teachers work	IEP (redacted)
closely with the 504 Plan and Special	504 Plan (redacted)
Education teams to make sure that all	PowerSchool IEP Notification
students - including students with	IEP- El Dorado SELPA
disabilities who have difficulty	

Off The Table
Kev Choice, Instrumental Music
Pablo Cristi, Artist
Savage Dance Company
OSA Creates
<u>Vocal Rush</u>
Get Out the Vote
Black Lives Matter ART
CTE Downwarding 20 24
CTE Partnerships 20-21

Access to college-level curriculum via	Early College Credit
AP courses in both Arts and	
Academics as well as opportunities for	AP Courses 20-21
concurrent enrollment with community	
colleges including one directly	
transferable English class that is	
offered on campus.	
As we are an Art School, we are	Business of the Arts - Course Map
looking at preparing students for the	
Real post-secondary World, through	
the lens of the Art Career Pathway.	
Thus, we are now requiring all	
students to take the Business of Arts	
course which provides important	
practical tools to navigate a career in	
the Arts or an alternative career that	
may be informed by the arts education	
that students receive at OSA.	
In the Fall of 2020, we also began	College Support course for seniors
offering an optional College and	and juniors
Career Prep course taught by our	
college counselor.	

**B2.2.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the procedures to ensure that students have access to courses that meet the UC "a-g" requirements, including lab courses.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Student-Parent-Staff Collaboration**

- **B2.3.** Indicator: Parents, students, and staff collaborate in developing and monitoring a student's personal learning plan and their college and career and/or other educational goals.
- **B2.3. Prompt**: Evaluate to what extent parents, students, and staff collaborate in developing, monitoring, and revising a student's personal learning plan and their college and career and/or other educational goals.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Parents, students, and staff	(see evidence below)
collaborate in developing and	
monitoring a student's personal	
learning plan, including college and	
career and/or other educational goals.	
We also organize parent-teacher	
intervention meetings for students	

	,
whose grade point averages have	
fallen below the minimum acceptable	
level to participate in arts	
performances or exhibitions (2.5	
GPA). Teachers also meet with	
parents and students as necessary	
based on observations in the	
classroom.	
OSA takes a collaborative stance with	Professional Development Session
parents to meet students' educational	About Eligibility
goals. Parents, students, and staff	3 Tiers of Student Support
members come together during COST	Student Support Changes
(Coordination of Services Team), IEP,	
and 504 meetings, and offers support	
based on the 3 Tier RTI model. The	
Staff collaboratively examines and	
monitors student progress. The staff	
keeps the faculty aware of changes in	
student support structure.	
Eligibility contract used to engage	Student Success Action Plan
students and families in an	
accountability system to keep grades	
up so that they can participate in	
performances.	
Teachers and Student Support Staff	Grade Level Discussion - Adaptations
collaborate as a whole school and by	for Remote Learning
grade level to track equitable	Students of Concern Update
communication with families to	
support student academic	
achievement and mental health.	
Administration and Student Support	Student Survey - Remote Learning
Staff administer regular surveys to	
solicit feedback from families and	
students, then engage school staff in	
meetings to adjust OSA practices to	
better serve parents and families.	
These meetings are informed directly	
by survey results.	

OSA APT (Alliance of Parents and	APT Newsletter
Teachers) meets monthly, connecting	APT - Vocal Department Meeting
parents with issues on the school at	
large. Prior to COVID, our arts chairs	
hosted monthly parent meetings on	
their sub-pathway following these	
meetings. Both of these meetings	
touch on college preparedness and	
provide a venue for parents to connect	
with teachers on students' educational	
goals.	
Principal Mike Oz holds weekly Office	Principal Office Hours
Hours that are open to parents, staff,	
and students.	
Town Hall Meetings are run once a	Town Hall Meetings on School
month to foster collaboration between	Calendar
school staff, students, families, and	Town Hall Presentation - September 8,
community partners.	2020
	Announcement of Town Hall - OSA
	Newsletter: September 2020
Counselors and teachers keep students and families aware of	Make School Offer
opportunities for career exploration	
and development.	
Teachers, Administrators, and Student	Talking Points Conversation I
Support Staff use Talking Points, a 3rd	Talking Points Conversation II
party family communication tool, to	Talking Points Conversation III
maintain regular communication with	
families. This platform provides	
enhanced communication support	
because it automatically translates	
messages from school staff to the	
language preferred by families, and it	
allows school staff to regularly	
communicate with families without	
using their own personal phone	
numbers.	
OSA holds an annual back to school	Back to School Night Plan
night during the first quarter to foster	Back To School Night Slides
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early relationships between teachers	
and families around student support.	
As a standardized practice, especially	Parent/Guardian Google Classroom
during remote-learning, teachers send	Summary
Google Classroom invitations to a	Parent/Guardian Google Classroom
family member of every student to	<u>Invite</u>
make sure all families can access	
students' work and progress track for	
all their classes. Google Classroom is	
OSA's primary learning platform for all	
classes across the school during	
remote learning.	

# **Post High School Transitions**

**B2.4. Indicator**: The school implements strategies and programs to facilitate transitions to college, career, and other postsecondary high school options and regularly evaluates their effectiveness.

**B2.4. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies and programs to facilitate transitions to college, career, and other postsecondary high school options.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Visual Arts:	AP Studio Art Resume Rubric
The department facilitates internships	Visual Arts College Visits
for juniors and seniors within the local	
art community	
The 12th grade VA curriculum	
addresses and informs students about	
artist CVs, resumes and college	
applications	
College presentations by visiting	College Visits
institutions, both artistic and	Announcement of College Visits
academically-based	
Early College Credit on campus	ECC English Course At OSA
(English 1A, Stats) and enrollment	ECC Math Course at OSA
process (dual enrollment page on site)	
Student Support Team- monitors A-G	OSA Academic Counseling Website
progress for all HS students, assists	Students of Concern Update
student in enrolling in community	
college courses to earn early college	
credit	
Eligibility support (academic support)	
offered 4 afternoons a week	

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Faculty offer students opportunities to develop professionalism in the arts	Professional Audition Prep
Business of the Arts class for all 9th	Business of the Arts Syllabus
graders exposes these students to the	
business side of pursuing an artistic	
career	
Artist Series- inviting industry	Artist Speaker Series
professionals to speaking events for	
all OSA students allowing them to	
hear about the realities of an artistic	
career	
College Support Class offered by the	College Support course for seniors
College and Career Counselor	and juniors
Comprehensive website that students	OSA website support for college
can use in the college application	preparation
process, linked with Naviance	
Succeed	

# ACS WASC Category B. Standards-based Student Learning: Curriculum Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category B are being met.

Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified major student learner needs (Task 2, Chapter II).

## Summary (including comments about the preliminary identified major student learner needs)

OSA provides a rigorous and effective curriculum to all students. We follow all state standards, both Common Core and NGSS, and have begun integrating CTE standards into our classes. We use texts and materials that are aligned with the standards. We track the effectiveness of our teaching methods through benchmarks evaluated several times throughout the year. We have used the principles of our ESLRs for many years to provide a framework for student expectations. We have begun transitioning to a new grad profile that is more in keeping with current OSA culture. It is based on the acronym READY, and we believe that it will be easier for all stakeholders to remember and apply. Courses incorporate the principles of the ESLRs and READY by presenting students with lessons that require that they think critically and creatively, to become aware of local, national and global issues. They are also asked to communicate their thoughts in class, with formal and informal presentations, at school meetings or events and when they participate in presenting their art to the community. Students are held to high standards of discipline, including completing their academic coursework while maintaining their art practice. All courses are UC "a-g" approved. Every high school class has a College and Career Readiness component that students follow. We have begun integrating CTE standards into HS English classes and will continue on with this introduction process over the next few school years. We have many, many partnerships with local artistic groups. We have also formed academic connections with local groups such as AAUW and the Lake Merritt Science Center. We encourage enrollment from local elementary schools, especially Title 1 schools, through our Step-It-Up artistic mentor program. We connect with our local community college programs through dual enrollment courses offered on our campus. Besides offering the full complement of UC "a-g" courses for all students, we also offer several electives at the high school level and are ensuring more career-focused experiences as we fully implement our Inclusion of Arts Field Experience program. Our arts teachers are practicing artists, which provides our students with access to their career experiences. All teachers strive to create an engaging and relevant curriculum, by including real world problems and situations in their lessons. All stakeholders participate in student monitoring and support with the guidance of our Student Support Team. There are clearly defined routines for teachers alerting the team to student struggle (COST Process). The team keeps track of student progress and eligibility and passes early warnings about student difficulties to parents and teachers. There are also several support opportunities available where students can get help, whether enrolling in a support class or by attending team run support sessions. Students have access to college counseling by making an appointment with our college counselor. They can also enroll in a College Support course as a Junior or Senior. We offer opportunities for students to experience college coursework through our dual enrollment offerings and our AP classes for both academics and arts. Through the introduction of CTE standards our students have begun to have access to practical experiences relevant to their field of art.

## Prioritize the strengths and areas for growth for Category B.

# Category B: Standards-based Student Learning: Curriculum: Areas of Strength

## Arts

- An arts school with arts faculty who are all professionally-trained artists.

# **College and Career Readiness**

- -CTE development that is integrating arts and academics even more with a career-pathway perspective,
- -We provide students with real world experiences that will help them be successful in either post-secondary schooling or career opportunities.

#### **SPED**

-We are an inclusion school regarding students with IEPs so access is foundational in our approach to teaching arts and academics.

#### Curriculum

-Academic teachers and arts Faculty who are grounded in the current grade level curriculum provide links to current events and current cultural phenomena to make the curriculum both relevant and rigorous.

Examples: Many classroom discussions and art making related to the recent Black Lives Matter movement, the 2020 Election, the COVID19 Pandemic, etc.

## Category B: Standards-based Student Learning: Curriculum: Areas of Growth

# Math

-CPM curriculum should find even more practical, "real-life" problems which may speak more to our students of color.

## **College and Career Readiness**

-One important gap in our curriculum and public messaging is the value in teaching students at the high school level how to get a job and be independent without needing to feel they must go to college in order to be successful. We feel this could be an important motivator for those students who may have no plans or interests in a post-secondary education. This would provide more value to an OSA diploma and not less.

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-Since Economics is a required course, it would be very useful to provide some more practical education on budgeting and cost of living in the Bay Area, etc.

# **SPED**

-Despite our strengths as an Inclusion school, the Special Education Department still gets marginalized too often and there are still too many general ed and arts teachers who do not fully understand their crucial, even legally mandated, role in implementing and even abiding by a student's IEP. We need to keep growing our Inclusion Mindset!

## Communication

-Support families to most effectively utilize technological tools to enhance communication with school staff and support of students.

# Category C: Standards-based Student Learning: Instruction

# C1. Student Involvement in Challenging and Relevant Learning Criterion

To achieve the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and college- and career-readiness standards, all students are involved in challenging and relevant learning experiences.

# **Indicators with Prompts**

## **Results of Student Observations and Examining Work**

- **C1.1. Indicator**: The students are involved in challenging and relevant work as evidenced by observations of students working and the examination of student work.
- **C1.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the degree to which all students are involved in challenging and relevant learning to achieve the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and the college- and career-readiness indicators or standards. Include how observing students working and examining student work have informed this understanding.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Academic Curriculum	
World Languages - Spanish	Spanish: Create and Act Out a Book
Students learn to understand languages on a structural level. They combine memorized information in order to express their own meaning in a language other than English.  - Students work with a partner to learn and create responses to prompts or	
complete presentations.	
There are regular skits with very broad requirements. These allow the students to develop and express their own ideas in Spanish. The end results are open-ended, not narrowly scripted, skits.	
- Students learn about other countries, their history, art, and values. They learn to question their own cultural biases and assumptions by contrasting them with what they learned about other languages. All students prepare a presentation about a topic from their art sub-pathway as related to a	
Spanish-speaking country that they investigate.	
- Students learn to instantly react to spoken and written Spanish prompts.	

For example, students have	
conversations on the spot with the	
prompts provided.	
Science: 9h Grade Biology	Photosynthesis Lab Report #1
Students investigating natural phenomena	Photosynthesis Lab Report #2
which are relevant to the world around	Photosynthesis Study Guide
them. Students ask deep questions about	Student Biology Lab - Homeostasis
things they know and they learn how to	and Exercise
explain and test possible answers.	
Students develop models of reasoning to	
explain how the natural world works, test	
them against new evidence that is	
presented by the teacher, and then create	
new models that synthesize new	
information. Students work in teacher-led	
discussions, in small groups, and	
individually in each unit.	
An example unit would be	
Photosynthesis: In groups, students	
examine how a closed glass sphere can	
allow shrimp and algae to survive several	
years. As a class, students learn	
vocabulary to help them explain their	
thoughts. They then develop a model that	
would explain how this is possible in	
groups, and learn new knowledge about	
what organisms need to survive	
individually. They examine how	
photosynthesis works in lab groups, write	
a lab report that explains their results in	
partners, and revise their model by	
explaining what they learned. They are	
then assessed on their content knowledge	
individually in a formative assessment	
Science - Healthy Relationships, 9th	
<u>grade</u>	BAWAR Slides
Students think critically and analyze their	
own culture and society during the healthy	
relationships unit. They explain their	
points of view and attitudes and beliefs of	
people around them.	
English 6	Parent Member Reaction-C1.1

After reading The Giver, by Lois Lowry,	
our 6th grade students were tasked with	
answering one of four deeper thinking	
questions about the text in an assertion	
paragraph. (This aligns with the following	
standards: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.1	
and CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.1)	
Throughout the course of the year, the	
scaffolding/supports on this assignment	
(paragraph building, providing evidence)	
will be slowly removed. This way, the	
students should be able to build a strong	
paragraph on their own by the end of the	
year.	
(This evidence comes from half-way	

through the year. Some supports have been removed, but others are still present in the documents the students use to The Giver Paragraph #1
The Giver Paragraph #2

# 6th Grade English

build their paragraphs)

 6th grade English students have experience working with graphic organizers in order to understand standards and expected performance levels

During the writing process, students had a pre/during/post writing given a five paragraph graphic organizer that specified the content that needed to be in each: the introduction, the body paragraphs,

And the conclusion.

 6th graders have experience working with rubrics organizers in order to evaluate their work and to evaluate their fellow student's work.

In the Social Studies class, students began the year learning the tools of the historian by looking at themselves. They made a book about their own life, that included a timeline and five main historical events. They were then given a rubric to grade their peers' books, making sure that the book had all of the content requirements, like the timeline and five historical events.

- During the writing process, students are provided with a checklist that explicitly states how to edit each other's work and they use editing symbols.
   While writing narrative essays, students switch papers with a classmate and edit.
- 6th grade students are provided with step by step project planning guides that outlines tasks they need to complete projects English students fill out a task list for final project completion In English, students decide on the novel they want to read in Literature Circles.
- 6th graders students have projects that allow for expression of multiple intelligences.
   Students approach novel study by dancing, acting, illustrating a scene. When they read Watson's Go to Birmingham, students creatively approached the bombing of a church in Birmingham as they wished.

## 7th grade ELA

Students are currently reading novels through small-group literature circles where they have a weekly reading assignment and complete structured

English 7: Shadow Spinner Theme
English 7: Shadow Spinner Assignment

assignments that change on a weekly basis. Every student is accountable to their group for the independent out-of-class reading and required deliverables.

Later, students will produce a multidisciplinary cumulative project that will include skills from other academic and artistic programs. This final project will challenge their abilities in both the understanding of their novel as well as their talents in their individual career pathway.

The difficulty and amount of reading is challenging and the assignments are rigorous. The novels are culturally relevant in that they all deal with a common theme about being guided by a unitary cause and facing adversity.

Additionally, students have daily assignments where they practice identification, usage, and correction of advanced grammatical conventions. Current topics include the identification of indirect objects, transitive and intransitive verbs, and active and passive voice. Moreover, students gain practice in the subtle difference in meaning that a change in a particular grammatical structure will create.

#### 8th Grade ELA Classes

- Lit circles in each of the ELA classes provide students with many opportunities to interact in student-led discussions, interact with each others' work, as well as reflect on their work. Groups are differentiated by Lexile level of reader and text, as well as interest.
- Peer editing in English classes.

8th Grade Literature Circles
8th Grade Literature Circles Handout
Peer Edit Worksheet
Conclusion Paragraph - 8th grade
Speeches

- Oral presentations and essays across grades and subjects including the arts. Structured critique.
- Open-ended responses for all ELA classes
- 8th grade speeches

## Social Studies 6

After learning about the different pieces of a map, and many different landforms, students were given an assignment to create a map of a fictional country. The requirements were to include no less than 5 physical landforms, 5 fictional cities, a capital city notated with a black star on the map, and a compass rose

The students use this knowledge and map-building skill throughout the year as we move through history. They apply the landform knowledge, directional knowledge, and cartography to build maps of each additional region we study

 6th graders are given choice and voice.
 During a unit about Ancient Egypt, students choose a pharaoh they are interested in researching.

They can make an interview or a power point, and focus on what aspect of the pharaohs' achievements are of interest.

# Social Studies 8

The students were given a set of readings regarding what life was like in the 13 colonies. The project consisted of reading and processing the information, then creating a slideshow which addressed many different topics, including climate and geography, home life, family structures, religion, occupations, food and leisure activities, education, and social class structure. The students were

Map Project #1
Map Project #2
Map Project #3

Colonial Life Project

Colonial Life Project Example#1

Colonial Life Project Example#2

challenged with deciding how they wished to address the different subjects in the slideshow--some simply wrote nonfiction pieces on the topics, while other students created characters and wrote letters or journal entries in the voice of their fictional, historical figure. The students were then asked to create art pieces and include them in the slideshow.

High School Social Science Classes

10th graders are challenged in their
courses by applying historical knowledge
and evidence to current day issues

- On each Friday of World History, two students present a current event to the class and engage the class in discussion questions by acting as facilitators.
- 10th graders engage in project based learning aimed to create student choice and diverse topic options so that they can educate their peers
  - Some examples of student centered projects that have been in World History have been the Border Conflict Research Project, World Religions Project and Colonization Case Study Projects. Students are given the choice as to which specific topic they want to research and create a presentation and usually will either present to the class or in small groups.
- Social Studies classes utilize projects to help expand on course

Border Conflict Project
Wiccan Religion
Current Events Assignment
Intro to WWII Simulation

materials. Students are able to choose their topics for projects in order to create more engaging work.

 Students in World History also engage in historical simulations meant to mirror different events in history to gain a deeper understanding of that historical event. Examples of historical simulations are: WWI Alliances, Trench Warfare, Imperialism in the classroom, French revolution class systems.

# CC2 Math-7th Grade

Students solved problems using scale drawings of Geometric figures. They created scale drawing and computed the actual length and actual area of the figures using the given scale before doing the Build the house Desmos activity for CC2.

Build Your House Project
Student Classwork

Math (6-8th CPM, Algebra 1, 2, Geometry, Precalculus and AB and BC Calculus)

Students are asked to use the language of math to understand mathematical models (linear, parabolic, exponential) in a verbal, algebraic and graphical way.

- Students work in groups, communicating and assisting each other attempting to solve problems that have been presented to them
- Students are asked to then solve problems on their own via homework, quizzes and tests.
- Students are then asked to correct any work that they first did incorrectly by redoing the work where they went wrong and then

CC1-Chapter 6 Team Version
CC1 - Mastery Check
Algebra2 Linear Programming Project
Algebra2 Covid 19 Task
Algebra 1, Chap 5 Test
Algebra 1, Chap 5 Test Retake

Vocal Music	Vocal Music: Online Tools
Arts Classes Teachers engage students with incorporating their art emphasis or individual backgrounds into class curriculum Literary Arts	Literary Arts Portfolio Instructions
Math - 11th Grade Geometry 11th grade math teacher explains relevance in the real world. Math problems and graphs are connected to life situations, like paying a mortgage and a bill.	Real World and Arts Connection
Teachers do not grade on straight percentages but based on what kids know. If they show that they have learned some of the material, they do not fail. We see that they are striving towards a goal.	
Students are able to keep learning math up to Calculus 2 (BC Calculus) This is the first year that we have offered BC Calculus.	
We use College Preparatory Mathematics for most of the curriculum (6th grade math through Precalculus) which allows students to investigate problems in teams. We then review these ideas as a whole class.	
explaining what they did and why it is correct, essentially explaining or teaching Students need to understand how to problem-solve. The construct of mathematics builds student confidence in taking a problem and building a logical argument that takes them to a solution.	

Vocal music students are learning	
sight reading skills, both solo and	
choral*	
Arts Curriculum	
Audio Production & Engineering	
Putting students into separate breakout	
rooms and having them explain their	
process of how they work including new	
vocabulary and strategies that are taught	
during lectures.	
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Part of the daily participation grade relies	
on students showing the work they	
accomplished during each class. Either	
they send me their project session or they	
share their screen over zoom. Progress is	
recorded to make sure they can provide	
proof of work.	
<ul> <li>High school students specifically</li> </ul>	
in Audio Production are quizzed	
on knowledge to be held	
accountable for their learning and	
participation	
<ul> <li>Examples of knowledge:</li> </ul>	
Having students set up a	
recording session while	
talking through what they	
are doing and having them	
identify specific	
microphones and how you	
would use them. Also	
requiring them to	
collaborate with students	
outside of their emphasis	
such as sound design for	
film, providing music for	
theater or a fashion show,	
and creating sound effects	
for a haunted house. We	
also run live sound for	
OSA concerts and every	
student is graded on how	

they participate during	
each show.	
Middle School Digital Media	
Students are given technical and	MS Digital Media Slides, Sem2
creative challenges. They are	
asked to keep track of the	
progress and instructions for given	
assignments.	
Lab lessons focus on building a	
specific relevant skill with an end	
product finished within a week or	
less to demonstrate proficiency.	
Critique	
High School Digital Media	Senior Portrait Project
Students are given projects with	Yearbook Spread Design
more personal input. Projects are	<u>Requirements</u>
designed based on occupational	High School Lighting Lecture
relevance and relevance to the	
students (based on class	
feedback).	
Lab lessons focus on building a	
specific relevant skill with an end	
product finished within a week or	
less to demonstrate proficiency.	

# **Student Understanding of Learning Expectations**

**C1.2. Indicator**: The students understand the standards/expected performance levels for each area of study in order to demonstrate learning and college and career readiness.

**C1.2. Prompt**: Examine and evaluate the extent to which students understand the standards/expected performance levels that they must achieve to demonstrate learning and college and career readiness.

Findin	gs	Supporting Evidence
•	Students need reinforcement of	Organizational Skills Survey
	etiquette, standards and	
	expectations in arts and	
	academic classrooms.	
	In middle school, connections	
	between arts and academic	
	teachers serves to keep	
	students on track.	
	For example, students are	
	reminded by dance teachers to	

represent their best selves in academics, as well as the art.  • Students are challenged to remember class expectations and as they move through upper grade levels, they are required to maintain a level of independence and	
professionality. Middle school	
Academic Curriculum	
Parent input	Parent Member Reaction-C1.2
Social Studies 6	1 MOINT PROMISE RECEIVED C1.2
- Students are provided with	
teacher created answers to	
questions so they can "check	
their work" against the teacher	
model. Students are being	
given constructive feedback on	
assignments so that they can	
better understand what is	
expected of them in class.	
Social Studies 8	Do Now Week29A
- Students are provided with	Do Now Week29B
examples of work so they can	
compare their progress with the	
teacher-provided model.	
Teacher checks for	
understanding verbally and in	
writing with students frequently,	
using "Do Now" (warm-up)	
activities to ensure that	
students are keeping up with	
the material and responding to	
assignments productively and	
effectively.	Common Cara Standards based Dubii-
ELA	Common Core Standards-based Rubric

	Dubrico for grading based on	CDI Data
_	Rubrics for grading based on	SRI Data
	Common Core standards	Common Core Standards-based
•	SRI tests for college readiness	Assignment
	in reading	
•	Common Core	
	standards-based questions and	
	responses for ELA classes	
	(Example:	
	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.WHST.6	
	-8.1.B	
	Support claim(s) with logical	
	reasoning and relevant,	
	accurate data and evidence	
	that demonstrate an	
	understanding of the topic or	
	text, using credible sources)	
Englis		
Liigiis		
_	Students are provided with	
	examples of writing as the	
	'standard' so they can see the	
	model of writing the students	
	should aspire to do. Teacher	
	checks in with students	
	frequently to make sure they	
	are following along with the	
	material. From the beginning of	
	the year to mid-way through the	
	year, the amount of work has	
	been ramping up so that more	
	is being expected from the	
	students. Students are being	
	given constructive feedback on	
	assignments so that they can	
	better understand what is	
	expected of them in class.	
Scien	·	Chemistry Syllabus
-	Students are given classroom	Sitemon j Ojimono
	expectations and learning	Biology: Cell Division Study Guide
	expectations in the form of a	Diology. Cell Division Study Guide
	expectations in the form of a	

- syllabus at the beginning of the year.
- At the secondary level, all academic classes include a College and Career Readiness (CCR) component as part of the grade; students know that their classroom behavior, adherence to learner outcomes, and expected level of performance are reflected in their grade either as part of their CCR grade or another part of their academic grade.
- Students know what science concepts they need to know on a study guide before a unit assessment.
- Students know what science literacy skills they need in the form of an outline for lab reports, which students used to analyze good models of lab reports and critique models that need revision. Students then use the outline to write their own lab reports, knowing that it will be used as a rubric to assess their writing.
- Students know what language skills they need to know before being assessed in a practice test or formative assessment.
   Continuous active review of lesson content. Students confirm their understanding of the content with their partner regularly.

7th Grade Math Lesson 4.3.1

Teacher is able to monitor student	<u>Lesson 4.3.2 Pt 1</u>
performance on a dashboard	<u>Lesson 4.3.2 Pt 2</u>
Students take finals, even during	CC2 Part 1 Final Student#1
remote learning, with emotional	CC2 Part 1 Final Student#2
support check-ins	
Arts Curriculum	
<ul> <li>Rubric-based auditions for</li> </ul>	Dance Audition Rubric
getting into specific arts	
Middle School Digital Media	MS Digital Media Rubric
Students are asked to complete	
shorter term projects and	
assessed based on a rubric to	
examine creativity, proficiency,	
organization and completion.	
Students are given clear	
instructions in multiple formats,	
usually through google	
classroom and verbally.	
High School Digital Media	HS Digital Media Rubric
-Students are asked to	Lesson Presented Digitally and Verbally
complete long term projects	Collaborative Project Mimics Real World
and assessed based on a	
rubric to examine creativity,	
proficiency, organization and	
completion.	
-Students are given clear	
instructions in multiple formats,	
usually through google	
classroom and verbally.	
-Projects are aligned to career	
readiness standards in Graphic	
Design and Media Arts.	
Projects are structured to be	
either work-based learning, with	
a practical product as in a	
summative assessment, or as	
practice for real-world job skills.	
Music Classes	Music Theory Goals

 College preparatory skills for music theory with differentiated skill levels Student projects for music theory - explain comprehension of skills Vocal music students explore multiple genres, languages\* Music theory testing to show comprehension of standards Audio Production & Engineering - Students upload sessions of updated work by the end of the day. They are given feedback based on the informed choices they make and demonstrate the standards of the emphasis through updates. They are expected to be ready to present their work outside of OSA as well. - Students are graded on file management of work. This includes audio files, project sessions, labeling correctly, and turning work into the correct location.

# C2. Student Engagement through a Variety of Strategies and Resources Criterion

All teachers use a variety of strategies and resources, including technology and experiences beyond the textbook and the classroom that actively engage students, emphasize creative and critical thinking skills, and applications.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard K: Instruction: A quality online program takes a comprehensive and integrated approach to ensuring excellent online teaching for its students. This process begins with promising practices but is equally committed to continuous improvement and adaptation to student learning needs through professional development. [iNACOL Standard K, 2009]

# **Indicators with Prompts**

# **Teachers as Facilitators of Learning**

- **C2.1. Indicator**: Teachers facilitate learning as coaches and are current in the instructional content taught and research-based instructional methodologies including differentiation and the integrated use of multimedia and technology.
- **C2.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which teachers effectively use a variety of instructional and student engagement strategies, including the use of instructional technology in the delivery of the curriculum. Provide examples such as equitable questioning strategies, guided and independent practice, project-based learning, and other techniques to engage students in their own learning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Math (6-8th CPM, Algebra 1, 2,	
Geometry, Precalculus and AB and BC	Linear Programming Project
Calculus)	Math - COVID Project
- Students use google classroom to	CC1 Planning Sheet
get all of their information for each	
class	
- Students use graphing calculators	
the upper level classes (Alg 2	
through BC Calculus)	
- Students use desmos to	
understand graphs and equations	
- Since students work in teams per	
CPM, teachers act as facilitators,	
assisting students but not	
disseminating information,	
allowing them to experience	
productive struggle as a group.	
<ul> <li>Students are asked to exemplify</li> </ul>	
math visually, algebraically and	
numerically	
<ul> <li>Students are provided with links</li> </ul>	
using Delta Math and Khan	

- Academy to provide students with more practice on their own
- The textbook is used for homework only. Students are provided links from the web as extra resources
- Students use desmos to see connections between the algebra/procedure and what they are doing
- Students take the MDTP test two times during the year (beginning and end) so that both students and teachers can evaluate growth
- Students use Peardeck to show what they have learned and what they need to work on.

Middle School and High School Digital Media

1. Differentiation & Integrated Tech: Students were able to use different tools to create animations during the long-term animation unit, depending on their experience and skill. Because of our 6-8 grade class, there is a very wide range of abilities and developmental level. More advanced students were asked to create stop motion animations with DSLRs and Adobe Premiere, or a 2D color animations with Adobe Animator. Medium proficient students were asked to do a smaller scale simpler version of the project (no color, shorter, etc). Developing students were offered the option of using a more intuitive, but less sophisticated online platform called Piskel.

2. Facilitation: Teachers present ideas through diverse and varied mediums including:

<u>Digital Media Constructive Feedback</u>

-Film viewing and analysis -podcasts -readings -images -google slides -small and large group discussions 3. Students can respond and participate using a number of different ways including: a. Orally b. Written responses c. Online message boards (we use retroboard) d. Hand signals and physical responses e. Assessment games: kahoot quizzes to check understanding after some lessons f. artwork	
In Spanish teachers provide     materials and prompts, which     allow students to learn with each     other in a conversational setting.	Spanish Project
<ul> <li>Students use differentiated materials to support individual growth. Students can do listening, reading, writing, and grammatical practice at their own level.</li> <li>Students use technology to practice class content, in particula verb conjugations at various</li> </ul>	
levels, independently with technology.	
7th Grade Life Science Students are assigned a research project with the teacher modeling the project during the slide presentation	Characteristics of Life Project Characteristics of Life Project - Student Work
- Biology curriculum aligns with the NGSS, the most current science	

standards adopted by California.
These standards are aimed at providing students with opportunities to problem solve and learn concepts using critical thinking and inquiry rather than rote memory.

- Every unit includes assignments that rotate between using text-based informational reading, practice problems with group discussion, classroom discussions, written explanations utilizing and synthesizing learned concepts, and producing original work.
- Students access the material in a variety of methods so that each student has an opportunity to access the material in auditory, visual, and hands-on methods.
   Assignments are modified by the instructor and resource specialists so that students with accommodations and SPED modifications have appropriately differentiated assignments.
- Students are asked to use the internet to research concepts and produce work digitally. In the evidence provided, students were asked to use their understanding of the characteristics of life to research an organism of their choice. They used the internet, a chromebook, and the Google Suite to produce an original slideshow that explains how the organism they chose exhibits the characteristics of life.
- This style of project-based learning shifts the learning towards the student so that the

**Biology: Homeostasis Project** 

teacher is the facilitator as coaches.	
Teachers use a wide variety of technology tools during remote learning to engage and support students.	Teacher Technology Presentation
VOCAL: Digital research assignments Music exploration via youtube and spotify Studio recording of vocal students for professional and academic use Digital keyboards for learning piano and theory skills Soundtrap - online tool for recording and theory Sight Reading Factory - online tool for aural skills	Vocal Music Online Work
SPED As a Special Education teacher and a math and reading intervention teacher I have extensive evidence for differentiated work and integrating technology into the classroom. With the use of Lexia and Kahn Academy in the classrooms, using sites like Kahoot for informal assessment. Finding ways to enrich the curriculum so that the students have access and can participate in their classes.	

# **Creative and Critical Thinking**

**C2.2. Indicator**: Students demonstrate creative and critical thinking within a variety of instructional settings, using a variety of materials, resources, and technology beyond the textbook.

**C2.2. Prompt**: Evaluate and provide evidence on how well the representative student work that demonstrates students think, reason, and problem solve in group and individual activities, such as projects, discussions and debates, and inquiries related to investigation.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Spanish- Students research volunteer	Volunteer Opportunities in Spanish
opportunities in a Spanish-speaking	Speaking Countries
country. They write about these in	
Spanish and illustrate them with	
images from the web. Then they	
critically evaluate how these volunteer	
experiences help the participant grow	

and if and how they benefit the local	
community.	
7th Grade ELA	English 7: Shadow Spinner Theme
-Students have assignments and	English 7: Shadow Spinner Assignment
projects where they produce artistic,	
dramatic, and visual presentations that	
require them to work together	
creatively with minimal amount of	
teacher interaction.	
-During the reading of Ghost at	
Tokkaido Inn, students will conduct	
mock trials as a character study.	
7th Grade History	
Singing a song about Chinese	
dynasties allows for students to retain	
for longer periods of time.	
VOCAL:	
Various genres of music are	
introduced to students within grade	
level including contemporary/pop,	
jazz, classical, and original songs.	
This allows students an opportunity to	
learn about a variety of styles and	
techniques incorporated in multiple	
genres.	
Digital Media MS & HS	
<ul> <li>Students engage in a variety of</li> </ul>	
assignment types, generally	
starting with smaller design	
challenges, tutorials, and	
hands-on exercises. These	
smaller topic-specific and skill	
building activities lead to larger	
projects.	
<ul> <li>Students are taught core</li> </ul>	
design concepts using both	
physical and digital tools, such	
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- as: collage, paper, film, photoshop, premiere pro, illustrator, etc.
- As an art school, creative and critical thinking skills are necessary for students to navigate both academic and art classes. Students naturally engage in a variety of instructional settings and use a variety of materials and resources when entering their different academic and art classes. The skills and materials needed to be successful in a math class varies from the skills and materials needed to be successful in a dance class. Teachers coach students to navigate these differences and students gain a myriad of critical thinking skills in the process.

# "Description of People" Game

# Spanish

- Students create presentations.
  They use their knowledge of
  Spanish to write and present to
  the class. Students show
  mastery of a variety of tenses
  when writing about famous
  Afro-latinos. They use the
  subjunctive to express their
  feelings about the person
  researched.
- Students describe two people in Spanish and the next student needs to guess who they described - in a FlipGrid video

- Students research an artist or art form from a Spanish-speaking country. They create a presentation which includes a comparison and analysis of art in the Spanish-speaking country and the US. Students will also create art inspired by their research in the Spanish-speaking country as part of this presentation.	
Fashion Students had the opportunity to design for a private client - including 3 riders and their horses! The challenges of remote design process was part of the learning experience. They had to consult with the client via Zoom, made edits, shared Google slide doc, socially distanced fittings, and professional interview with SF Newspaper.	Fashion/BriNobleDesign Brief

# **Application of Learning**

- **C2.3. Indicator**: Students demonstrate that they can apply acquired knowledge and skills at higher levels and depths of knowledge to extend learning opportunities.
- **C2.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which students demonstrate a) that they are able to organize, access and apply knowledge they already have acquired; b) that they have the academic tools to gather and create knowledge and c) that they have opportunities to use these tools to research, inquire, discover, and invent knowledge on their own and communicate this.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
World History -	Border Conflict Project
At the end of each unit, student's use	Islam Project Choices
the knowledge and research skills	
taught in that unit to choose a topic of	
study to further research. Students are	
able to choose the groups in which	
they work in as well as the topics that	
they choose to research. Students are	
not only working on their prior	
knowledge and application of learning	
skills, but also their research and	
presentation skills. An example of this	

type of project is the Border Conflict Project. Students learn basic geography, analyze peaceful borders amongst countries and then study specific border conflicts in the unit. At the end of the unit, students use this knowledge and context and apply it to a specific border conflict that they want to study.  7th Grade Life Science After studying genetics, students learn about genetic mutations. They apply this knowledge by researching and creating a presentation about a genetic disease/condition that is randomly assigned. They provide background information, the genetic cause and write to the prompt "what would your life be like if you were born with this condition?"  Digital Media MS & HS  Peer critiques Analyze artworks, ranging various media, including both written and oral responses. Research of artists and art topics via blog/journaling All students prepare, curate and present artwork for professional exhibitions.  Business of the Arts Class:	Genetic Disease Outline  Photo Lesson Student Message Board Virtual Galleries Links  BOA/Student#1 Portfolio
Business of the Arts Class: The final project involves gathering all materials relevant to an Artist's Portfolio Students create resumes, bios and 10-year plans	BOA/Student#1 Portfolio BOA/Student#2 Portfolio BOA/Student Resume BOA/Student Bio BOA/Student 10-year Plan
Spanish - Students write scripts, which allow them to use the material	Spanish Project

studied in class to create their	
own meaning. The prompts	
require that students show a	
mastery of skills taught.	
- Students engage in free,	
spontaneous conversation	
circles. The teacher provides	
question prompts, which guide	
the student discussion.	
VOCAL:	
1.Advanced musical arrangements for	Vocal Rush Arrangement#1
student choral groups such as Vocal	Vocal Rush Arrangement#2
Rush include advanced harmonic	
structure with individuals on each part	
for a tight harmony. This requires a	
higher level of sight reading from	
students, as well as a deep	
understanding of the harmony within	
the chords.	
2. In order to share their	
understanding of class content,	
students created Google Slides as	
study guides to share knowledge of	
music theory and integrated	
technology.	

# **Career Preparedness and Real World Experiences**

C2.4. Indicator: All students have access to and are engaged in career preparation activities.

**C2.4. Prompt**: Evaluate the degree of and the effectiveness of student access to career awareness, exploration and preparation that may include such activities such as job shadowing, internships, apprenticeship programs, regional occupational programs, career academy programs, on-the-job training programs, community projects and other real world experiences that have postsecondary implications.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
College Application Support for	College Support course for seniors
Seniors-	and juniors
This fall semester course is for seniors	BOA/Student#1 College Research
applying to four-year colleges. In this	BOA/Student#2 College Research
course, students will find support and	
inspiration for finalizing a college list,	
organizing college applications, writing	

personal essays, creating a college	
budget and researching scholarships.	
A component of the course will be to	
support the rest of the seniors as a	
college application peer tutor.	
To serve the most students possible	
during Remote Learning, we are	
expanding our Tier 3 counseling	
offerings this year to include a number	
of after-school drop-in support groups	
during the first month of school and	
then based on need, we will be	
offering a number of targeted groups.	
High School Digital Media:	Senior Portrait Project
<ul> <li>Work-based learning</li> </ul>	Collaborative Project Mimics Real
opportunities:	World
<ul> <li>Studio portraits for</li> </ul>	
Yearbook	
<ul> <li>Video production</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Graphic design: logos,</li> </ul>	
promotional materials,	
book layout	
<ul><li>Professional Prep:</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>Portfolio development</li> </ul>	
and portfolio reviews by	
professional	
photographers and other	
artists	
<ul> <li>Resume writing and</li> </ul>	
artist bio/statement	
o Website	
<ul> <li>Social Media</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Collaboration with other art</li> </ul>	
departments: prepares students	
for real-world work with clients.	
Performing Arts Pathway: Off The	Off the Table Links
Table is a class created as a linked	
learning experience for students in	
multiple departments. Students work	

together to create professionally	
produced music concerts with talent,	
sound designers, marketing and then	
sharing content online to create an	
audience for student talent. This is an	
ideal project that offers real work	
experience in the music industry with	
marketing and online performance.	
All OSA STUDENTS participate in a	Artist Speakers Series 10/6/20
visiting artist series hosted by <u>OSA</u>	Artist Speakers Series Reflection #1
Artist Speaker Series giving them an	Artist Speakers Series Reflection #2
opportunity to learn about the	Artist Speakers Series Reflection #3
professional pathway of working	Artist Speakers Series 10/14/20
artists. In some arts departments,	Artist Speakers Series 12/15/20
students were asked to write	Visiting Artist Workshop
reflections.	
7th Grade ELA	7th Grade Assignment about
Using research tools to gather	Evaluating Sources
evidence and make conclusions	
Business of the Arts (BOA)	BOA/Student Resume
Students learn about career prep as	BOA/Student Bio
HS students, college search, and	
career prep. Instruction includes	
information about College Board, US	
Dept of Labor, and CTE/AME	
standards.All students will create a	
final portfolio including resume/CV/bio.	
A personal finance unit is taught	
including taxes, student loans,	
contracts and unions. Marketing is	
also taught including website, logos	
and personal brand. This is now a	
pathway class with focus for	
Performing Arts, and also Digital,	
Media, Visual Arts.	
Vocal Music(VM)	
All students are learning to use Sight	<u>Vocal Music Online Tools</u>
Reading Factory - an online music	Songwriter #1
	Songwriter #2

training program to improve aural skills. All students are learning to use Soundtrap- an online music studio program for multiple users to collaborate. Seniors create bios/resumes for college and professional career prep. Students are learning to create original material in a variety of Songwriting classes from 6-12th grade. Students are learning about the recording industry and expectations. Students learn a variety of musical genres including Jazz, Contemporary and Classical so that they are versed in a variety of musical styles. Seniors prepare a student produced Senior Recital to showcase their personal performances.

Songwriter #3

Mathematics (HS): Students study math to learn how to problem solve and figure out ways to think within a particular framework. In Algebra and Geometry, students work on their logical thinking skills to arrive at solutions. Students are able to correct their work through explanation and exploration. They are learning about making mistakes and learning from those mistakes.

Students are required to take Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 for the state of California. These classes are required by law for them to obtain a high school diploma. Without a high school diploma, students are at a disadvantage when attempting to find a career. At OSA, our math program

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has been developing, where more and more students are successfully taking math through Calculus. This level of perseverance and determination at an arts school, exemplifies the drive and determination our students have for success towards their careers and college preparedness.

Science - During the Healthy
Relationships (BAWAR) unit, students
learn about and discuss social
dynamics, including appropriate
behavior and conduct in a workplace
environment. While the focus is on
peer-to-peer relationships, students
also learn about broader concepts
such as consent, harassment, the
relationship between power and
control, and abuse. In a remote
learning environment, this is done
both verbally through Zoom
conferences and through writing
(typing) in the chat logs.

Throughout the course, students utilize the scientific method to solve problems. The scientific method is foundational to all scientific disciplines and forms the backbone of all careers in science. Students learn the steps of the scientific method and utilize it to answer questions about scientific phenomena, including how the body maintains homeostasis.

Evidence-based arguments and technical writing/ language are developed throughout the course, providing students with the opportunity

**BAWAR Slides on Power & Control** 

Student Biology Lab - Homeostasis and Exercise
Characteristics of Life Project
Characteristics of Life Project Student Work

to develop writing skills applicable to all STEM careers and fields involving technical skills (production design, digital media, audio production, etc.). Students practice this by analyzing and writing CERs (Claim, Evidence, Reasoning) arguments throughout the year.	
English/Language Arts	12th Grade English Assignments
Students are given multiple opportunities to develop skills that integrate traditional academics with 21st century elements of writing and reading. Examples include assignments that evaluate internet sources like articles, social media posts, twitter feeds, and even memes for accuracy, bias, and the reliability of the information. Students gain experience in fact checking all forms of media. These assignments are designed to give students opportunities to critically evaluate text from all sources.	7th Grade Assignment about Evaluating Sources

**C2.4.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the effectiveness of opportunities within online instruction for real world experiences, applications and research for students.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

# ACS WASC Category C. Standards-based Student Learning: Instruction: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category C are being met.

Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the preliminary identified major student learner needs (Task 2, Chapter II).

# Summary (including comments about the preliminary identified major student learner needs)

Students are involved in relevant and challenging learning as exemplified by the work that teachers design and assign. The assignments show expectations for using critical thinking as well as applying creativity. This helps build student engagement in all subjects and also allows for differentiation. Lessons are based on the standards for each subject, which helps create consistent lessons across a grade level and within a department. Teachers support all students by providing examples of assigned work. Teachers promote good study habits and practice skills with students to reinforce being well organized. All of these efforts are equally true in arts classes. High school teachers assign a percentage of the class grade as College and Career Readiness. Student projects happen in both groups and individually. Teachers are also conscientious about allowing for multiple ways to learn and demonstrate that learning. As our school transitions to adoption of the CTE standards, students are exposed to increasing opportunities for career exploration.

Prioritize the strengths and areas for growth for Category C.

# Category C: Standards-based Student Learning: Instruction: Areas of Strength

# **Community Building**

- Our school has a strong sense of community, even during Covid.
- Students and teachers are sharing their art through Zoom and other methods. This is inspiring to the entire community.
- Community is being built at OSA by ensuring that students and teachers have opportunities to interact both inside/during class and outside of class time.

#### Alumni

• Having alumni involved is very helpful for new students and teachers, gives us a sense of shared history and a feeling that OSA is a community to be part of for life.

# School Attitude

- OSA staff and students have a problem-solving, flexible, can-do attitude. This has been very important during Covid with the continuously changing state guidance, etc.
- OSA teachers go above and beyond to help their students, holding extra office hours as needed, running numerous clubs, attending student performances, etc.

• Students are taking initiative by starting their own social groups and clubs in order to stay connected to each other and to the school.

#### Communication

- Students and teachers' input have been/are being considered in developing the remote learning schedule and program.
- Administration is accessible and responsive to concerns, even during remote learning.

# Student Leadership

• Students are being asked and encouraged to run assemblies, clubs, etc.

### **Mental Health**

• Students' emotional well-being is being addressed in the time of "distance learning" by providing them many extra-curricular activities and clubs, so they can keep up their social connections.

# College & Career Readiness

- Supporting students for post high school education.
- Ability to switch arts emphasis gives students the opportunity to explore more than one passion.
- Artist Speaker Series All students have access, (school-wide assembly) not just a particular emphasis or classroom.
- Business of the Arts This is now a linked learning class, part of the academic division in both pathways.

# **Technology**

 During COVID & Remote Learning, we have been able to provide computers (chromebooks & laptops) and hotspots to students, which has been crucial to their continued learning and provides equitable access for all students

#### Arts

**Music** - Strong selection of musical choices from a variety of cultures.

#### Academics

# Science

Biology - Curriculum aligns more with NGSS, taught from an inquiry and phenomena perspective rather than rote memorization. This allows for many ways to differentiate instruction and assess for the zone of proximal development and foundational skills/concepts. Emphasis is on usage of evidence-based arguments, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

#### Math

- Teacher retention is higher since 2018
- Providing math support for students who need it so that they can get through the requirements for high school.
- Better vertical alignment in recent years; reviewing material that has been covered in one subject and using it for the next year
- Re-evaluating curriculum to see what topics are more important than others making sure that there is more depth than breadth in our curriculum
- More students are achieving at higher levels of math than before
- We have more students taking both college Calculus and AP Calculus than prior years

# **ELA**

 Students are assessed for reading comprehension skills at different points during the year, and for the most part students' reading comprehension skills improve over the course of the year. This also provides the school with data and gives an alert to address when students don't meet the typical growth curves as seen on the standard assessment.

# Category C: Standards-based Student Learning: Instruction: Areas of Growth

# **Facilities**

- Limited differentiation due to lack of staffing and space. In middle school, one teacher oversees all digital media students grade 6-8. All HS students, grades 9-12, also share one classroom. These limitations make it difficult to differentiate for more advanced students to engage in more long-term and complex projects.

# College & Career Readiness

- Need more opportunities for internships for 11th and 12th graders with relevant art firms/industries
- Need for more TA and mentorship opportunities for 11th and 12th graders

# **Professional Development**

- We need "real" professional development, like what we are having now with Diversity and Equity training. In the past, much of the PD has been run by teachers. We need funding for teachers and Department Chairs to attend conferences in their fields and to continue to develop. Often experienced teachers are asked to lead and are not given the opportunity to continue to grow. Also, too much is left for teachers to figure out on their own, such as teachers volunteering to present ideas for teaching online as our only real training in remote learning.

# **Teacher Support**

- We need more support for new teachers, so that they see we are invested in them becoming part of the OSA community. Ideas: Buddy system, ongoing observations with suggestions for improvement, collaboration as a norm, regular meetings with opportunities to share ideas as well as ask questions.
- Classes should be set up so that there is not an entire grade level with new teachers, as has happened a few times in the past few years. Collaboration should be required of new teachers, instead of them being given an entire class to teach on their own (Example: Biology or U.S. History)
- We need a more effective teacher evaluation system with the goal of continuous growth, not just checking up when things go wrong. Students want the opportunity to follow up on surveys, to see if a teacher is improving or not, and to know how the data they provide is being used.

# **Student Support**

- Student support has not been consistent enough in remote learning, and some students are falling through the cracks. We have accumulated a lot of data on who they are and why they are struggling, but we have not done enough to help them.
- We need a stronger remediation program (Math support and Literacy support), especially for new students. They need to be identified and supported with an action plan right away, with the goal of getting them to the level where they can achieve success in the regular classroom as quickly as possible.

# **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

- We need to really commit to this by:
  - Hiring a full-time DEI Coordinator and Curriculum Developer, and fulfilling the other recommended objectives (Students reps, Avid Coordinator, required A-G Ethnic Studies class)
  - 2. Creating an accountability rubric and holding everyone accountable through evaluations based on this rubric
  - 3. Committing to hiring and retaining teachers and administrative staff of color

### Arts

# **Music Theory:**

- Should not be a white-centric, European construct
- Should provide a more global and diverse view of concepts and instructional topics.

# World Music:

-We are hoping to create a class for students to learn more about cultural styles of music throughout the world

# **Digital Media**

-We would like to provide a foundational computer literacy class for incoming students who have never worked on a laptop or desktop before but are currently limited by number of staff available to teach different sections during the same time block

# Academics

#### Science

- More resources and opportunities needed for hands-on instruction and activities.
- More vertical alignment between related subjects and content (7th grade Life Science and 9th grade Biology, for example).
- More vertical alignment of transferable science skills between subjects (NGSS Science and Engineering Practices and Crosscutting Concepts)

# Math

- We still struggle with an achievement gap for black and brown students
- Struggle with differentiation and being able to allow student achievement at all levels
- More resources and opportunities needed for the application of mathematics to real world application within the arts ie. using music and math, architecture and math, etc.
- We struggle with finding math from other worlds; everything we have is from old european men
- Need computer science as a part of the math department

# ELA

- More training on how to integrate curriculum with arts. Teachers are willing to teach more lessons aligned with the arts program, but need guidance.
- -More work is needed on bringing diversity to the middle school reading selections. Selections that are more current and which reflect the diversity of the student population should be considered.

#### SPED

- It is challenging to make sure that student accommodations are in place for the SPED students. It is difficult to engage in pertinent discussions about accommodations, as there is not much response from emails, and there is not a consistent designated time to have face to face time with the general education teachers.
- General education teachers need to have a lens that focuses on how to plan and prepare for students who have accommodations and modifications.
- We have not had designated professional development that addresses notions of scaffolded instruction, expectations around lesson planning, and making sure there is appropriate and consistent assessment (driven by standards) that is tracked, monitored, shared with students, and guides instruction.
- During Remote Instruction/Distance Learning, our identified students with learning challenges (SpEd: students with IEPs) need more support. During class our "push in" process has been hindered by the constraints of a Zoom meeting. Outside of

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class, our students who have minutes allocated to them in their IEP paperwork are feeling "Zoomed out" and are less likely to attend the "pull out" meetings.

# Category D: Standards-based Student Learning: Assessment and Accountability

# D1. Using Assessment to Analyze and Report Schoolwide Student Progress Criterion

The school leadership and instructional staff use effective assessment processes to collect, disaggregate, analyze, and report schoolwide student performance data to the school staff, students, parents, and other stakeholders. The analysis of data guides the school's programs and processes, the allocation and usage of resources, and forms the basis for the development of the schoolwide action plan aligned with the LCAP.

**Online Programs: iNACOL Standard R: Program Evaluation**: A quality online program recognizes the value of program evaluation. Program evaluation is both internal and external and informs all processes that effect teaching and learning. Internal evaluations often are more informal in nature and may provide immediate feedback on a targeted area of inquiry. External program evaluations typically look at the entire program from an objective perspective that will bring additional credibility to the results. [iNACOL Standard R, 2009]

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard S: Program Improvement: A quality online program establishes a culture of continual program improvement. Improvement planning focuses on using program evaluations, research, and promising practices to improve student performance and organizational effectiveness. It fosters continuous improvement across all aspects of the organization and ensures the program is focused on accomplishing its mission and vision. [iNACOL Standard S, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Professionally Acceptable Assessment Process**

**D1.1. Indicator**: The school uses effective assessment processes to collect, disaggregate, and analyze and report student performance data to all stakeholders.

**D1.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the school's assessment processes to collect, disaggregate, analyze, and report student performance data to all stakeholders. Ensure all student groups are included.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Math department uses the MDTP	Student Progress Data
assessment twice a year to analyze student readiness for the upcoming curriculum in the fall and collect data on student mastery in the spring	Administer MDTP
English department uses SRI assessment three times a year to ascertain student literacy levels. This data is used to provide appropriate student supports.	SRI Results
The Science department is	Student Progress Data
developing mastery-based	Science Assessment Tool - Physical
benchmarks by grade level to use as	Science
assessment tools.	Science Mastery Record - Biology
The Social Science/History	Student Progress Data
department is considering using	

debate, providing evidence and	
understanding primary source	
documents as a basis for assessment.	
The Principal presents current data to	Student Progress Data
the faculty and uses professional	_
development time to analyze the	
findings.	
Eligibility List	Student Eligibility
The Student Support Team	
determines eligibility for performances	
and A-G requirement guidelines. Arts	
and Academic teachers, and SPED	
Case Managers also support this	
process for disabled students.	
Back to School Night and	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Parent/Teacher Conferences	August 2020 Calendar
Parents are invited to get to know	
teachers and their curriculum annually	
on a Back-to-School Night (August 25	
and 26, 2020), and Parent/Teacher	
conferences are available as needed.	
PowerSchool	PowerSchool Grading Platform
Students, teachers, and parents have	
real time access to student grades,	
progress, ongoing class progress and	
assignments, deadlines, and	
attendance via the online platform	
"PowerSchool."	
Monthly Newsletter	OSA Monthly Newsletter
Our Chief of Staff shares a	
twice-monthly newsletter with the	
school community. This newsletter	
includes messages and updates	
regarding student progress,	
announcements of support, available	
student supports, and academic	
counseling.	
Advisory	Advisory Website
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OSA provides a weekly advisory	
period during in school learning for	
students to check in with their advisor	
for additional support, advocacy, and	
community building. Students learn	
self-advocacy skills and time	
management strategies, while	
teachers also advocate for struggling	
students as needed. The Advisory	
schedule has been	
modified during remote learning to	
lesson student time on ZOOM.	

#### **Basis for Determination of Performance Levels**

**D1.2. Indicator**: The school leadership and instructional staff determine the basis for students' grades, growth, and performance levels to ensure consistency across and within grade levels and content areas.

**D1.2. Prompt**: Evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the basis for which standards-based grades, growth, and performance levels are determined.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Grade Level Instructional teams, at the direction of school leadership, have set Grade Level goals.  Expectations/School Wide Norms have been designed to encourage consistent standards for behavior, digital citizenship, technology use, community norms, critical thinking etc.  Example: Student self evaluations used in Visual Arts to ensure consistent grading assessing effort across a grade level.	School Wide Norms Student Self Assessment
Rubric standards and consistent grading policies are used across content areas within a grade level to ensure consistent measures of rigor and effort across students within the same grade level. In some departments (ex. IM, VM and others) students performance is evaluated across grade levels  Example: Math planning sheets are	Math Planning Sheet Middle School Cell Quartet Instrumental Music Theory Jury Rubric Concerts

used by teachers across a grade level	
Example: Curriculum checks across	
the music theory classes to ensure	
rigor and performance level achievement.	
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achievement.	
At a school-wide level, students will be	Eligibility Report
checked for eligibility at the end of	
each quarter. Students must have no F's and a minimum of a 2.5 GPA in	
order to perform in their emphasis.	
Students who do not meet the	
minimum GPA will work with teachers	
and counselors to create an	
improvement plan.	
Academic departments are developing	Social Science Data Tracking
plans for cross-year data tracking, so	<u>Development</u>
we can see how	SRI Results
an individual student does from year	Student Progress Data
to year, as well as how classes do	
within a particular course from year to	
year.	
Example: Math department is tracking	
students over time through use of the	
MDTP assessment tool. See Student	
Progress Data	

# **Monitoring of Student Growth**

- **D1.3. Indicator**: The school has an effective system to determine and monitor all students' growth and progress toward meeting the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and college- and career-readiness indicators or standards, including a sound basis upon which students' grades are determined and monitored.
- **D1.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the system used to determine and monitor the growth and progress of all students toward meeting the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and college- and career-readiness standards, including the basis for which students' grades, their growth, and performance levels are determined.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Faculty keeps aware of student	High School Division Meeting
eligibility and grade improvement	<u>Communication</u>
tracking through frequent division	Teacher Collaboration Email
meetings and email collaborations	

Academic Support team monitors student growth and keeps faculty, students and parents aware of the student's current progress	Student Support Communication Calpads Example Calpads EOY Fall 2020 Academic & Arts Progress-At Risk Report 504 Inquiry Sample Letter 504 Template 504 Teacher Feedback Sample
The Counseling and Wellness Departments helps alleviate barriers to student progress and growth through academic counseling, mental health support, social and behavior management and College and Career readiness	Student Credit Status-Recovery College & Career Readiness 504 Teacher Check In Naviance Tracking Software CyberHigh Advisory Conference Notes
Special tracking systems have been implemented during remote learning, including a student support monitor system	Student Support Monitor
Development of Creative Learning Pathways curriculum by grade level is being monitored to assess relevance towards College and Career readiness	High School English & Arts Integration - Scope and Sequence
Students' growth is monitored by sharing student data with the parent group, APT, and through their discussion board, Konstella	APT Konstella
Students are made aware of their own progress through an end of quarter Town Hall (virtual)	Student Support Town Hall
State testing scores (CAASPP) are published online each year in the school dashboard. This data is presented to the OSA Board of Directors, to APT and to the Faculty during professional development.	California School Dashboard
We keep our community aware of student growth through PowerSchool	PowerSchool Login
Progress Reports are shared with parents at the end of every quarter both digitally and through US mail.	Student Progress Report

Teachers make their office hours known to both parents and students, where students can access teachers one-on-one and receive an academic update as well as tutoring	Remote Schedule Office Hours Talking Points I Talking Points II Talking Points III Office Hours Email Parent Email Communication Dance Conferences
The MDTP assessment tool is being used to monitor the math development of our diverse populations, especially those underperforming on the CAASPP - see Student Progress Data	Student Progress Data

**D1.3.** Additional Online Instruction Prompts: Evaluate the effectiveness for determining if a student is prepared to advance to the next unit, course, or grade level. Evaluate how course mastery is determined and evaluate the "steps" or "gates" that are in place to prevent students from proceeding to the next unit if mastery has not been demonstrated.

Evaluate the effectiveness of the procedures for grading student work whether it is done electronically or individually by the teachers.

Evaluate how teachers ensure academic integrity and determine students are doing their own work in the online environment. Comment on the degree to which the results of state and local assessments are used in decisions about student achievement and advancement.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Assessment of Program Areas**

- **D1.4.** Indicator: The partnership with district leadership, the school leadership, and instructional staff periodically assess programs and expectations, including graduation requirements, credits, course completion, and homework and grading policies, to ensure student needs are met through a challenging, coherent, and relevant curriculum.
- **D1.4. Prompt**: Evaluate the collaborative processes that the school leadership and instructional staff in partnership with district leadership use to review and assess the programs and their expectations, including graduation requirements, credits, course completion, and homework and grading policies, to ensure student needs are met through a challenging, coherent, and relevant curriculum.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Students and parents are involved in the	ParentStudent Conferences
review process of student progress	Student Result I
through parent/student/teacher	CAASPP Student Result II
conferences, through distribution of	APT Meetings
state-wide testing scores and through	
presentations at APT meetings.	
Student artistic progress is monitored	Student Assessment in Dance
through video assessments.	
Student progress toward achieving the	Student Progress Report
schoolwide learner outcomes and	OSA Annual Report

academic standards is reported to the	SPED Newsletter
OSA community through the Annual	
, ,	BSOC Newsletter
Report, various school newsletters and	OSA Newsletter
student progress reports	OAAODD OL dest Dest Hill
Student progress toward achieving the	CAASPP Student Result I
schoolwide learner outcomes and	CAASPP Student Result II
academic standards is reported to the	ParentStudent Conferences
OSA community through state-wide	Parent/Guardian Survey and Townhall
testing results, Parent/Student/Teacher	
conferences, and Town hall events.	
Examples of how the site, district, and	Strategic Plan Development -
board decisions on allocation of resources	Academic Pillar
are influenced by schoolwide assessment	Strategic Plan Development - Arts
results	<u>Pillar</u>
<ul> <li>Creation of 2021 Strategic Plan is</li> </ul>	Strategic Plan Development
taking assessment reporting and	-Community Pillar
DEI stakeholder focus groups into	Strategic Plan Development -
account in creating resource	Sustainability Pillar
allocation plans.	LCAP
<ul> <li>LCAP ties resource allocation to</li> </ul>	
goal achievement	
Examples of how surveys of student	AP Calculus
needs have developed new courses in the	Business of the Arts - Course Map
school program including the addition of	<del>-</del>
AP Calculus and a Business of the Arts	
class for all 9th graders	
School community, district, and board are	Board Meeting (Jan.28, 2021) Student
involved in the review process during	Progress Monitoring
OSA Board meetings	
Extent to which school staff is involved in	Student Progress Presentation
the review process includes presentations	Faculty Surveys
by the Principal to the staff covering	Professional Development
student progress, faculty surveys, and	Department Meetings
discussions during department and	<u>Dopartinont Weetings</u>
division meetings	
Examples of how assessment results	Student Support Team
have caused recent change in the	Literacy Support
school's program include a stronger	Math Lab
student support team, math and literacy	
support classes, the addition of Creative	Creative Learning Pathways
Learning Pathways curriculum	
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Examples of how professional	Cultural Mindfulness Institute
development activities and topics have	
been determined by schoolwide	
assessment results include our year long	
commitment to examining our practices	
around equity.	
Examples of how all stakeholder groups	Student Surveys
have been involved in a results-driven	Parent/Guardian Survey and Town hall
continuous planning process include	Employee Survey
annual surveys for students, parents and	
employees and town hall events	

#### **Schoolwide Modifications Based on Assessment Results**

**D1.5. Indicator**: The school uses assessment results to make changes in the school program, professional development activities, and resource allocations demonstrating a results-driven continuous process.

**D1.5. Prompt**: Comment on the overall effectiveness of how assessment results have caused changes in the school program, professional development activities, and/or resource allocations, demonstrating a results-driven continuous process. Examine examples and comment on the overall effectiveness of changes in the online opportunities, professional development of the staff, and the resource allocations to support student achievement and their needs.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Survey from BAWAR (Bay Area	BAWAR Survey
Women Against Rape) Ambassador	
for teachers to inform future PD info	
sessions.	
Email from Principal in response to a	Student Panel
culturally responsive PD session led	
by Equity coordinators that included	
students. The email summarizes the	
session and contains a list of the	
actionable items that were brought to	
the group.	
Faculty survey and Student Culture	Faculty Culture Survey
Survey (includes questions on	Student Culture Survey
program design, such as block and	
advisory). Block schedule and	
advisory were major programmatic	
changes last year. Surveys were used	
before and after to solicit feedback	
from teachers and students regarding	
these changes.	

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OSA went through an intense design	Learning Continuity and Attendance
process last summer to be ready for	Plan
effective remote learning starting in	
the Fall of 2021. Budget was allocated	
for PPE, technology and stipends for	
design team members.	
Teachers meet in small groups during	Faculty Working Together
PD to discuss program impacts and analyze productive changes	
	Student Eligibility Email
Email from the Dean Katy sharing	Student Eligibility Email
Updated Academic and Arts Eligibility	
Report for teachers to check-in with	
their academically struggling students.	
Email from Assistant Principal	Mental Health Support Update
regarding allocation of counseling	
resources. This informs the faculty	
about attempts to most effectively	
utilize limited counseling resources by	
prioritizing some students and exiting	
others.	

# D2. Using Assessment to Monitor and Modify Learning in the Classroom Criterion

Teachers employ a variety of appropriate formative and summative assessment strategies to evaluate student learning. Students and teachers use these findings to modify the learning/teaching practices to improve student learning.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard L: Assessment of Student Performance: A quality online program values student academic performance and takes a comprehensive, integrated approach to measuring student achievement. This includes use of multiple assessment measures and strategies that align closely to both program and learner objectives, with timely, relevant feedback to all stakeholders. [iNACOL Standard L, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

# **Assessment Strategies to Measure Student Achievement**

- **D2.1. Indicator**: The school leadership and instructional staff use effective assessment processes to collect, disaggregate, analyze, and report student and school performance data to all stakeholders.
- **D2.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the processes for assessing student achievement of the standards and schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
MDTP scores: Scores are shown in a way to	MDTP Diagnostic
determine which concepts were mastered by	
the class. Math course may be adjusted to	
focus on concepts that show less mastery	
Standardized tests: These tools are used	CAASPP Student Result I
to help guide curriculum and support in	CAASPP Student Result II
the classroom. The Leadership Team	
disaggregates the CAASPP data and	
then presents it to the faculty in the Fall	
for analysis.	
Teacher Survey given at the end of the	Course Survey
semester where students can provide	
feedback on what worked / what didn't work	
in the class.	
ELPAC test results are analyzed by	ELPAC
leadership and the EL coordinator to guide	
interventions and class placement.	
IEP summary sheets are provided to all	IEP (redacted)
teachers before school starts to help them	
become familiar with their student group.	
Updated summaries are provided	
immediately following an IEP annual or	
triennial meeting.	
SRI Test Scores: English Teachers adjust	SRI Results
Lexile levels of assignments based on the	
shown reading levels of each student.	

D2.1. Additional Online Instruction Prompts: Evaluate the use of student work and other online

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assessments (formative and summative) that demonstrate student achievement of academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

### **Demonstration of Student Achievement**

- **D2.2. Indicator**: Teachers use the analysis of formative and summative assessments to guide, modify, and adjust curricular and instructional approaches.
- **D2.2. Prompt**: Examine the effectiveness of the processes used by professional staff to use formative and summative approaches. (This may include how professional learning communities and subject matter teams collaborate to collect, analyze, and use assessment data for the basis of curricular and instructional decisions.).

Findings	Supporting Evidence
MDTP scores: Scores are shown in a way	MDTP Diagnostic
to determine which concepts were	
mastered by the class. Math course may	
be adjusted to focus on concepts that	
show less mastery	
PE teacher uses the analysis of	PE Workout
formative and summative assessments	Changes to Pe in Remote Learning
to guide, modify, and adjust curricular and instructional approaches.	Prompted Questions for PE
Adjustments for Remote Learning in	Formative Assessment in Math
Math: No Traditional Tests given in	
Remote Learning in Math. Assignments	
are graded on a scale of Mastery of	
concepts and the course is adjusted to	
focus on concepts that have lower	
Mastery scores.	
Standardized tests: These tools are used	ELPAC
to help guide curriculum and support in	CAASPP Student Result I
the classroom	CAASPP Student Result II
	IEP (redacted)
Teacher Survey given at the end of the	Course Survey
semester where students can provide	
feedback on what worked / what didn't	
work in the class.	
Rubric: Rubrics are used to help guide	Formative Assessment for Digital Media
students in their projects.	Formative Assessment for Economics

Guided Formative Assessments: These	
assignments help both academic and arts	
teachers adjust their curriculum	
Adjustments for Remote Learning Digital	Digital Literacy
Literacy Presentation: Direct instruction	
on how to properly navigate a digital	
world.	
SRI Test Scores: English Teachers adjust	SRI Results
Lexile levels of assignments based on the	
shown reading levels of each student.	
Math Assignments are done on PearDeck	PearDeck App
in real time to inform the instructor	
immediately of any changes in instruction	
that need to be made.	

#### **Teacher and Student Feedback**

**D2.3. Indicator**: Teachers provide timely, specific and descriptive feedback in order to support students in achieving learning goals, academic standards, college- and career-readiness standards, and schoolwide learner outcomes. Teachers also use student feedback and dialogue to monitor progress and learn about the degree to which learning experiences are understood and relevant in preparing students for college, career, and life.

**D2.3. Prompt**: Using interviews and dialogue with students, evaluate the extent to which students understand the expected level of performance based on the standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes in relation to preparation for college, career, and life. Evaluate the effectiveness of the student-teacher interaction and monitoring of student progress based on teacher and student feedback.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Students go over their grades in Advisory with their advisor. Students and advisors will check in with the students' teachers to get feedback on how to stay on top of their grades.	Advisor Conference Notes Database
Teachers monitor student grade data over time and communicate with families about student progress when an issue arises.	Parent Notification about Student Performance
Faculty and Admin are sensitive to current issues and help support students both emotionally and academically in the classroom by giving them space to process. This helps prepare students to become global citizens.	Student Support for Current Events
Students from the Board of Students of Color (BSOC) have indicated a desire for	BSOC Teacher Evaluation

more involvement in both teacher evaluations and the teacher interview process.  In individual courses, teachers administer Google Forms to get feedback from students on what is working and what is notthis has been especially useful during remote learning as many novel teaching methods have been	Student Survey About Remote Learning
implemented.  Immediate verbal feedback given for in-person music assessments.	Student Quiz on Jazz
To encourage College and Career Readiness teachers keep track of student participation and professionalism in class.	PowerSchool Screen Shot Student Behavior Record - Tardy
In Remote Learning, Private Comments in various apps (Google Classroom, FlipGrid, Slack) are being used in many courses (Vocal, Math, Science) to relay feedback on assignments.	Teacher Feedback on Student Writing Student Perspective Piece
Self-evaluation and reflection are important tools in OSA classes. Teachers embed these processes in their curriculum and respond to student reflection, which ensures that feedback is a regular component of the assessment process.	Student Check-In Survey Student Feedback
Teachers are using online resources to support students in their skill building and in keeping organized.	Digital Literacy Student Assignments
OSA administers a school culture survey each year where students can provide feedback to the school on a number of issues, including academic and artistic experiences.	Student Culture Survey

# ACS WASC Category D. Standards-based Student Learning: Assessment and Accountability: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category D are being met.

Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the preliminary identified major student learner needs (Task 2, Chapter II).

### Summary (including comments about the preliminary identified major student learner needs)

OSA assesses student performance using the results of state testing (CAASPP) as well as administering in-school math (MDTP) and ELA (SRI) assessments. Use of the MDTP tool has helped faculty better understand where lower performing student groups need more support. All of these results are analyzed and disaggregated by both the school principals and counselors. These results are shared with the faculty, parents and Board of Directors. Grade level Instructional teams, at the direction of school leadership, have set grade level goals. School Leadership, with input from teachers, have designed Expectations and School Wide Norms to encourage consistent standards for behavior, digital citizenship, technology use, community norms, critical thinking etc. Student growth and progress, in terms of standards, school wide learner outcomes and College and Career Readiness are monitored by the faculty, the counseling team - both the academic counselor and the College and Career counselor, the administration consisting of the principal, assistant principal, and dean of students, and the Wellness Team. Each group reports out in various ways including professional development presentations, student eligibility reports, student behavior reports, progress reports and Division meetings. School Leadership, along with the faculty, present the graduation requirements, credits, course completion, and homework and grading policies to the OSA Board of Directors for comment and approval. Presentations are made to the parent groups (APT, PODS, POC) to gain feedback to help with evaluating program effectiveness. OSA administers culture surveys to students, parents and staff every year to gain information about many different aspects of the program. Due to survey results, we have instituted a stronger Wellness program, added Creative Career Pathways curriculum to offer a deeper understanding of career options and have embarked on an intense self-study to gauge and improve the level of our equity practices. Teachers use a variety of assessment methods to understand the extent of student learning and improve their practices, including summative and formative assessments. online/interactive assessments. project-based assessments. Teachers also provide timely feedback on assignments and

tests to help deepen student understanding.

Prioritize the strengths and areas for growth for Category D.

Category D: Standards-based Student Learning: Assessment and Accountability: Areas of Strength

### **Grading**

- The school has a standard grading scale for all classes.
- The school has a single eligibility standard for all subpathways, based on performance across all classes.

#### Communication

- All teachers use Powerschool, Google Classroom, progress reports, and report cards to share data with parents.
- -The use of Talking Points software has helped bridge the language barrier between teachers and parents, which allows them to more fully communicate about student performance.
- OSA began using these online forms of communication before the pandemic, which made it easier for students to adapt and continue to participate in school during remote learning.
- Grade level teachers are given meeting time to check in with each other across departments to communicate about common standards and expectations.
- Departments meet regularly to examine student performance and find ways to better articulate the curriculum across the grade levels.
- OSA has a strong commitment to honoring stakeholder feedback. For example, the school implemented a block schedule and an advisory class based on student, teacher and parent feedback. Both endeavors are still in development as their implementation was slowed down during the pandemic.

### **Student Support**

- OSA has a strong student support system for both academics (counselors) and mental health (Wellness team), which helps alleviate some barriers to effective learning.
- Various programs are being put into place to better support our students as arts students, such as the introduction of Business of the Arts class. This started as an elective and is now a required class for 9th graders.

Category D: Standards-based Student Learning: Assessment and Accountability: Areas of Growth

### **Performance Monitoring**

- The school is in the beginning stages of more formalized tracking of student performance and growth by department and grade level. Departments are working on ways to authentically measure this year after year. Some departments are further along with the process than others, and some have more natural ways to measure progress due to the nature of the content.
- Right before Covid, the school began a schoolwide initiative to track other aspects
  of student growth across the years, with the goal of determining scaffolded,
  developmentally appropriate targets around skills students should be developing
  more broadly. This needs to be continued.

### **Student Support**

- OSA needs more Math and Literacy support classes put into place based on analysis of student scores and needs.
- We have incorporated some support classes, but consistency needs to be developed as to expectations for class time, associated teacher support of the class, and outcomes.
- Students would like more electives put into place to enhance student engagement and relevance for their futures.

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

 OSA has engaged in professional development for training in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to better respond to the needs of staff, faculty, and students. However, there will be significant work in the upcoming years to fully implement these DEI principles to fully and authentically support student learning.

### Category E: School Culture and Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth

### **E1. Parent and Community Engagement Criterion**

The school leadership employs a wide range of strategies to encourage family and community involvement, especially with the learning/teaching process.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard Q: Parents/Guardians: In a quality online program, parents and guardians play an integral part in their students' educational life. They work as a team with faculty, administrators, guidance services, and organizational support to ensure a quality educational experience for their students. [iNACOL Standard Q, 2009]

### **Indicators with Prompts**

### **Parent Engagement**

- **E1.1. Indicator**: The school implements strategies and processes for the regular involvement of all stakeholder support groups in the learning and teaching process for all students.
- **E1.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the strategies and processes for the regular involvement of the family, and the community, including being active partners in the learning/teaching process. Comment on the effectiveness of involving parents of non-English speaking, special needs and online students.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The school has a website with information to support families in many ways with an option to translate into 18 different languages.	OSA School website
The school provides an online year-long calendar on its website. This allows families to plan ahead for school events and evening meetings	OSA School Calendar
First Tuesday of the month each Arts Dept meets with parent groups by sub-pathway During Remote Learning, each arts chair schedules own meetings, This allows parents to participate in their student's art emphasis.	OSA School Calendar
There is a Family Resources section of the website that contains recent school to home communications, a link to the Volunteer portal, a list of Family Resources during Remote Learning, logging attendance, school forms, and the links for the parent organization, APT, and their communication tool, Konstella	Family Resources
Parents can access PowerSchool to keep track of their student's academic and artistic grades	OSA Powerschool Access

Parents can keep track of classroom activities and assignments on Google Classroom	Google Classroom
The school publishes a monthly newsletter to make announcements and highlight school achievements	OSA Newsletter
Families, Faculty and Staff all have	Talking Points Communication
access to Talking Points, a	
communication tool that translates	
messages into many different languages	
The school holds a Back-to-School night each fall. In Fall 2020, we offered a virtual event - teachers were available over a ZOOM link for one hour, but also published a 10 minute video covering their class information	Back-to-School Night
The Alliance of Parents and Teachers (APT) holds meetings to discuss and support school success	APT website
The school also has an active parent group called People of Color (POC)	POC
The school also has an active parent group called Parents of Students with Disabilities (PODS)	PODS
The school has an active parent group called OSA Anti-Racist Education & Activism Parent Group	Anti-Racist Education & Activism Parent Volunteer Group
OSA Board Meetings are open to the	OSA Board Meetings
public and agenda and minutes are	OSA Board Meeting Agendas and
available on the school website and calendar	<u>Minutes</u>
The Academic counseling website	Academic Counseling website
provides families with information as their	
student plans their school and	
beyond-school career, including Course	
Catalogs and Graduation Requirements	
Parents have volunteered as speakers in	OSA Mail - Speaking to 6th Graders
classrooms in their area of expertise,	
architects, authors, scientists	

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The OSA ambassador parents	OSA Newsletter
committee has hosted an	
approximately monthly family social.	
Cultural surveys are sent to parents at	Parent Cultural Survey
least once a year and sometimes more	
often, if the need arises	
Parents have helped out at auditions	Parents help with auditions

### E2. School Culture and Environment Criterion

The school provides a) a safe, clean, and orderly place that nurtures learning and b) develops a culture that is characterized by trust, professionalism, high expectations for all students, and c) maintains a focus on continuous school improvement.

**Online Programs: iNACOL Standard P: Organizational Support**: A quality online program has organizational support to oversee the instructional learning environment as it is conveyed through technology. Some organizational support services may be distributed between the programs and other entities, depending on the physical location where the students are taking their online courses. [iNACOL Standard P, 2009]

### **Indicators with Prompts**

### Safe, Clean, and Orderly Environment

**E2.1.** Indicator: The school has existing policies and regulations and uses its resources to ensure a safe, clean, and orderly place that nurtures learning, including internet safety and Uniform Complaint Procedures.

**E2.1. Prompt**: Comment on the effectiveness of the processes and procedures in place (e.g., School Safety Plan), roles and responsibilities for ensuring a safe, clean and orderly learning environment that supports students.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The school maintains a Safety and Emergency Preparedness Binder in the Front Office	Comprehensive School Safety Plan
Teacher syllabi list classroom rules and procedures	Physical Science Syllabus Precalculus Syllabus
The Chemistry Lab has students sign a safety contract	Chemistry Lab Safety Policy
To offer a safe and secure internet at our school we have a "Net Nanny" installed on our network	Technology Safeguards
We maintain safety policy for our OSA network that guests may not join it - only people with OSA email addresses	Technology Safeguards
We maintain a document that lists the Facilities Manager Procedures	Comprehensive School Safety Plan
We provide signage in hallways and classrooms to direct people safely out of the building	Evacuation Sign
A section of our student handbook lists behavior expectations to maintain a safe environment for all	Student Handbook
We use Restorative Practices to address discipline issues to promote	Student Handbook

pro-social student growth	
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When school is in session in the	Cleaning Contract
building we contract with an outside	<u>Cleaning Schedule</u>
cleaning service for after hours	
cleaning. They also provide one	
daytime porter.	
We have an Employee Emergency	Comprehensive School Safety Plan
Procedure Handbook that lists	
procedures for drills and emergencies	
such as fire earthquake and intruder.	
Fire extinguishers are present in every	Comprehensive School Safety Plan
classroom and they are inspected	
monthly.	
We have Uniform Complaint	Student Handbook
Procedures in place for students and	
families.	
The Employee Handbook outlines	Employee Handbook
policies for employees to follow.	
During the pandemic we have put	OSA COVID-19 Health Screening
additional procedures into place,	<u>Form</u>
including a health screening plan	
During the pandemic we have put	OSA COVID Prevention Program
additional procedures into place,	
including a COVID prevention	
program	
There is a safety procedure in place in	Production Design Safety Class
Production Design	
There are dress codes in place for	Syllabus - Musical Theatre
many arts classes	Dance Department Handbook
Arts departments have offered	Musical Theatre Safety in Remote
guidelines for remote learning	Learning
Promoting proper internet etiquette	Prevention of ZOOM Bombing
during Remote Teaching	
Preventing transmission of COVID,	COVID Cleaning
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### **High Expectations/Concern for Students**

- **E2.2. Indicator**: The school culture demonstrates caring, concern, and high expectations for students in an environment that honors individual differences, social emotional needs, and is conducive to learning.
- **E2.2. Prompt**: Evaluate to what extent the school has created and supported an atmosphere of caring, concern, and high expectations for students in an environment that honors individual differences. Determine how effectively school policies, programs and procedures support student learning by examining information such as: proportionality of discipline data, use of positive behavior strategies by staff,

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restorative justice practices, celebrations of students' heritage and ethnicity and other information or practices that support a caring, learning environment.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
OSA provides student and family resources including mental health resources, health and wellness, access to the OSA Wellness Team, Tech Support, Academic Counseling	OSA Student and Family Resources
Teachers and Community members can refer a student for support if there is any concern about their academic progress or mental health, etc.	Referral to Student Support
Schedule of Remote Learning is	Remote Learning Bell Schedule
conducive to supporting student and	
staff mental health with Wednesdays	
as a student support day	
"Young Men of Color" is a social	Young Men of Color
emotional based course where	
students expand their understanding	
of their character, develop life skills	
and explore academic interests.	
"College Support" geared towards	College Support course for seniors
supporting students as they plan for	and juniors
college.	
A variety of school clubs and affinity	OSA Student Clubs
groups are offered, even during	Student Affinity Groups
remote learning.	More Affinity Groups
The Student Leadership Class sponsors spirit weeks and online spirit rallies	Student Leadership course
The Dean, in conjunction with students, present an assembly monthly called OSA Creates to showcase student work monthly during remote learning	OSA Creates
OSA provides a Visiting Artist program, where professionals can share and show tools and strategies on how to move further into area of emphasis	Visiting Artist Series

Pathways supporting students toward	Creative Career Pathways & CTE
individualized career readiness in the arts	
and arts-adjacent fields	
Students look forward to opportunities	Summer Opportunity
being announced by instructors for	Scholarship Opportunityl
scholarships and summer programs	Scholarship OpportunityII
Arts teachers bringing in topical	Black Composers Piano Recital
enrichment opportunities	
Student engagement and support is	HS English & Arts Integration
enhanced by arts integration into	
English classes	
OSA's Step-It-Up (SIU) program offers	Step-It-Up Program
arts training to SIU applicants from	
Title 1 schools in Oakland. We	
encourage them to apply to OSA.	
Students are featured in our Monthly	OSA Newsletter
OSA newsletter	

### Atmosphere of Trust, Respect, and Professionalism

**E2.3.** Indicator: The entire school community has an atmosphere of trust, respect, and professionalism.

**E2.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the degree to which there is evidence of an atmosphere of trust, respect, and professionalism. Examine the quality and consistency of communication and collaboration between and among the school's leadership, staff and stakeholders.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Theater Safe Space. The theater	Physical Theatre I
department includes in their syllabus that	
classes are a safe zone. This is outlined	
in the syllabus itself and students are	
explicitly taught what it means and are	
held accountable to it.	
OSA has a policy of using restorative	Restorative Justice
justice to resolve interpersonal conflict.	
Restorative justice is included in the	
Advisory curriculum	
Team building and community building	Team Building Kahoot
is conducted at the beginning of the	
school year and throughout the year in	
classrooms and in advisory. Example	
of team building in math class: Kahoot	
game where students guess and	
share information about themselves.	
Anti-Bullying Policies include:	Student Handbook

<ul> <li>Report acts of bullying to the</li> </ul>	
Dean of Students or School	
Counselors	
An investigation process and	
possible disciplinary actions will	
begin after student report is	
completed.	
Students and families are	
prohibited from retaliation	
against anyone who reports	
suspected bullying"	
OSA prohibits unlawful discrimination,	Student Handbook
harassment, intimidation, or bullying	
based on the actual or perceived	
characteristics of disability, gender,	
gender identity, gender expression,	
nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with	
a person or group with one or more of	
these actual or perceived	
characteristics.	
Characteristics.	
Professionalism is expected in the	Cabaret Student Production Contract
	Cabaret Student Production Contract Conservatory_Lean_Forwrd
Professionalism is expected in the	
Professionalism is expected in the Theater Department	Conservatory_Lean_Forwrd
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Professionalism is expected in the Theater Department  Professionalism in the Dance Department is exhibited by:  • Students have a code of conduct that defines expectations for behavior,	Conservatory_Lean_Forwrd
Professionalism is expected in the Theater Department  Professionalism in the Dance Department is exhibited by:  • Students have a code of conduct that defines expectations for behavior, attitude and conduct both inside	Conservatory_Lean_Forwrd
Professionalism is expected in the Theater Department  Professionalism in the Dance Department is exhibited by:  • Students have a code of conduct that defines expectations for behavior, attitude and conduct both inside and outside of the dance	Conservatory_Lean_Forwrd
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Professionalism is expected in the Theater Department  Professionalism in the Dance Department is exhibited by:  • Students have a code of conduct that defines expectations for behavior, attitude and conduct both inside and outside of the dance department  • Dancers must meet eligibility to perform:	Conservatory_Lean_Forwrd
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through the Arts Assembly	
Administration involves staff with	Student Engagement Follow-up
major decisions that involve them	
Building collaboration among faculty	Professional Development - Cultural
and staff during Professional	Mindfulness Institute
Development	
	TownHall and Survey Email
Collaboration and community with	
parents happens during Town Hall	
meetings and through our annual	
culture survey	

### E3. Personal and Academic Student Support Criterion

All students receive appropriate academic and multi-tiered support to help ensure student learning, college and career readiness and success. Students with special talents and/or needs have access to a system of personal support services, activities, and opportunities at the school and community.

**Online Programs: iNACOL Standard N: Organizational Support**: A quality online program has student support services to address the various needs of students at different levels within the organization. The levels of support are appropriate and adequate for a student's success. [iNACOL Standard N, 2009]

**Online Programs: iNACOL Standard O: Guidance Services**: A quality online program has guidance services to support students and parents to ensure success of the online program. Depending on the program, these services are either directly provided by the program or a service provider, or in the case of supplemental programs, these services may be provided by the local school. [iNACOL Standard O, 2009]

### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Equitable Academic Support**

- **E3.1.** Indicator: Through the use of equitable support all students have access to a challenging, relevant, and coherent curriculum.
- **E3.1. Prompt**: Evaluate the school's effectiveness in regularly examining demographic distribution of students for disproportionality throughout the class offerings (e.g., master class schedule and class enrollments).

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The school administration leads sessions	Student Progress Data
to evaluate students levels in ELA and	
math classes including a focus on	
demographics.	
Students are moved into or out of classes	Student Schedule Change
where they will be most productive	
The bell schedule was redesigned to	'19-'20 Bell Schedule
allow for a two day block schedule	

offering more flexibility in providing time
for in-school student support.

### **Multi-Tiered Support Strategies for Students**

- **E3.2. Indicator**: School leadership develop and implement strategies and personalized multi-tiered support approaches to learning and alternative instructional options.
- **E3.2 Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the types of strategies and approaches used by the school leadership and staff to develop and implement personalized multi-tiered support system.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The assistant principal offers academic support periods	Academic Support Periods
The Wellness Team leads COST sessions for identified students	COST Process
The SPED Department offers office hours for teachers to check in about their students	SPED Office Hours for Teachers
Teacher evaluation software is aligned with CA state standards that evaluates teachers on different strategies and approaches used to teach students academic content	Bullseye Teacher Evaluation Software Division Meeting on Evaluations
We use Response to Intervention (RTI) to identify which students are prioritized in receiving academic and social-emotional support	Wellness Team
After school tutoring program was offered before the pandemic	Announcement of After School Program

**E3.2.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Provide evidence that the processes and strategies are effective for incoming students with regard to orientation or induction and the ongoing monitoring and support of the students to ensure all have a full opportunity for academic success.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Impact on Student Learning and Well-Being

- **E3.3.** Indicator: The school leadership and staff ensure that the multi-tiered support system impacts student success and achievement.
- **E3.3. Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which the implementation of the multi-tiered support systems impact student learning and well-being.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Students in advisory develop	Advisory Conference Notes
relationships with advisors and receive	Advisory Website
academic counseling. The results of	,
these conversations are recorded in	
Advisory	

The Head Counselor sends out notices during the quarter to alert	Student Watchlist
faculty about the status of students of concern.	
Student Incident Reports  A safe and civil environment is needed for students to learn, develop their artistic talents, and to promote positive community at OSA. The school incident report should be prepared as close as possible to the time of the incident - preferably on the same day. In the event any non-minor incident is reported by the student, visitor, or parent after the event has occurred, a report should still be prepared as soon as possible. The report helps set up the tier 1 support with counselors and reaching out to the student via email and then pursuing a follow up with the instructor to help resolve the issue or access if further mediation is needed.	Student Incident Report

**E3.3.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the extent to which the support system meets the needs of students in the program (e.g., academic and personal counseling, health services), support services and related activities have a direct relationship to student involvement in learning with respect to equity of access, availability of technology and internet.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

#### **Co-Curricular Activities**

- **E3.4.** Indicator: The school ensures that there is a high level of student involvement in curricular and co-curricular activities that link to schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and college- and career-readiness standards.
- **E3.4. Prompt**: Evaluate the availability to and involvement of students in curricular and co-curricular activities. Determine the effectiveness of the extent to which co-curricular activities link to the schoolwide learner outcomes and academic standards. Examine the process that the school utilizes to evaluate the level of involvement for all students in a variety of activities.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The school provides advisors, space	OSA Club Assembly Announcement
and time for clubs from many different	
realms. These clubs provide	
opportunities for students to	
experience leadership, citizenship,	
develop communication skills and	

think critically in an area of personal	
engagement. Most clubs were formed	
by student request.	
The school also hosts a variety of	Student Club Schedule
affinity groups.	Otadent Oldo Ocheddie
The school hosts a college club for	Student Club Schedule
high school students which meets on	Student Glub Schedule
Fridays at noon.	
,	Student Artist Statement
There are many clubs on campus. There are after school dance classes	
offered by the school's dance	Student Resume
instructors. There are competitions	Robotics Club
that our students are involved in	Mock Trial
outside of OSA. There are	
performances in the arts outside of	
OSA. There are	
students who have internships. There	
are other opportunities in the	
community that staff notify students	
about.	
Examples include:	
Robotics club competing in UC	
Berkeley's Pioneers in Engineering	
Robotics competitions twice a year	
Green Team competing in the Sea	
Lion Bowl	
Mock Trial class competing in the	
Alameda County Mock Trial	
Competition	
Groups across the arts sub-pathways	
competing with other schools	
Groups across the arts sub-pathways	
performing/exhibiting work in the	
community	
Students register for classes and have	Chemistry Syllabus
orientations and meetings with	Student Planning
counselors to help them understand	
the required and elective courses	
necessary to graduate in order to plan	
out their years and register for	
courses, both offered through OSA and through local community colleges	
or online schools. Once enrolled in	
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courses at OSA, teachers provide online syllabi and review them with students at the beginning of the year. During in-person learning, a printed version is also given out to parents to sign and return, indicating that they and their student have received the document and understand it and will contact the teacher with any questions. Some teachers also	
project the syllabus as they go over it. Thus many modalities of	
disseminating information are used.	
Teachers and parents attend a Back to School Night where information	
about the course is shared and Q&A takes place. For current students, or	
for prospective students, digital versions of the syllabi can also be	
found on the OSA website. Thus	
many modalities of disseminating information are used.	
E3.5 Additional Online Instruction Prompt:	Evaluate the school's processes to address the

**E3.5.** Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the school's processes to address the needs of socialization for the students and involvement in the school. Provide evidence about the effectiveness of the students' involvement in school and community activities, such as clubs, yearbook, newsletter, newspaper, field trips, volunteer work, service projects, college courses, etc.

Findings	Supporting Evidence	

# ACS WASC Category E. School Culture and Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category E are being met.

Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the preliminary identified major student learner needs (Task 2, Chapter II).

### Summary (including comments about the preliminary identified major student learner needs)

The arts program at OSA creates a strong culture - all students are involved in an art and students recognize and respect artistic passion among their fellow students. All stakeholders support the arts program, including parents, community members, faculty and staff. OSA has a strong academic climate in support of student involvement in the arts. Students are required to fully embrace their academics. For some students this presents a true challenge and requires strong support academically, behaviorally and with mental health. The responsibility for student success is shared by arts and academic faculty, parents and the Wellness Team. In addition, there will be significant work required next school year to mitigate the learning loss from this remote learning year, as well as offering mental health support as students come out of isolation and return to in-school learning.

Prioritize the strengths and areas for growth for Category E.

Category E: School Culture and Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth: Areas of Strength

### Student Support

- Mental Health supports are in place. We have multiple staff members who meet one on one with students to support their mental health needs.
- Student support team meets regularly to support students who have been identified as needing additional help
- The diversity in arts classes offered at the school also helps provide support for students' social & emotional needs

### **SPED**

 Special Education Department is currently on a positive trajectory in providing student support.

### Counseling

- The Academic Counseling Team has established procedures that help students achieve success in their academic classes.

### **Creative Learning Pathways**

 School culture is and will continue to be enhanced as we pursue the Creative Learning Pathways goal of integrating academic and art curriculum

Category E: School Culture and Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth: Areas of Growth

### **Support During Remote Learning**

- Difficult to identify student challenges in a Zoom environment
- Difficult to contact parents & families in a Zoom environment
- Students may not be attending the support sessions that are available due to the challenges of online instruction
- We have not held formal parent/ teacher conferences while we have been online

### **Supplies**

- Need more funding to provide some additional and helpful supports to students (such as the purchase of audiobooks)

#### **Enrollment**

- There is some concern about the school program as OSA transitions from accepting students who have gone through an artistic audition into enrollment by lottery

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

 Student affinity groups (Black Student Union, APISA, Latinos Unidos) and parent support groups (POC and PODS) have expressed the need for greater support for students of color, including inclusive curriculum, equitable policy setting, and appropriate and timely academic support

### Prioritized Areas of Growth Needs from Categories A through E

Prioritize the growth areas from the five categories.

- College and Career Readiness
- Alumni
- Community Building
- Student Support
- Academics
- Arts
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- SPED
- Finances
- Communication

### **Chapter IV: Summary from Analysis of Identified Major Student Learner Needs**

Summarize the identified major student learner needs based on profile and Focus Group findings and California School Dashboard Results for student groups.

### a. Preliminary Identified Critical Student Learner Needs

As we began our 2021 self-study we determined that our preliminary *Identified Critical Student Learner Needs* were:

- 1. Math Achievement for all, especially minority groups
- 2. Inclusion of Arts Field experience (CTE)
- 3. Support of Student Mental Health

The Critical Student Learner Needs still appear to be appropriate after reviewing the Focus and Home group results and the findings from the Community Profile.

### b. Summary of Findings from Focus Groups and the Community Profile

### 1. Math Achievement for all, especially minority groups

The Community Profile shows that although our African American students improved their math scores on the CAASPP test in 2019, they are still our lowest performing group at 74 points below the standard. Our school's overall score is in the green zone at 3.6 points above the standard.

In our LCAP we state that "African-American students and Students with Disabilities are the areas where we see the greatest need for improvement. While on an upward trajectory, there remains a wide variance in SBAC scores between these student subgroups when compared to the 'All Student' numbers."

The Focus and Home Group results show that students of color are still struggling with math. We need to implement more support for math students.

### 2. Inclusion of Arts Field experience (CTE)

The Community Profile shows in the **Students in College and Career Indicator** that the school achieved a 60.2% rating for students prepared for college. As we stated in the profile "We expect to see our number of prepared students rise as we incorporate CTE into our curriculum and more students are CTE completers."

We are currently working on integrating CTE standards into our academic courses. Our first integration is with the High School English Department. Last summer (2020), school Administrators put together a packet dovetailing CTE standards into the high school English curriculum. Over the

summer, High School English teachers were given a stipend to attend several planning sessions where they studied the packet and built lessons using templates. All High School students are participating in this curriculum in English this year, however, their assessments vary depending on their pathway: Design, Visual and Media Arts or Performing Arts. We have found it difficult to fully roll out the new curriculum during Remote Teaching and plan a relaunch next school year when we anticipate being on-site.

The Focus and Home group results show that a current strength is "the CTE development that is integrating arts and academics even more with a career-pathway perspective; This is work that needs to be ongoing". Teachers feel that "Although we started applying CTE standards in ELA classes this year, teachers still need more guidance in teaching integrated English and arts." It appears that we need to deepen the CTE integration into the ELA curriculum as well as advance the integration into other departments.

### 3. Support of Student Mental Health

From student surveys we have found that students feel that there are few disturbing forms of behavior present on campus:

"The majority of students have not observed alcohol or drug use at OSA, harassment based on race, ethnicity, or sexual identity. They have not observed theft or cyberbullying.

It is more likely that they <u>have observed</u> physical fighting, inappropriate use of technology, lack of respect for staff, peer pressure or bullying, cutting classes and <u>depression or other mental health</u> issues.

When responding on a <u>personal level</u>, students have engaged in disruptive behavior, <u>depression or other mental health issues</u> and cutting classes or being truant." We are in a position to provide stronger mental health supports for students.

In our last self-study, Priority 2 was:

IMPROVE SPECIALIZED SUPPORT FOR ALL STUDENTS.

We accomplished this goal by forming a new Student Support Team which provided "Support for equal access, academic and personal counseling, college and career preparation support and health services."

The Student Support Team has been specifically restructured to ensure comprehensive 1-on-1 supports are provided for all students. The goal of the team is to establish and maintain a positive school culture (grades 6-12) in which all students are motivated to learn, support each other, and have structures in place that assist students in accessing

their full artistic and academic potential. The team consists of the following staff members:

- Assistant Principal, the student support team lead working to design and implement structures that support the team mission,
- the Dean of Students, who oversees the student discipline of all students grades 6-12 and supports teachers in the implementation of restorative practices in the classroom.
- the Head Counselor/Counselor Grades 6-9, who ensures that our course offerings are preparing students for a multitude of college and career opportunities and monitors the placement of students in the appropriate classes,
- the College and Career Counselor/Counselor Grades 7-12, who monitors student progress and works closely on the college application process with students and families during high school as they approach graduation,
- and the Mental Health Coordinator, who provides individual and group counseling to students that are identified as needing specific mental health supports.

Even with all of these supports in place, we are still experiencing a high need for mental health support among our student population. This need has only been exacerbated as we have been in Remote Learning, and will continue to be present as students return to in-school learning. As stated by our Focus Groups: "Difficult to identify student challenges in a Zoom environment. Difficult to contact parents & families in a Zoom environment. Students may not be attending the support sessions that are available due to the challenges of online instruction."

In addition, reports from the Student Support Team state that we need to "improve our outreach to high needs students. We would like to encourage high needs students to attend OSA. We note that there are increasing numbers of homeless/transitional students due to the pandemic. We recognize that foster students need an advocate and that we need to design this type of support." We would also like to "accurately report our High Needs Students. We would like to better monitor our students in terms of free and reduced lunch and housing, because we believe there are mistakes and the numbers are underreported. We would like to have one person monitoring this situation, and if the position were filled with a social worker, we could more easily connect students with services." In addition, as we enroll youth from challenging backgrounds, we would like to have the mental health supports in place to ensure their success at OSA.

### c. Strengths, Growth Areas, Next Steps

Focus Group	Strengths	Growth Areas	Next Steps
A: Organization	Parent Involvement	Communication	Communication - Clearer paths for

-Many parents have added their names to the volunteer catalog.

#### School Attitude

-Faculty, staff and students value and practice creativity.

### College & Career Readiness

- -Students are prepared for College.
- -CTE curriculum and standards amplifies the artistic expertise of students
- -Students are made aware of scholarship opportunities
- Work based learning opportunities are provided in several of the arts emphasis' with more internships and mentorships planned for the future

### **Alumni**

-Alumni feel connected to OSA and come back to visit and lend their support by bringing their college or career experience to current students

### Community Building

-The Oakarts website contains a lot of information but it needs to be more user-friendly.

- -There is room for growth in finding ways to help stakeholders.
- We need to
  encourage people to
  attend meetings so
  they are informed
   We should add a
  blurb to the
  newsletter to
  encourage people to
  come to the next
  board meeting
  -We need a
  procedure for
  providing data if
  someone requests
  information in

## reporting deadlines. OSA Board of Directors

between our

-Need to heighten the Board presence on campus. -Board goals need to be reshaped. It is a governing board and focus needs to shift to becoming a

### Uniform Complaint Procedure

fundraising board.

-Clearer procedures need to be developed so that everyone knows distributing and obtaining information

### OSA Board of Directors

Encourage the Board presence at student events

### Uniform Complaint Procedure

Create a document to accompany the form outlining the steps

### **Finances**

Rearranging the Finance Committee meeting time

-Student Affinity Groups

- There is engagement of our community through Town Hall events, Board Meetings and the monthly newsletter -A teachers' union
- -A teachers' union was started in the Spring of 2019 called COSATS

### Student Support & Engagement

- -Our high graduation rate is an indication of strong student support and engagement -Our high attendance rate is an indication of strong student engagement
- Student support team functions well and is constantly improving
- Our student support team uses data to promote positive student outcomes

#### **Arts Division**

We provide strong artistic programming for our students
We have an Arts Speakers Series which promotes what will happen if a complaint is raised.

### **Finances**

-Meetings of the Board Finance Committee happen at the worst times mornings during the week when students, teachers, and many parents can't attend -It would be nice to have the financial meetings when all can attend -The budget comes from the board down, and we have only recently been granted access -The cost of the student health/wellness centers are adding cost to the budget. These funds could have been spent on

#### **Facilities**

other things.

-We need to look for new arts spaces/buildings that are safe, seismically retrofitted, have fire detection and suppression systems. -We need to provide space and facilities Encourage community participation in budget discussions

#### **Facilities**

Locate and develop spaces to accommodate our arts departments

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Hire a DEI Coordinator to monitor and encourage the skills we have developed during our trainings

#### Alumni

Increase our outreach to alumni

interest and vision for our arts classes -Arts departments provide performance opportunities for all eligible students

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

-We committed to year long Professional Development training to understand and improve our DEI practices

#### **SPED**

-Special education services are provided by a strong team

### Finances

-We have transparency in our financial procedures. -There is more agency in resource allocation than ever before now that COSATS is active/partnering in resource allocation

that are specialized for arts.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

-We need to keep expanding our efforts in this area. -We should work on increasing diversity and retention of teachers of color.

#### Alumni

-We need to leverage our alumni relationships more fully.

### Advancement

-We need to increase family participation in the annual fund.
-We need employee participation in the annual fund.

### College & Career Readiness

-We need to provide more work-based learning opportunities

### Community Building

-Students/parents should be more involved in leadership positions. -We should establish more of a social media presence.

### Advancement

Continue the support of our advancement department

### College & Career Readiness

Increase the number of internships

### Community Building

Continue outreach to the community for partnerships through attendance at events and social media

		-We should look for more collaboration and partnerships with other organizations.	
B: Curriculum	Arts Division - An arts school with arts faculty who are all professionally-traine d artists.  College and Career Readiness -CTE development that is integrating arts and academics even more with a career-pathway perspective, -We provide students with real world experiences that will help them be successful in either post-secondary schooling or career opportunities.  SPED -We are an inclusion school regarding students with IEPs so access is foundational in our approach to teaching arts and academics.  Curriculum -Academic teachers and arts Faculty who	Academic Division Math -CPM curriculum should find even more practical, "real-life" problems which may speak more to our students of color.  College and Career Readiness -One important gap in our curriculum and public messaging is the value in teaching students at the high school level how to get a job and be independent without needing to feel they must go to college in order to be successful. We feel this could be an important motivator for those students who may have no plans or interests in a post-secondary education. This would provide more value to an OSA diploma and not lessSince Economics is a required course, it	Academic Division Encourage all departments to develop curriculum that pulls in the real world making lessons more relevant to students College and Career Readiness Increased support and recognition for students who do not plan to go to college. More curriculum devoted to life skills.

	are grounded in the current grade level curriculum provide links to current events and current cultural phenomena to make the curriculum both relevant and rigorous.  Examples: Many classroom discussions and art making related to the recent Black Lives Matter movement, the 2020 Election, the COVID19 Pandemic, etc.	would be very useful to provide some more practical education on budgeting and cost of living in the Bay Area, etc.  SPED -Despite our strengths as an Inclusion school, the Special Education Department still gets marginalized too often and there are still too many general ed and arts teachers who do not fully understand their crucial, even legally mandated, role in implementing and even abiding by a student's IEP. We need to keep growing our Inclusion Mindset!  Communication -Support families to most effectively utilize technological tools to enhance communication with school staff and support of students.	SPED Increased training and oversight for general ed teachers in regards to SPED  Communication Offer workshops on the use of school technology tools for parents and guardians
C: Learning and Teaching	Community Building -Our school has a strong sense of community, even	Facilities - Limited differentiation due to lack of staffing and space. In middle	Facilities Increase the amount of space available for conducting identified arts

during Covid. -Students and teachers are sharing their art through Zoom and other methods. This is inspiring to the entire community. -Community is being built at OSA by ensuring that students and teachers have opportunities to interact both inside/during class and outside of class time.

### Alumni

-Having alumni involved is very helpful for new students and teachers, gives us a sense of shared history and a feeling that OSA is a community to be part of for life.

### School Attitude

-OSA staff and students have a problem-solving, flexible, can-do attitude. This has been very important during Covid with the continuously changing state guidance, etc.
-OSA teachers go above and beyond

school, one teacher oversees all digital media students grade 6-8. All HS students, grades 9-12, also share one classroom. These limitations make it difficult to differentiate for more advanced students to engage in more long-term and complex projects.

### College & Career Readiness

- Need more opportunities for internships for 11th and 12th graders with relevant art firms/industries - Need for more TA and mentorship opportunities for 11th and 12th graders

### Professional Development

- We need "real" professional development, like what we are having now with Diversity and Equity training. In the past, much of the PD has been run by teachers. We need funding for teachers and Department Chairs to attend

classes

### College & Career Readiness

Offer more TA spots and mentorship opportunities for 11th and 12th graders

### Professional Development

Offer more professional development that is led by outside experts. Also, allow and fund teachers to attend conferences and trainings outside of school.

to help their students, holding extra office hours as needed, running numerous clubs, attending student performances, etc.
-Students are taking initiative by starting their own social groups and clubs in order to stay connected to each other and to the school.

### Communication

-Students and teachers' input have been/are being considered in developing the remote learning schedule and program.
-Administration is accessible and responsive to

### Student Leadership

learning.

concerns, even

during remote

-Students are being asked and encouraged to run assemblies, clubs, etc.

### **Mental Health**

Students' emotional well-being is being addressed in the

conferences in their fields and to continue to develop. Often experienced teachers are asked to lead and are not given the opportunity to continue to grow. Also, too much is left for teachers to figure out on their own. such as teachers volunteering to present ideas for teaching online as our only real training in remote learning.

### Teacher Support

- We need more support for new teachers, so that they see we are invested in them becoming part of the OSA community. Ideas: Buddy system, ongoing observations with suggestions for improvement. collaboration as a norm, regular meetings with opportunities to share ideas as well as ask questions. - Classes should be set up so that there is not an entire grade level with new teachers, as has happened a few times in the past few Teacher Support
Increased and
codified support for
new teachers is
necessary. Create
opportunities for
teacher
collaboration. Need
more oversight of
teacher growth
plans.

time of "distance learning" by providing them many extra-curricular activities and clubs, so they can keep up their social connections.

### College & Career Readiness

for post high school education.
-Ability to switch arts emphasis gives students the

-Supporting students

- students the opportunity to explore more than one passion.
  -Artist Speaker
- Series: All students have access, (school-wide assembly) not just a particular emphasis or classroom.
- -Business of the
  Arts: This is now a
  linked learning class,
  part of the academic
  division in both
  pathways.

### Technology

-During COVID &
Remote Learning,
we have been able
to provide
computers
(chromebooks &
laptops) and
hotspots to students,
which has been

years. Collaboration should be required of new teachers, instead of them being given an entire class to teach on their own (Example: Biology or U.S. History)

- We need a more effective teacher evaluation system with the goal of continuous growth, not just checking up when things go wrong. Students want the opportunity to follow up on surveys, to see if a teacher is improving or not, and to know how the data they provide is being used.

### Student Support

- Student support has not been consistent enough in remote learning, and some students are falling through the cracks. We have accumulated a lot of data on who they are and why they are struggling, but we have not done enough to help them.
- We need a stronger remediation program (Math

### **Student Support**

Need to provide more consistent student support once we have the data indicating struggle. We need to add remediation classes for math and literacy that are well specified. We need to identify and support new students who are struggling as soon as possible.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

We need to hire a full-time DEI Coordinator and Curriculum Developer. We need to create and use an accountability rubric

crucial to their continued learning and provides equitable access for all students

### **Arts Division**

**Music**: Strong selection of musical choices from a variety of cultures.

### Academics Division

Science: Biology -Curriculum aligns more with NGSS. taught from an inquiry and phenomena perspective rather than rote memorization. This allows for many wavs to differentiate instruction and assess for the zone of proximal development and foundational skills/ concepts. Emphasis is on usage of evidence-based arguments, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

#### Math

-Teacher retention is higher since 2018 -Providing math support for students who need it so that they can get through

support and Literacy support), especially for new students. They need to be identified and supported with an action plan right away, with the goal of getting them to the level where they can achieve success in the regular classroom as quickly as possible.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- We need to really commit to this by: 1. Hiring a full-time DEI Coordinator and Curriculum Developer, and fulfilling the other recommended objectives (Students reps, Avid Coordinator. required A-G Ethnic Studies class) 2. Creating an accountability rubric and holding everyone accountable through evaluations based on this rubric 3. Committing to hiring and retaining teachers and administrative staff

### **Arts Division**

of color

and we need to hire and retain faculty and staff of color.

# Integrate a global view into all arts classes. Create a world music class. Provide a foundational

**Arts Division** 

Provide a foundational computer literacy class for incoming students.

Academic Division Need to create organized the requirements for high school. -Better vertical alignment in recent years; reviewing material that has been covered in one subject and using it for the next year -Re-evaluating curriculum to see what topics are more important than others - making sure that there is more depth than breadth in our curriculum -More students are achieving at higher levels of math than before -We have more students taking both college Calculus and AP Calculus than prior years

#### FΙΔ

-Students are assessed for reading comprehension skills at different points during the year, and for the most part students' reading comprehension skills improve over the course of the vear. This also provides the school with data and gives an alert to address when students don't meet the typical growth

### Music Theory:

- Should not be a white-centric. European construct - Should provide a more global and diverse view of concepts and instructional topics.

### World Music:

-We are hoping to create a class for students to learn more about cultural styles of music throughout the world

### Digital Media

-We would like to provide a foundational computer literacy class for incoming students who have never worked on a laptop or desktop before but are currently limited by number of staff available to teach different sections during the same time block

### **Academics** Division Science

-More resources and opportunities needed for hands-on instruction and activities.

-More vertical alignment between related subjects and spaces/closets for supplies and materials for all departments... Create a vertical alignment matrix for all courses by department. In math, we need to continue addressing the access gap for students of color. We need to support students at all levels in math. We would like to add new courses to the math department, including computer science. We need to continue on with our arts integration into HS ELA classes. Teachers need training to do this.

curves as seen on the standard assessment. content (7th grade
Life Science and 9th
grade Biology, for
example).
-More vertical
alignment of
transferable science
skills between
subjects (NGSS
Science and
Engineering
Practices and
Crosscutting
Concepts)

#### Math

-We still struggle with an achievement gap for black and brown students -Struggle with differentiation and being able to allow student achievement at all levels -More resources and opportunities needed for the application of mathematics to real world application within the arts - ie. using music and math, architecture and math, etc. -We struggle with finding math from other worlds: everything we have is from old european men -Need computer science as a part of

the math department

### **SPED**

Increased training and oversight for general ed teachers in regards to SPED. Professional Development should focus on SPED support. SPED Students with learning challenges need more support during remote learning.

## ELA

- More training on how to integrate curriculum with arts. Teachers are willing to teach more lessons aligned with the arts program, but need guidance. -More work is needed on bringing diversity to the middle school reading selections. Selections that are more current and which reflect the diversity of the student population should be considered.

### **SPED**

-It is challenging to make sure that student accommodations are in place for the SPED students It is difficult to engage in pertinent discussions about accommodations, as there is not much response from emails, and there is not a consistent designated time to have face to face time with the general education teachers -General education teachers need to

have a lens that focuses on how to plan and prepare for students who have accommodations and modifications. -We have not had designated professional development that addresses notions of scaffolded instruction. expectations around lesson planning, and making sure there is appropriate and consistent assessment (driven by standards) that is tracked, monitored, shared with students, and guides instruction. -During Remote Instruction/Distance Learning, our identified students with learning challenges (SpEd: students with IEPs) need more support. During class our "push in" process has been hindered by the constraints of a Zoom meeting. Outside of class, our students who have minutes allocated to them in their IEP paperwork are feeling "Zoomed out" and are less likely to

		attend the "pull out" meetings.	
D: Assessment and Accountability	Grading -The school has a standard grading scale for all classesThe school has a single eligibility standard for all subpathways, based on performance across all classes.  Communication -All teachers use Powerschool, Google Classroom, progress reports, and report cards to share data with parentsThe use of Talking Points software has helped bridge the language barrier between teachers and parents, which has helped with student performanceOSA began using these online forms of communication before the pandemic, which made it easier for students to adapt and continue to participate in school	Performance Monitoring -The school is in the beginning stages of more formalized tracking of student performance and growth by department and grade level. Departments are working on ways to authentically measure this year after year. Some departments are further along the process than others, and some have more natural ways to measure progress due to the nature of the contentRight before Covid, the school began a schoolwide initiative to track other aspects of student growth across the years, with the goal of determining scaffolded, developmentally appropriate targets around skills students should be developing more broadly. This effort needs to be continued.	Performance Monitoring We need to develop formalized tracking of student performance and growth for all departments. We need training in assessment by professionals. We need to develop targets for skills that we would like to see throughout the entire school population and a means for monitoring growth.  Student Support Need to provide more consistent student support once we have the data indicating

during remote learning. -Grade level teachers are given meeting time to check in with each other across departments to communicate about common standards and expectations. -Departments meet regularly to examine student performance and find ways to better articulate the curriculum across the grade levels. -OSA has a strong commitment to honoring stakeholder feedback. For example, the school implemented a block schedule and an advisory class based on student, teacher and parent feedback. Both endeavors are still in development as their implementation was slowed down during the pandemic.

## Student Support

### **Student Support**

- OSA needs more Math and Literacy support classes put into place based on analysis of student scores and needs. - We have incorporated some support classes, but consistency needs to be developed as to expectations for class time. associated teacher support of the class, and outcomes.
- Students would like more electives put into place to enhance student engagement and relevance for their futures.

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

-OSA has engaged in professional development for training in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to better respond to the needs of staff, faculty, and students. However. there will be significant work in the upcoming years to fully implement these DEI principles to fully and authentically support student learning.

struggle. We need to add remediation classes for math and literacy that are well specified. We need to identify and support new students who are struggling as soon as possible. We need to select and offer more electives to enhance student engagement

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

We need to hire a full-time DEI Coordinator and Curriculum Developer. We need to create and use an accountability rubric and we need to hire and retain faculty and staff of color.

	- OSA has a strong student support system for both academics (counselors) and mental health (Wellness team), which helps alleviate some barriers to effective learning Various programs are being put into place to better support our students as arts students, such as the introduction of Business of the Arts class. This started as an elective and is now a required class for 9th graders.		
E: School Culture	Student Support -Mental Health supports are in place. We have multiple staff members who meet one on one with students to support their mental health needsStudent support team meets regularly to support students who have been identified as	Student Support (during Remote Learning) -Difficult to identify student challenges in a Zoom environment -Difficult to contact parents & families in a Zoom environmentStudents may not be attending the support sessions that are available	Student Support (during Remote Learning) We are attempting to bring students back to campus - both struggling students who require support and students by grade level

needing additional help.

-The diversity in arts classes offered at the school also helps provide support for student social & emotional needs.

#### **SPED**

-Special Education
Department is
currently on a
positive trajectory in
providing student
support.

## Counseling

-The Academic Counseling Team has established procedures that help students achieve success in their academic classes.

# Creative Career Pathways

-School culture is and will continue to be enhanced as we pursue the Creative Learning Pathways goal of integrating academic and art curriculum

due to the challenges of online instruction
-We have not held formal parent/ teacher conferences while we have been online

## Supplies

-Need more funding to provide some additional and helpful supports to students (such as the purchase of audiobooks)

#### **Enrollment**

-There is some concern about the school program as OSA transitions from accepting students who have gone through an artistic auditions into enrollment by lottery

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

-Student affinity groups (Black Student Union, APISA, Latinos Unidos) and parent support groups (POC and PODS) have expressed the need for greater

### **Supplies**

Admin will continue to pursue grants and funding opportunities to support the purchase of additional supplies.

#### Enrollment

Admin will meet with and survey parents, teachers (both arts and academic), staff and students as we move into this new enrollment process.

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

We need to hire a full-time DEI Coordinator and Curriculum Developer. We need to create and use an accountability rubric and we need to hire and retain faculty and staff of color.

		support for students of color, including inclusive curriculum, equitable policy setting, and appropriate and timely academic support	
Home Group: Parents	Many opportunities for involvement. Students are so happy and proud to be part of the school. Staff working so hard during COVID!	Hard to find information regarding school lunch and menu items. Not always sure who to contact for help. Parent Home Group: Feedback	
Home Group: Students	Enjoy their arts classes Students support each other Value their collaboration over competition Prefer open-ended questions and project-based assignments	Students would like to receive the same informational emails that parents receive. Students would like to have access to more internship opportunities. Would like to see OSA reflect the diversity of the Bay Area Want to know how the student survey results are used - and then take effect Would like curriculum to reflect more cultures - not	

just focus on Shakespeare in HS
English
Would like more
STEM opportunities

## d. Themes from the Strengths and Areas of Growth

Obviously, many of these themes are intertwined but we have attempted to categorize the topics that were brought up consistently.

## School Strengths

Parent involvement, school attitude and student engagement are all seen as school strengths. Stakeholders feel that students are being given opportunities to develop leadership skills. During the pandemic, students' mental health needs and technology needs are being addressed. It is felt that teachers are aware of and address current events in their classes. Grading standards have been established consistently. The Counseling Department has developed monitoring procedures that support student academic success. The newly established Creative Careers Pathways program will increase student engagement as we integrate academic and arts curriculum.

# Several themes elicited mixed reactions from stakeholders. College and Career Readiness

Students are well prepared for college, including being made aware of scholarship opportunities. Several real world opportunities have helped prepare students for life after high school, including internships and mentorships. The artist speakers series and the Business of the Arts classes have supported students in their understanding of possible career paths. Integration of arts and academics based on the CTE standards along with the ability to switch arts emphasis give students a broader perspective on their future. However, it is thought that we need to provide more work-based learning opportunities, including internships, mentorships and even the opportunity to serve as TA's for various classes. We also need to help students prepare for their future in practical terms, such as

knowing how to budget and understanding "cost of living". One gap in our school message is leading students to believe that they <u>must</u> go to college to be successful.

#### Alumni

Although we have benefitted from returning alumni bringing their experience and perspectives back to our students, it is felt that we need to leverage our alumni relationships more fully.

## **Community Building**

There is an active community at OSA as exemplified by the number of student affinity groups and stakeholder participation in Town Hall events and Board meetings. Parents, teachers and students are attending community events during COVID. Currently, students and teachers are sharing their art through Zoom. A teachers' union was started in the Spring of 2019. However, the community could be even stronger if students and parents were more involved in leadership positions, we had more of a social media presence and we created more partnerships with outside organizations.

## Student Support

The Student Support team functions well and is constantly improving. They use data to support positive student outcomes. The team helps lower barriers for learning. 9th grade students now take a Business of the Arts course which helps support students as artists. Although we do have a lot of data about how students are performing, there have not been enough supports during remote learning to ensure school-wide student success. Students who need ZOOM sessions for intervention don't always show up. We need to provide math and literacy support classes to help with remediation. New students who struggle need to be identified quickly and interventions offered as soon as possible.

#### Academics

Classes adhere to current standards (Common Core, NGSS) which support the latest research on student learning. Improvements are being seen in math, with higher teacher retention and better vertical alignment between courses. Students are achieving at higher levels of math than before and more students are taking college level Calculus and AP Calculus than prior years.

However, in math, it is recognized that students of color are still having difficulty fully accessing the curriculum. It will be helpful when the arts and more real life problems are integrated into math. Science needs more resources and opportunities for hands-on learning and there needs to be more vertical alignment between courses. Although we started applying CTE standards in ELA classes this year, teachers still need more

guidance in teaching integrated English and arts. Also, more diversity is needed in ELA class reading selections.

#### Arts

We have a strong artistic program for our students. They are being trained by professional artists. They are able to learn from the experiences of practicing artists through our speaker series. They have opportunities through their departments to perform for the public. However, some improvements could include more emphasis on a global and diverse view, including world music and culture. It would also be beneficial for new students to be exposed to a foundational computer literacy course.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

We are currently involved in a year long professional development training to understand and improve our DEI practices at OSA. Many feel that we need to keep expanding our efforts in this area by hiring a DEI Coordinator, creating accountability rubrics and recruiting and training staff of color. Parent and student affinity groups have expressed the need for greater support for students of color.

#### **SPED**

The SPED team is perceived to be strong and improving. We have a lot of SPED students at OSA, so providing access to all class curriculum is foundational to our approach. However, there is frustration exhibited by the SPED department due to the general education teachers' lack of communication and observation of accommodations. Work needs to be done for everyone to have an Inclusion Mindset.

#### **Finances**

The budget is determined by the Board and passed down to the community. It is felt that we have transparency in our finances and that our resource allocation is better understood with the teachers' union involved in finance discussions. However, it would be preferred to have the Board Finance Committee meet at a time when more people can attend so that more opinions for resource allocation could be taken into account.

#### Communication

Teachers have been and are adept at communicating using technology tools. Teacher meetings happen frequently, in divisions, across grade levels and within departments. Surveys are distributed to stakeholders regularly and have helped guide new additions to the schedule including two block days and an advisory class. Students, teachers and parents have contributed to determining the school schedule and the norms during remote learning. It is felt that the administration is accessible and responsive to concerns.

Although the OSA website holds a lot of information, it is not particularly user friendly. We need to do a better job at communicating in all ways - meeting announcements, encouraging enrollment. We could support families in a better way by offering seminars about technology use.

#### Areas that require attention

People would prefer that the Board increases their presence on campus. Some feel that the Board needs to become involved in fund-raising for the school. We need to have clearer procedures for filing a Uniform Complaint. We need to increase family and teacher involvement in the annual fund drive. Arts teachers would like to have facilities that can better accommodate their classes. In addition, there are perceived needs for supplies to help support students in the classroom.

There were many findings in terms of teacher support. Teachers want "real" professional development, in other words, experts brought in from the outside, as well as opportunities to attend conferences and trainings. We should offer more support to new teachers. If we invest in them they will be more likely to become part of the OSA community. New teachers should have an experienced teacher presenting the same class so that they can collaborate. We need a more effective teacher evaluation system that promotes continuous growth.

We need to become more adept at formalized tracking of student performance and growth by department and grade level. Finally, there is apprehension on the part of the staff as to how OSA will accommodate new students as we transition from enrollment by audition to a lottery system.

### e. Strategies and activities for addressing major student learning needs

# 1. Math Achievement for all, especially minority groups College and Career Readiness

Students need to be "math ready" for college and/or career by taking and passing high school A-G math courses. We need to closely monitor student performance so that they will be well positioned for participating in college classes.

## Student Support

We will provide a math support class that is well-structured. The student support team will closely monitor student progress and alert teachers, students, parents and the math support class teachers when students are struggling. They may also recommend students to join the math support class.

#### Academics

Math teachers will research and use best practices in their classes. Math teachers will work closely with the Student Support Team to monitor student progress and offer

interventions at the earliest opportunity. Other academic departments will employ the math strands listed in their standards to support the math mindset.

## **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

Math teachers will employ equitable practices in their classrooms. We will use equity rubrics to evaluate teacher DEI practices. Teachers will look for opportunities to introduce topics that are world-based. We will expand our hiring outreach to reach more teachers of color.

#### **SPED**

Math (and all) teachers will support SPED accommodations and bring a SPED mindset to their teaching. Math teachers will work with the SPED team to ensure student progress and success, in both classwork and tests.

#### **Finances**

Administration will work with the finance team to provide the funding necessary to purchase materials that may help with student learning. Funding will be made available for teacher professional development.

#### Communication

All stakeholders need to communicate fully to support math growth at OSA. Teachers need to alert students and parents of progress. The Student Support Team needs to be in communication with students, parents and teachers. The administration needs to monitor progress and present this information at both Board and Town Hall meetings.

# 2. Inclusion of Arts Field experience (CTE) College and Career Readiness

Transitioning to CTE-based arts and academics integration will better prepare students for their future by giving them knowledge, experience and insight about future career paths, whether they attend college or go straight into a career.

#### Alumni

Increasing our alumni presence on campus will allow students to connect with former OSA students in the "real world", helping the students deepen their understanding of how the arts and academics will influence their futures.

## **Student Support**

The student support team will play an important role in monitoring and supporting struggling students as they attend classes with arts and academic integration. They will provide a broad view ast to how students are doing with the newly integrated curriculums.

#### Academics

Academic classes will offer a higher degree of engagement for students as teachers begin to integrate CTE standards into their classes. Teachers will need support as they transition to the new curriculum.

#### Arts

Arts teachers will play a crucial role in delivering the CTE standards for their pathway and supporting the arts integration into the academic classes.

## **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

Inclusion of arts field experience at OSA will help support diversity as students have opportunities for understanding their art from more perspectives (within academic classes). As arts are integrated into academic classes, there should be awareness of providing a global perspective. Student engagement should increase in all populations as art and academics are integrated.

#### **SPED**

SPED students may develop more understanding in their academic classes as the curriculum becomes more closely tied to their art pathway. Teachers will need to apply new types of accommodations as they adopt the CTE standards.

#### Finances

There will be additional costs as all classes require a wider range of materials to support the new CTE standards.

#### Communication

A great deal of communication will be required as we adopt the CTE standards, especially as the school integrates the standards into more departments. Parents will want to understand what this process entails and be made aware of student progress in both arts and academics. Progress in all areas will need to be fully communicated to the Board and at Town Hall meetings.

# 3. Support of Student Mental Health College and Career Readiness

As we incorporate CTE standards into all curriculum, students will find their coursework more relevant and engaging. They may find their confidence increased as their artistic profile develops. Focus on and success in their art may support students' mental health.

#### Alumni

Increasing our alumni presence on campus will allow students to connect with former OSA students in the "real world", helping the students deepen their understanding of how the arts and academics will influence their futures. This may help lower anxiety levels as students have more understanding of their career path.

## **Community Building**

Continuing and increasing opportunities for community engagement will support student mental health. Making friends and being part of a community will help students feel seen and understood. These supports will help alleviate feelings of isolation and support positive mental health.

### **Student Support**

Growing the Student Support Team will offer opportunities for counseling, both one on one, and in small group settings when mental health issues arise. The team can also provide outreach for families and students who need additional mental health supports.

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

Students of color have expressed feelings of alienation in classes where they are "different" or their culture is not acknowledged. Training for all in DEI principles and application of this learning in the classroom will make a more comfortable environment for all of our students. Increasing the number of teachers and staff of color will create a more diverse and inclusive school setting.

#### **SPED**

Bringing a SPED mindset to all of our work will provide more access to our curriculum for all students. As we increase our ability to honor SPED requirements, we will be allowing our SPED students to feel less anxious about their ability to participate in the classroom, thus lowering their stress levels and better supporting their mental health.

#### **Finances**

We need to provide the funding to support the mental health staff that is required to run one on one counseling sessions, lead mental health small groups, and track students who may be transitional in their living situation.

#### Communication

Communication and training needs to be provided for all stakeholders in support of mental health. We have many students who are exploring their gender identity, as well as their identity as an artist, and the community would benefit from seminars and presentations that offer ideas about supporting students through these times.

#### Chapter V: Schoolwide Action Plan

- A. Revise the single schoolwide action plan, i.e., Single Plan for Student Achievement. Ensure the plan is aligned with the Local Control and Accountability Plan.
- B. State any additional specific strategies to be used by staff within each subject area/support program to support sections of the schoolwide action plan.
- C. Describe the school's follow-up process, ensuring an ongoing improvement process.

Formal action plans from each Home Group are not necessary; the critical emphasis is the consensus and commitment from all shareholders to implementing the various sections of the schoolwide action plan.

#### Oakland School for the Arts WASC Action Plan 2021

Priority 1: The staff and administration will develop a plan, based on data, to ensure rigorous curriculum and quality instruction that challenges all students.

OBJECTIVE/	TIME	WHO'S	MEANS TO	METRICS	RESOURCES
ACTIVITY	LINE	RESPONSIBLE	ASSESS	METRICS	NEEDED/
ACTIVITI	LINL	RESPONSIBLE	ASSESS		PROFESSIONAL
					DEVELOPMENT
1. OSA will support students in math and ELA achievement with middle school and high school math and ELA support classes	Fall 2021- Ongoing	Principal Math Chair Math Faculty English Chair English Faculty	CAASPP math scores; Benchmark exams; Math class grades; CAASPP ELA scores; Benchmark exams; English class grades, Lexia, SRI and MTDP scores	CAASPP baseline to be established in 2021-22; proficiency growth will be 3% annually in all demographics	Data collection tools; CAASPP practice materials; set up classes. Lexia training, FTE for intervention classes and support
2. Incoming students will be assessed to determine what supports are needed. A comprehensive orientation will be established.	Fall 2021- Ongoing	Principal Asst. Principals Math Chair English Chair	Results of SRI and MDTP assessments; Supports developed	100% of students will be assessed and correctly placed and/or provided supports	Assessment tools Teacher Time Funds for support systems
3. OSA will continue to explore an academic assessment approach that may include: benchmark	Fall 2021 Spring 2022	Principal Department Chairs	Assessment documents Results of assessments List of supports	Analysis of department assessments; Results of analysis to use	Professional Development time; Teacher attendance at informational and training seminars

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skills-based exams,			students	curriculum	
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expectations			assisted		
4. Structures will be in place to ensure success in all classes. Both internal and external factors will be analyzed to balance workload and determine program need. Students will be empowered to work with teachers on special accommodations and schedules based on performances and other activities.	Fall 2021 - ongoing	Grade level counselors, Academic and Arts Teachers, Students ,and Families	Graduation progress monitoring systems, Student grades Independent Study Rosters	95% of students will retain performance eligibility; 90% of students involved in major performances will not suffer grade reductions;	Counseling team Arts Calendar
6. When benchmarks and other tests are determined, a remediation plan will be created for students who do not meet the expected levels.	Fall 2021 - Spring 2022	Teachers Students Support Classes	Student GPAs Internal assessments	75% of identified students will take part in the remediation plan	Expectations and Norms established for all classes
7. OSA will develop a data study plan that correlates with the Common Core curriculum and demonstrated student need in math and ELA. A process for reporting data will be developed.	Spring 2021- Spring 2022	Director Principal Asst. Principal Faculty	Data documents Common Core assessment data	Two faculty PD sessions annually will focus on data study, including all math and ELA results	Common Core assessment data Data collection software Professional development time
8. OSA will reduce the access gap between groups that represent: ethnicity, disability status, economic status.	Fall 2021- Ongoing	Director Principal Asst. Principal SPED Director, Grade Level Counselors All Faculty	Benchmark results Graduation progress Test scores GPAs	On math & ELA CAASPP results, OSA will move the scores of all student groups who are below the standard up	PD time Data collection tool

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				by 10 points each year	
9. OSA will serve students with special needs through Special Education, and RTI and 504 systems. Students will show evidence of achievement in all areas through GPAs and graduation data.	Spring 2021- Ongoing	Special Education staff 504 Coordinators Faculty Students Families	Student achievement data	On math & ELA CAASPP results, OSA will move the scores of students with special needs who are below the standard up by 10 points (same goal as above for non-disabled students)	Special Education funds RTI and mental health funding
10. Student leadership groups will take an active role in helping fellow students through tutoring and mentorship.	Fall 2021- Ongoing	Ass't. Principal Student leaders Students Families	Math Support ELA Support Class attendance	Students with availability during the math & ELA support classes will be offered a TA position	Meeting time Enlistment of TA's
11. Math teachers will receive in-depth professional development and training.	Fall 2021	Principal Math Department Chair Math Faculty	Math teacher survey	Teacher observation shows evidence of techniques learned in PD and training	Expert Consultants on Math pedagogy
12. A credit recovery system will be put into place to ensure high school students are on track to graduate in their math courses and are A-G eligible	Fall 2021	Counseling Team	Graduation rates	98% of seniors will graduate each year; 100% of students in need of Credit Recovery will have access to online courses and follow-up monitoring. 80% of graduates will be A-G eligible in 2022, 90% in 2023, 95% in 2024.	PD/Training for academic counselors Funds for on-line courses Time and space for student study.
13. OSA will ensure that all students receive the appropriate level of challenge in all classes, whether in a traditional class or	Spring 2021	Principal Asst. Principal Faculty Department - Chairs	Student and family surveys	All teacher syllabi will reflect differentiation strategies; syllabi of new electives	Professional Development time and funds Curriculum materials Development time for new courses

in an elective, specifically ensuring that advanced students receive a differentiated curriculum.					
14. OSA academic staff will increase opportunities for advanced students by exploring the opportunities to enter academic competitions, i.e. EAA Bridge Building, Math Olympics, Technovation technology challenge	Fall 2021 - ongoing	ALL	Competition entries	In 2021-2022 and each following school year OSA will have a team entering at least two enrichment competitions	Funds for travel Time for practice Faculty supervision of clubs
15. Appointment of a "Math Data" monitor to provide information to gauge math growth and areas of need.	Spring 2021 - Ongoing	Math Department chair	Access to all math benchmark scores, CAASPP, and any other math tools that are employed	Scores will increase on the benchmarks as well as on the CAASPP, especially among minority groups	Stipend for monitor position

Priority 2: The school will continue to integrate the CTE pathway model program with their existing academic and arts programs to prepare students for college and career readiness.

OBJECTIVE/ ACTIVITY	TIMELINE	WHO'S RESPONSIBLE	MEANS TO ASSESS	METRICS	RESOURCES NEEDED/ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
1. OSA will continue the integration of CTE standards into the high school English curriculum	Fall 2021- Fall 2022	Principal Asst. Principal Pathway Coordinator English Chair HS English Faculty	Relaunch plan developed in summer 2020 as we return to in-person learning	New curriculum will be fully integrated by fall 2022	Meeting time for the English department with the Pathway Coordinator and Ass't Principal
2. Leadership Team will work with the Faculty to create a plan for integrating	Fall 2021- Spring 2022	Leadership Team Pathway Coordinator All HS faculty	Development of a planning document with goals for each department	Team will meet monthly starting in Fall 2021; plan will be complete	Meeting Time Expertise in CTE standards and curriculum integration

the CTE standards into other departments				by Spring 2022	
3. Admin will work with Pathway Coordinator to develop a semester long Senior Capstone course taken by all students their senior year.	Fall 2021 - Ongoing	Administration Pathway Coordinator Capstone Teacher	Capstone panel	All seniors will have completed a CTE aligned capstone project prior to graduation.	Teacher(s) CTE advisory board Capstone panel
4. OSA faculty and staff will increase elective offerings in the high school that support the CTE standards (similar to the 9 <sup>th</sup> grade Business of the Arts class)	Fall 2021- Ongoing	Principal Arts Chairs Academic Chairs Director of Special Education	Enrollment rosters	New electives will be introduced in each of the next 3 years	Funds to support development of new courses
5. The Pathway Coordinator will begin offering internships with designated mentors to high school students within their art emphasis	Fall 2021- Ongoing	Principal Pathway Coordinator	Coordinator will connect with working artists in each sub-pathway to mentor a student for 6 months	2-3 students within each sub-pathway will be mentored by a professional artist	Planning time 2-3 mentors per sub-pathway
6. All Arts faculty will increase possibilities for internships with local arts organizations among their high school students	Fall 2021- Ongoing	Pathway Leads Arts Chairs Arts Faculty	Artistic networks Alumni	15% of seniors will have arts based internships by 2022; 25% by 2023	Arts faculty contacts
7. Middle School faculty will be trained in integrating CTE standards into classes, with emphasis at the middle school level	Fall 2021 - Spring 2023	Administration Academic Chairs Arts Chairs Faculty	Teacher Lesson Plans Teacher Observation	25% of Division or Department meetings will be used for this training	Consultants Written materials CTE standards
8. Develop work spaces to support	Fall 2021 - Ongoing	Director Principal	Facility leases Rehab of current space	CTE curriculum is implemented	Funding resources Facilities Manager time

the adoption of CTE standards		Community Partners Facilities Manager		fully in courses where there has been integration	
9. Develop a full complement of the resources necessary to support the CTE standards in academics including texts, films, artifacts, tools	Fall 2021 - Ongoing	Ass't Principal Arts Chairs Academic Chairs	Materials lists provided by instructors	CTE curriculum is implemented fully in courses where there has been integration	Funding resources Ass't principal time Organized and moderated storage space Hire or assign a resource manager
10. OSA will expand its summer programs in the arts for which interest is expressed. This will also help in recruitment.	Summer 2022- Ongoing	Director Principal Ass't. Principal Arts Chairs	Summer program rosters Enrollment statistics	60% of arts sub-pathways will have summer programs by Summer 2022 and 80% by Summer 2023	Funds for salaries and expenses Facility funds to keep building open
11. Alumni network will be invited to offer their insights in the real world to support student understanding of professionalism in the arts by becoming mentors and guest speakers	Fall 2021 - Ongoing	Principal CTE Coordinator Alumni Relations	Alumni website lists	Contact will be made with the entire Alumni network; this network will be monitored and updated for possible mentors	Alumni database Network monitor time
12. OSA will develop an internship program in which seniors are placed in local organizations, outside of their arts emphasis	Fall 2021- Ongoing	Pathway Coordinator Alumni Relations Marketing	Internship rosters	15% of seniors will have internships by 2021-2022 school year; 25% by 2022-2023 school year	Corporate lists Local business contacts

13. Continue and grow the Artist Speaker Series	Fall 2021 - Ongoing	Pathway Coordinator Alumni group Arts Faculty connections	Survey students for areas of interest; add business of the arts topics, including Entertainment Law, Media Presence	Minimum of once a month presentations for the school-wide speaker series	Speakers Publicity Stipends
14. Hire a full time Pathway Coordinator and Pathway leads for each of the pathways	Fall 2021- Ongoing	Director Principal CTE Coordinator	Locate candidates who have experience in the arts, teaching and preferably be a POC.	Hiring for all three positions by Fall 2021	Advertise positions Interviews Funds to support the positions
15. Balance grade levels to develop a more sustainable model for the school and also populate each Pathway in a balanced way.	Spring 2021 - Ongoing	Principal Director of Admissions	Set a quota for the number of students per grade level (between 116-118)	Grade levels are balanced at 116-118 students per level; Pathways are balanced.	Principal & Director of Admissions time
16. Implementation of a CTE Advisory Board	Spring 2021 - Ongoing	Pathway Coordinator	Formation of a group of individuals in the arts world to advise us on current artistic trends	CTE Advisory Board is fully populated by Winter 2022	Individuals to serve as CTE Advisory Board members CTE Coordinator time

Priority 3: Support of Student Mental Health. The site administration provides additional resource allocation towards social-emotional supports for students and families to address the health and wellness of students.

OBJECTIVE/	TIMELINE	WHO'S	MEANS TO	METRICS	RESOURCES NEEDED/
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1. OSA faculty and staff will collaborate on building student mental health in all of our classes. All departments will support this school-wide effort.	Fall 2021- ongoing	Principal Asst. Principal Student Support Team Faculty/Staff	Data collected by the Student Support Team	Reduced number of students requiring serious or semi-serious mental health intervention; quarterly student feedback surveys measuring student stress, workload, successes and obstacles.	Professional Development by experts on support of mental health in teenagers. Professional Development by experts on Student Life Challenges
2. OSA will explore the creation of more school-wide routines and norms to help build a coherent, consistent and unified culture that keep students from feeling overwhelmed	Fall 2021 – Ongoing	Asst. Principal Dean of Students Student Leadership	READY, our Grad Profile, will be used to define the OSA student identity	Student use and observation of routines and norms; tracking of COST referrals for wellness concerns	Time and schedule to introduce routines and norms Funds to support necessary materials (planners, signs, etc.)
3. Recognize and plan for support of mental health as we return to in-school learning in the Fall through collaboration	Spring 2021- Fall 2022	Principal Student Support Team Arts and Academic Faculty/Staff Families	A stipend-ed committee of faculty meet over the summer to plan for student mental health supports as school reopens, including focus on feeling safe in the school, and feeling safe in a group setting	Outline of supports available to students as they transition back to in-person school	Stipend for faculty committee
4. Recognize and deliver the plan for support of mental health as we return to in-school learning	Fall 2021- Fall 2022	Principal Student Support Team Faculty/Staff Families Attendance Clerk	Track school attendance and student progress using monthly student arts & academic	School attendance is 95% or higher; student grades are the same or improve	Tracking software including Powerschool, GPA, monthly reports, quarterly conferences and COST plans

in the Fall through			achievement	compared to	
Advisory Class			data, GPA and COST referrals	remote-learning	
5. Continued collaboration with BAWAR to support students in developing healthy relationships and to support those who are questioning their gender identity in both Middle School and High School	Fall 2021- Ongoing	Student Support Team Dean of Students Assistant Principal	Launch of 9th grade Health/Naviga ting Life course. Integrating the BAWAR curriculum through health education and life skills course; Push in classes beyond 9th grade and more often in 7th grade; conduct student assemblies	Student responses on surveys both for BAWAR and on OSA culture surveys	Arranging the timing of push-in and assemblies
6. Efforts to attract and hire teachers and staff of color in support of our students of color	Spring 2021 - Ongoing	Leadership Team JEDI Coordinator Department Chairs	Set up interviews with teachers who represent diversity Attend job fairs Create relationships with teaching colleges Advertise in Subject Journals	As positions open up, hire a number of POC teachers that is proportionate to the student demographic.	Advertising Funds for attending job fair Funds for joining Academic Societies (NSTA, CSTA – National and California Science Teachers Association) Teacher mentorships on site.
7. Development of curriculum that supports more of a world view to increase inclusivity among our students.	Spring 2021 - Ongoing	Academic chairs Ass't. Principal All Faculty	Teacher collaboration Faculty planning time Access to alternative curriculum	Student survey results Parent survey results Teacher observation	Faculty planning time Professional Development with an expert in incorporating curriculum representing many different cultures
8. Establishment of a Buddy System between high school and middle school students in the same emphasis to help establish	Fall 2021– Ongoing	Ass't. Principal Dean of Students Arts Faculty	Ass't. Principal and Dean of Students design and present a plan to students at an assembly.	Student continued participation Student survey results	Meeting time for Admin Assembly participation Funding for "Buddy" events

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a bond and to foster supportive relationships			Students volunteer to participate in the program and pairings are recommended by Arts Teachers		
9. Training on early warning signs of mental health disturbances.	Fall 2021- Ongoing	Student Support Team	Education on the "Signs of a Disturbance" System for reaching the proper contact person	Data on students exhibiting warning signs and what happened; use redacted data to keep faculty in the loop	Ensuring availability of contact person at all times
10. Principles of Restorative Justice are incorporated in to the daily routine at OSA	Spring 2021 - Ongoing	Dean of Students All Faculty/Staff	Classroom observations Visual evidence Student survey results Teacher survey results	Behavior reports mentioning incidents of aggression are reduced	Presentation by expert during Professional Development; Dean of Students time making sure all teachers are well trained
11. As more students from Title 1 schools enroll at OSA, a Student Advocate focus will be implemented to monitor high-needs students and their life situations	Fall 2021 - ongoing	Principal JEDI Coordinator Wellness Team	Advocate connects student and their families to resources and monitors students' progress at OSA	Academic Counseling will monitor progress of new students and address any challenges that arise.	Funding for this part time appointment
12. Increase Alumni connections to have them share their real-life stories and experiences - which will help students visualize the future in a positive way.	Fall 2021 - Ongoing	Principal Dean of Students Alumni Coordinator Students	Alumni in-person, ZOOM, or video sessions with a student interviewer	Student survey results	Alumni Coordinator and Dean of Students time

13. Incorporate Challenge Day into more grade levels (beyond 7 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> )	Spring 2022- Ongoing	Ass't Principal Dean of Students	Discussion with Challenge Day organizers; previous students have found this experience very valuable	Post Challenge Day student survey results Student Culture Survey results	Funds to support more occurrences of Challenge Day
14. Hiring of a JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity) Coordinator	Summer 2021 – Fall 2021	Leadership Team	Coordinator will lead the school in stronger social justice directions, offering all students, especially minority groups, a more inclusive atmosphere.	Coordinator will be hired, preferably a BIPOC	Funds to support the position
15. Building more efficient communication strategies between our Special Ed department and our classroom teachers will promote positive mental health among our SPED students.	Summer 2021 - Ongoing	Principal Ass't. Principal Dean of Students SPED Coordinator All Faculty	Planning for ongoing SPED Professional Development sessions for all teachers; Develop a way to monitor faculty compliance on SPED requirements	SPED sessions are delivered; Monitoring system is in place	Professional Development time; meeting time for Principal, Ass't. Principal, Dean of Students, SPED Coordinator
16. Offer an OSA Relearn and Recover program over the summer offered to HS students for credit recovery to stay on graduation track.	Spring 2021 - Ongoing	Grade level counselors Ass't Principal Dean of Students	Planning dates, curriculum, invite students, hire staff	Students are on track for fulfilling graduation requirements	Securing school space Funding teaching staff
17.Development of a Summer Bridge program to support incoming students with academic needs;	Spring 2022 - ongoing	Principal Ass't Principal Grade level counselors Dean of Students	Planning dates, curriculum, invite students, hire staff	Increases on benchmark assessment tools that are repeated early in the Fall	Securing school space Funding teaching staff

Summer Bridge for MS will provide intro to math readiness and reading and			
writing			
readiness.			

Priority 4: The faculty, staff, and administration will imbed culturally responsive practices within the organization, thereby promoting equity, inclusivity, and strengthening a sense of identity throughout the school.

OBJECTIVE/ ACTIVITY	TIMELINE	WHO'S RESPONSIBL E	MEANS TO ASSESS	METRICS	RESOURCES NEEDED/ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
1. Hire and onboard a JEDI (justice, equity, diversity, inclusion) coordinator	Summer 2021 – Fall 2021	Leadership Team	Coordinator will lead the school in stronger social justice directions, offering all students, especially minority groups, a more inclusive atmosphere.	Coordinator will be hired by June 2021, preferably a BIPOC	Funds to support the position
2. Implement the equity rubric	Summer 2021 - Fall 2021	Leadership Team/JEDI Coordinator	Completed equity rubric utilized to assess existing systems and practices	Baseline established throughout 21-22 school year. Growth targets established for next 3 years relative to the baseline.	JEDI organized professional development around the implementation of the equity rubric.
3. Implement an equity task force	Fall 2021	Leadership Team/JEDI Coordinator	Developed goals and meeting schedule for equity task force.	Quarterly reflection on progress toward JEDI goals. Report out to all faculty on	Stipends for equity task force members who take on this work outside of the scope of their role.

				progress.	
4. Use equity criteria for teacher evaluations	Winter 2021	Principal Assistant Principal JEDI Coordinator	Evaluation criteria that embeds equity rubric and task force monitoring goals.	Sharing school wide metrics and establish growth targets in connection to these aspects of the evaluation system	Continued support from Bullseye in further developing our evaluation tool. Ongoing training for teachers on the evaluation tool.
5. Support affinity groups in ensuring representation of marginalized student populations	Fall 2021	Principal Assistant Principal JEDI Coordinator Dean of Students Affinity group leads	All affinity groups have a stipend-ed advisor who represents the group effectively. Ethnic affinity groups are supported by BSOC.	Annual survey for members of affinity groups to measure inclusivity of members of that group at OSA.	Funding for affinity group leaders. PD time dedicated to affinity group reports to faculty. Assembly time dedicated to affinity group reports to students.
6. Update curriculum to ensure cultural relevance in all content areas	Fall 2021-Fall 2022	Principal Asst. Principal JEDI Coordinator Department Chairs	All arts and academic content areas will focus on curriculum and instructional practices that reflect the many cultures in the classroom.	Student culture survey and equity rubric will be used to assess ongoing relevance of instructional practices.	Funding for curricular updates and relevant trainings as necessary.
7. Ensure that the communications going out to the community are accessible to all families	Fall 2021	Leadership team	All outgoing communications will be available in Spanish and Mandarin. Talking points will be utilized to communicate with families less likely to receive important communications through email.	Response rate to annual parent survey will be at least 80% and reflective of the school demo - graphics.	Talking Points subscription and necessary training. Survey Monkey subscription and necessary training.

8 .Establish meeting norms that honor cultural identities and lift voices	Fall 2021	Leadership Team	Meeting norms will be established and modeled in the August meetings and will be the expectation for norms in all meetings at OSA.	Annual Teacher survey will demonstrate that all cultural identities feel supported and reflected in all meeting spaces.	Summer collaboration to establish the norms. Necessary training for leadership.
9. Provide JEDI focused professional development for all employees	Fall 2021- Ongoing	JEDI Coordinator Director Principal Assistant Principal	Each PD thread for each school year will be designed in a way that reinforces JEDI values.	PD calendar demonstrates the JEDI focus on all PD. Faculty survey demonstrates effectiveness of JEDI PD for employees. Student survey demonstrates JEDI practices resulting from training happening in the classrooms.	Funding for professional development provided by outside experts. Summer collaboration to design effective JEDI aligned professional development calendar.

Priority 5: The administration and staff develop and utilize a schoolwide systematic assessment plan to collect, analyze, and interpret the data needed to make decisions about curriculum, teaching practices, professional development, and program effectiveness.

OBJECTIVE/ ACTIVITY	TIMELINE	WHO'S RESPONSIBLE	MEANS TO ASSESS	METRICS	RESOURCES NEEDED/ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
1. Expand content area assessments and progress indicators for all core subjects in each grade level.	Fall 2021 - Ongoing	Principal Asst. Principal Department Chairs	Established metrics in all core subject areas, including but not limited to state testing. Assessments will be implemented to monitor individual and grade level progress. Results will inform PD, instructional practices, and interventions.	SRI, all school write, MDTP, SBAC, and other established metrics specific to each content area will demonstrate ongoing growth for individual students and each grade level. Each 6th grade class will establish a baseline and 6 year growth targets will be implemented.	PD time Stipended data analysis roles Funding for assessments Department specific PD time funding
2.Use data to inform instructional planning and practice	Fall 2021- Ongoing	Principal Asst. Principal JEDI Coordinator Department Chairs	Progress data analyzed by demographic, learning target/CCSS will be the focus of department collaboration each semester to inform instructional planning and update learning targets	The team analysis will be reported to the principal, asst. Principal, and JEDI coordinator.	Departmentt Meeting teams, class coverage to allow peer observation, PD for unit planning and curriculum design.

3.Use data to inform curricular offerings	Fall 2021 - Ongoing	Principal Asst. Principal Head Counselor	Data from Math & English assessments can be used to enroll students in remediation classes	Using benchmark test/GPA data, a remediation plan will be created for students who do not meet expected levels. 75% of identified students will take part in the remediation plan	Meeting and planning time
4.Conduct an assessment of teachers' roles and responsibilities	Fall 2021-Ongoi ng	Principal Asst. Principal Dean	Expand current evaluation frameworks to include criteria and correlation between PD offerings and student achievement	School wide improvement in evaluation data reflective of PD threads. At least 85% of teachers will meet criteria. Additional support and training will be provided as needed.	PD and clear learning target, revision of current evaluation framework, ongoing classroom observations and coaching.
5.Integrate Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions into curriculum and teaching practices and systemic support to identify most effective intervention.	Fall 2021 - Ongoing	Assistant Principal, SpEd Coordinator, Mental Health Coordinator, Academic Counselors, Dean of Students	Communicate the purpose of the COS (coordination of services) Team, student referral process and progress monitoring as Tier 2 intervention.	Teacher training and support to provide Tier 1 interventions in their classrooms will result in 15% fewer COST referrals and escalation.	PD, Weekly COSTeam meetings, Dean will provide support and training for all new teachers
6.Increase students	Fall 2021 - Ongoing	Academic Counselors, Dean	Quarterly review of all	Increase the number of	Counseling time dedicated to

graduating A-G eligible through awareness of academic progress and counseling		of Students	HS academic progress, Student awareness will be measured in a bi-annual survey.	9-12th grade students A-G eligible at the end each school semester. As of S1, 2020-21 school year, 26% of students in grade 9-12 were A-G eligible.  Provide instructional coaching for curriculum design for teachers to more effectively integrate differentiation and intervention resulting in less D's/F's in graduation requirements.	student meetings, quarterly family meetings, PD to inform staff on A-G eligibility
7.Develop and offer informational sessions for parents and students to advise them about graduation plans and strategies for supporting students	Fall 2021 - Ongoing	Assistant Principal, Academic Counselors, Dean of Students	Counselors will schedule and conduct sessions before the end of each semester and create graduation plans as needed.	Family and student surveys shared through Advisory and newsletters	Counselor time
8.Assessment report to	Each semester	Principal	Each semester the Principal will report	Report will demonstrate ongoing	Designated data analysts with a focus on ELA and

board of directors		data from the assessment plan to the board of directors to share student progress.	growth for each grade level each semester.	Math.
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## **Appendices:**

A. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP): This includes a five page summary at the beginning of the plan. The district LCAP is posted on each district's website; provide link

https://www.oakarts.org/documents/About/Public%20Accountability/2019%20Final%20LCAP%20for%20board.pdf

B. Results of student questionnaire/interviews

**HS Culture Survey** 

MS Culture Survey

C. Results of parent/community questionnaire/interviews

Parent Culture Survey

- D. The most recent California Healthy Kids Survey -These questions are integrated into our student questionnaire.
- E. Master schedule

**HS Master Schedule** 

MS Master Schedule

- F. Approved AP course list: <a href="https://apcourseaudit.epiconline.org/ledger/">https://apcourseaudit.epiconline.org/ledger/</a>
- G. UC a-g approved course list: <a href="https://doorways.ucop.edu/list/app/home/">https://doorways.ucop.edu/list/app/home/</a>
- H. Additional details of school programs, e.g., online instruction, college- and career-readiness programs, partnership academies, IB, AVID all details contained in this document.
- I. California School Dashboard performance indicators <a href="https://www.caschooldashboard.org/reports/01612593030772/2020/academic-performance">https://www.caschooldashboard.org/reports/01612593030772/2020/academic-performance</a>
- J. School accountability report card (SARC)

https://www.oakarts.org/documents/About/Public%20Accountability/2021-01-28%20Meeting/AMENDED\_2020\_School\_Accountability\_Report\_Card\_-CDE-\_Oakland\_School for the Arts 20210131.pdf

- K. CBEDS school information form
- L. Graduation requirements

https://www.oakarts.org/documents/20-21%20School%20Profile%20UPDATED.pdf

- M. Any pertinent additional data (or have on exhibit during the visit)
- N. Budgetary information, including school budget

https://www.oakarts.org/documents/OSA%20Budget%20Summary%202021%20Revised.pdf

O. Glossary of terms unique to the school.