



SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

Oakland School for the Arts is a public charter school in the Oakland Unified School District that opened its doors in 2002 with a mission to offer immersive arts experiences in a college preparatory setting. The school curriculum revolves around the concept of integration, both between academic subjects and with the arts. OSA currently serves 822 students in grades 6-12.

Admission

Students for grades 9-12 who attend OSA must complete courses in one of ten art sub-pathways:

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

Schedule

Our on-campus high school day runs from 8:30am – 4:30pm. Students take five academic classes in the morning and have a 3-hour immersive art block in the afternoon. Off-campus performance opportunities, as well as extra rehearsals, often take students' time in the evenings and on weekends.

Curriculum

OSA graduates meet the University of California “A-G” guidelines by completing the following required series of courses with a C or higher:

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

Honors Offerings:

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

Advanced Placement Offerings:

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

Dual Enrollment Offerings:

- English C1000 and 1B
- Apparel Design and Marketing I and II

Students must receive a grade of D or better in order to pass any class. Grade point averages are weighted for AP, Honors and college offerings for grades of C and above.

As a college preparatory institution, Oakland School for the Arts supports homework as

an instructional tool and students have approximately twenty hours of work – academic and artistic – to do outside of class each week. Institutionally, we advise students to be very cautious of outside commitments, including jobs or artistic work with other organizations, as the long and demanding school day leaves them very little on-campus time to devote to completing their assignments. Students who do manage additional extra-curricular activities demonstrate stellar time management and study skills.

Grading

OSA assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system as follows:

A	93-100	C+	77-79
A-	90-92	C	73-76
B+	87-89	C-	70-72
B	83-86	D	60-69
B-	80-82	NC	0-59

Academic Honors

Each semester, students with a GPA of 3.0-3.49 are given academic recognition, while those with a 3.5 or above are given academic honors



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College Acceptances 2026

Below is a list of colleges and universities that have offered admission to OSA graduates from the class of 2026. Over the past three years, approximately 75% of OSA students matriculated to four-year schools and 15% to two-year or vocational programs. The remaining 10% chose to work, travel, enter the military, or were undecided.

Alabama State University	Fordham University	Rochester Institute of	Los Angeles
Bard College	Hampton University	Technology	Riverside
Berklee College of Music	Hofstra University	Rutgers University	San Diego
Bryn Mawr College	Howard University	Sarah Lawrence College	Santa Barbara
Buffalo State University	Illinois Institute of	San Francisco	Santa Cruz
California Institute of the Arts	Technology	Conservatory of Music	
	Ithaca College	Savannah College of Art	University of Cincinnati
	Lesley University	and Design	University of
California State	Lewis & Clark College	School of the Art	Connecticut
University:	Louisiana State	Institute of Chicago	University of Hawaii at
Chico	University	School of Visual Arts in	Manoa
Dominguez Hills	Loyola University, New	New York	University of Illinois
East Bay	Orleans	Schreiner University	Urbana-Champaign
Fresno	Macalester College	Seattle University	University of Liverpool
Fullerton	Manhattan University	Smith College	University of Minnesota
Humboldt	Massachusetts College of	St. Mary's College of	Twin Cities
Long Beach	Art and Design	California	University of Mississippi
Los Angeles	McGill University	St. Olaf College	University of Nevada,
Monterey Bay	Mississippi State	St. Peter's University	Reno
Northridge	University	SUNY Purchase	University of North
Pomona	Moore College of Art &	Syracuse University	Carolina, Asheville
Sacramento	Design	Temple University	University of North
San Diego	Morehouse College	The New School	Carolina School of the
San Francisco	Morgan State University	The Ohio State	Arts
San Jose	New York Institute of	University	University of Oregon
San Luis Obispo	Technology	The Pennsylvania State	University of Portland
Sonoma	New York University	University	University of Puget
	Northeastern University	The Pratt Institute	Sound
	Northern Arizona	The University of	University of Southern
Carnegie Mellon	University	Manchester	California
University	Oakwood University	Trinity College Dublin	University of the Arts
Clark University	Occidental College	University at Albany	London
Columbia College	Otis College of Art and	University College	University of the Pacific
Chicago	Design	Dublin	University of
Columbia College South	Pace University	University of Alabama	Washington
Carolina	Parsons School of Design	University of Arkansas	University of York
Coppin State University	Point Park University	University of Bristol	Virginia State University
DePaul University	Pratt Munson College of		Western Oregon
Dominican University of	Art and Design	University of	University
California	Reed College	California:	Wheaton College
Drexel University	Rhode Island School of	Berkeley	Whitman College
Durham University	Design	Davis	
Emerson College		Irvine	
Fisher College			

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