

OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL

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 "Those Things That Are Best"



2014-2015 PROFILE

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Oak Park and River Forest High School, a public four-year comprehensive high school, is located nine miles west of downtown Chicago and has a spirited student population of 3,310. We are proud of our academic achievements, our athletic accomplishments and our diverse school community. Founded in 1873, we are rich in history and tradition. "Those Things That Are Best" has been our school motto since 1908.

Students choose a course of study from more than 200 courses in eight divisions of study, which include the traditional academic programs as well as fine and performing arts, technology, business education, family and consumer science, and special education. Students thus have opportunities to prepare themselves for diverse post-high school paths. The rich ethnic and racial diversity of the community facilitates the development of mutual respect as well as social and personal responsibility among Oak Park and River Forest High School students.

The villages of Oak Park and River Forest, famous for their Frank Lloyd Wright architecture and charming Victorian homes, traditionally place a high priority on education. Since 1873, their citizens and community leaders have maintained a high priority on education by ensuring resources necessary to guarantee an outstanding secondary education for their children. The high school's remarkable physical facilities provide cultural and recreational benefits for all residents. The school district spends approximately \$20,838 per pupil.

ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATION

Oak Park and River Forest High School is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It also has been awarded full recognition status by the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Illinois. The Counseling Division is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and complies with the NACAC *Statement of Principles of Good Practice*

FACULTY

Ninety-one percent of the faculty of 241 have earned an MA degree, while 53.5 percent have earned 30 or more hours beyond the MA. The typical teacher has been at Oak Park and River Forest High School for 10 years and has been in the profession for 14 years. The student-to-classroom teacher ratio is 15.9/1. The student-to-faculty ratio is 13.9/1. The student-to-certified staff ratio is 13/1.

STUDENTS

Students at Oak Park and River Forest High School represent a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds.

White	Black	Multi Ethnic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaskan Native
53.9%	24.3%	7.9%	10.7%	3.2%	0.0%

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

Almost 72 % of the graduates of the Class of 2014 enrolled in more than 223 different 4-year colleges or universities while 14% enrolled in 2-year community colleges or technical schools.

NATIONAL MERIT

In the 2014-2015 Senior Class of 830 students, there are 18 semifinalists and 34 commended students in the National Merit Scholarship competition. There is 1 semifinalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for academically talented African-American students and 1 Scholar in the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

TEST RESULTS

Percentile	ACT English	ACT Math	ACT Science	ACT Reading	ACT Comp.	ACT data represents 782 seniors. SAT data represent 128 seniors.	SAT Reading	SAT Math	SAT Writing
25 th	19	18	19	19	19		530	510	520
50 th	25	23	23	24	24		620	620	590
75 th	30	28	27	31	29		690	670	670
Average	24.3	23.2	23.7	24.5	23.9		612	598	594

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AND EXAMS

In May of 2014, 882 students took 1727 examinations with 85% earning scores of 3, 4, or 5.

Exam Score	5	4	3	2	1
% of Tests	26%	34%	25%	11%	4%

GPA CALCULATION AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION

The calculation of weighted and non-weighted grade point averages is explained on each transcript and in the *Academic Catalog*. Highest and 90th percentile for the Class of 2014 is show below:

	Highest	90th Percentile
GPA	4.00	3.774
WGPA	4.96	4.649

Academic course grades earned by all students during the 2013-2014 school year were as follows:

A	B	C	D	F	I
39.4%	33.7%	17.2%	7.6%	2.0%	0.1%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	8	History	4	World Lang/Culture	1	Consumer Ed	1	PE †	7
Math	6	Health	1	Applied Arts	1	Safety/ Driver Ed	1	Total	43 credits
Science	4	Fine Arts	1	Computer Prof.	1	Electives	7	† Differs for transfer students.	

- Students must also take the Illinois Prairie State Achievement Examination, given in April of the junior year.

COURSE OFFERINGS AND LEVEL DESIGNATIONS

OPRFHS students take courses according to their ability and/or interests, allowing teachers to adapt course content, materials, and instruction to the aptitudes, abilities, needs, and interests of the students. Courses are offered on the semester system and are listed by level. See *Academic Catalog*, available www.oprfhs.org for details on courses in each program.

Basic / Transition		College Preparatory				Honors & Advanced Placement	
VISUAL ARTS		Adv. Digital Imaging Advanced Photography Art Foundations Beginning Wheel Throwing Sculpture	Clay Drawing Fundamentals of Photo 1-2 Fundamentals of Photo 2 Graphic Design 1/2	Adv Graphic Design History of Film Intermed Wheel Throwing Intro. to Digital Imaging Intro to Sculpture	Jewelry/Metalworking Painting Printmaking Tabula/Photo Design Pub Wheel Throwing	Advanced Studio Art AP Art History AP Studio Art	
BUSINESS & COOP ED		Accounting 1-2 Accounting & Invest Principles Adv Computer Applications App Keybrd/IntroMicrosoft Off	Business Comm Svc Internship Inter-Related Co-Op Small Business Management Comp Animation/Multimedia	Consumer Education F/S, J/S Int'l Bus Mgmt & Tech Intro to Computer Animation Computer Applications	Sports & Music Entertain Mktg Video Game/Multimedia Dev Website Development I Work Experience	AP Economics Computer Applications A Website Development IIA	
ENGLISH & READING	American Lit, Reading Conn. Contemporary Lit & Comp B Elements of Reading English Lit, Reading Conn. Essentials of English	American Literature American Studies Contemporary Lit & Comp Creative Writing Workshop English English Literature	Experiment in Rding Lit & World Expository Writing Intro to Creative Writing Journal Writing Journalism Literature of a People	Novels into Film Popular Fiction Rhetoric, Oratory & Lit Sci Fict/20 th Cent Am Culture Sports and Literature Tabula	Trapeze War and Literature Women's Literature Work of One Author World Studies	African-American Lit A AP College English: Lit & Comp AP Lang & Comp: Amer Lit A English A English Literature A English Lit A/J Humanities A Women's Literature A Work of One Author A	
FAMILY SCIENCES		Adv. Clothing Constr & Design Adv, Food Service Mgmt Child Development	Clothing Constr. & Design 1/2 Early Childhood/Preschool Exploring Family & Con Sci.	Fashion Merchandising Restaurant Mgmt 1/2 Foods & Nutrition	Housing & Interior Design Life on Your Own Parenting		
HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCES	American History B Community Law Global Studies Human Behavior / Applied Psych Social Problems World History B	Asian Studies African History African-American History American History American Studies	History of WWII Comparative Politics & Govt Criminal & Civil Law Government History of Chicago Latin American History	The War in Vietnam Introductory Psychology Psychology Sociology Race, Gender & Class in Am Sports	Sports & Resistance in Amer Hist Women in History World History World Studies Youth & Social Justice	American History A AP American History AP European History AP Psychology AP Government Modern Middle Eastern History A Philosophy A World History A	
MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE	Concepts in Algebra 1-4 Concepts in Geometry Pre-Algebra	Advanced Algebra Algebra Algebra Block Algebra Two J Algebra Two S	College Algebra/Trig Extended Algebra Functions & Trigonometry Intermediate Algebra Intro to Computer Science	Plane Geometry Extended Geometry Pre-Adv Algebra F-8 Pre- Algebra F-8 Pre-Intermed Algebra F-8 Survey of College Math	Advanced Algebra A Advanced Topics in Comp Sci A AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Computer Science AP Statistics Calculus Concepts A Calculus III	College Algebra/Trig A Computer Science A Geometry A Intermediate Algebra A Plane Geometry A Pre-Calculus A Topics in Advanced Math A	
MUSIC		A Cappella Choir Beginning Group Guitar Concert Band Concert Orchestra	Concert Orchestra Jazz Ensemble Musical Comedy Workshop Guitar/Digital Music 1/2	Chorale String Orchestra Symphonic Band Symphony Orchestra	Treble Choir Wind Ensemble Wind Symphony Adv Guitar/Digital Music	AP Music Theory	
SCIENCE	Biological Science Earth Science Physical Science	African Field Savannah Ecology Anatomy & Physiology Anthropology Arctic Summer Exploration Astronomy Biology	Models of Biology Bridge to AP Biology ChemCom Chemistry Models of Chemistry	Environmental Science Explorations in Lab Life Sci Field Biology Field Environmental Studies Field Geology	Field Marine Biology 1-4 Field Tropical Ecology Health Education Integrated Lab Science 1-6 Models of Physics Physics & Physics P	AP Biology, Bio A, Models of Bio A AP Chem, Chem A, Models of Chem A AP Env. Sci AP Physics, Physics A, Models of Physics Geology A Investigative Res. In BioMed Innovation	
THEATRE & BROADCASTING		Acting 1 Acting 2	Adv Thtr Study Audit/Portfolio Creative Filmmaking Directing Workshop	Intro to Broadcasting Musical Theatre Seminar Newscene	Radio/Sound Production Television Production Theatre Tech & Design		
APPLIED TECH		Adv Arch/Engineering CAD Advanced Auto Technology Adv Electricity/Electronics & Digital Circuits Digital Electronics	Auto Tune-Up Digital Circuits/Computer Repair	Electricity/Electronics Exploring Technology Intro to Architecture CAD Civil Engineering & Architecture	Tech Drawing & Design CAD Woodworking/Home Remodeling Intro to Engineering Design Principles of Engineering		
WORLD LANGUAGES		Chinese 1-4 ELL 1-8 Etymology French 1-8	German 1-4 Italian 1-8 Japanese 1-4 Latin 1-4	Spanish 1-10 World Languages & Culture	Adv. Span. Lit & Comp 1A-2A AP French 9-10 AP Italian 9-10 AP Spanish Lit & Comp/A AP Spanish 9-10 Chinese 5A-8A	French 1A-8A Latin Poetry A German 5A-8A Latin Prose A Italian 1A-10A Japanese 5A-8A Spanish 1A-8A Spanish Lit Comp & Film 11A/12A	
ACADEMIC SUPPORT	College Prep Scholar, Education to Careers, ELL, Learning Support Reading, Project Scholar, and Scholar Support.						
DRIVER EDUCATION	Behind-the-Wheel	Driving Simulation	Safety Instruction				
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (.5 credit per quarter)	A 7-semester core & elective program offers Adventure Education, dance, fitness, individual sports, racket sports, self-defense, swimming, and team sports.						
SPECIAL EDUCATION	Placement through IEP/MDC Process. Programming based on individual needs.						