

# Oakwood School

## High School Profile 2023-2024

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## The School and Community

Located 15 miles south of San Jose in the Silicon Valley, Oakwood School, founded in 1998, is an independent, co-educational, non-sectarian college preparatory school serving grades preschool through grade 12. Oakwood High School, founded in 2005, is located on the same campus. Oakwood is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Through this more intentional education, Oakwood students grow as expressive, thoughtful, high-achieving, self-aware, considerate young people prepared for their top-choice colleges and meaningful lives as contributing, conscientious community members.

## Response to COVID-19

In mid-March 2020, Oakwood School administration, faculty, and staff seamlessly pivoted to remote learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. High academic expectations did not waver, allowing students to meet learning objectives demonstrated through secure assessment. Students who encountered technical challenges were accommodated without sacrificing academic rigor. Hybrid and fully remote options were offered in the 2020-2021 academic year.

## Honor Code

Oakwood High School is an academic community whose educational mission requires the highest level of character, integrity, and trust among students and faculty. Oakwood's mission is sustained by the honor of all, out of respect for all. Honor code violations, whether academic or personal, are met with strict sanctions imposed in accord with the best interest of the Oakwood community and the student. Oakwood will notify institutions of higher learning that request such information regarding disciplinary actions of matters that result in dismissal and withdrawal from Oakwood.

## Educational Philosophy

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### Unbridled Exploration

unleashing possibilities

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### Confident Self-Expression

performing with gusto

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### Strong Moral Examples

making good choices

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### Passionate Expertise

delving deeper

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### High Academic Expectations

building intellectual stamina

Oakwood High School strives to create an enriching, nurturing educational environment in which students advance within a dynamic and challenging academic core curriculum while also developing intellectual maturity, self-confidence, and strong character.



**650**

Total Enrollment



**156**

High School Students



**7:1**

Student to Teacher Ratio



**62%**

Students of Color



**\$1.7M+**

Merit Scholarships Awarded to Class of '22 for college

# Academic Achievement

## Grade Point Averages

GPA is weighted and calculated for all courses taken at Oakwood. Courses taken elsewhere are not calculated in the GPA.

**All Honors and AP courses are given an extra point in the weighted GPA.**

## Grade Scale

	%	GPA
A	= 93-100	4.00
A-	= 90-92	3.70
B+	= 87-89	3.30
B	= 83-86	3.00
B-	= 80-82	2.70
C+	= 77-79	2.30
C	= 73-76	2.00
C-	= 70-72	1.70
D+	= 67-69	1.30
D	= 63-66	1.00
D-	= 60-62	0.70
F	= 0-59	0.00

## Class Rank

Oakwood does not rank its students in order to foster collaboration and wellness among students.

Due to Oakwood's small graduating classes, class rank would not accurately represent the academic capabilities of students.

## National Merit Scholarship Programs

The Class of 2024 is made up of 33 students and includes four Commended Students (8.25%).

## Academic Program

Oakwood offers a college preparatory program with established standards for academic excellence. Oakwood's challenging and dynamic curriculum is balanced with a rich experience in the arts, athletics, and community involvement. Teachers are encouraged to use creative lesson planning, which includes field trips, hands-on projects, the latest technologies, and cross-curricular assignments. Small class sizes provide maximum opportunity for focused attention and help uncover and develop individual strengths. Great care is taken to create a wholesome environment in which character, values, and compassion are priorities. Admission is competitive, and is based upon performance in middle school, test results, faculty recommendations, an interview, and a comprehensive application.



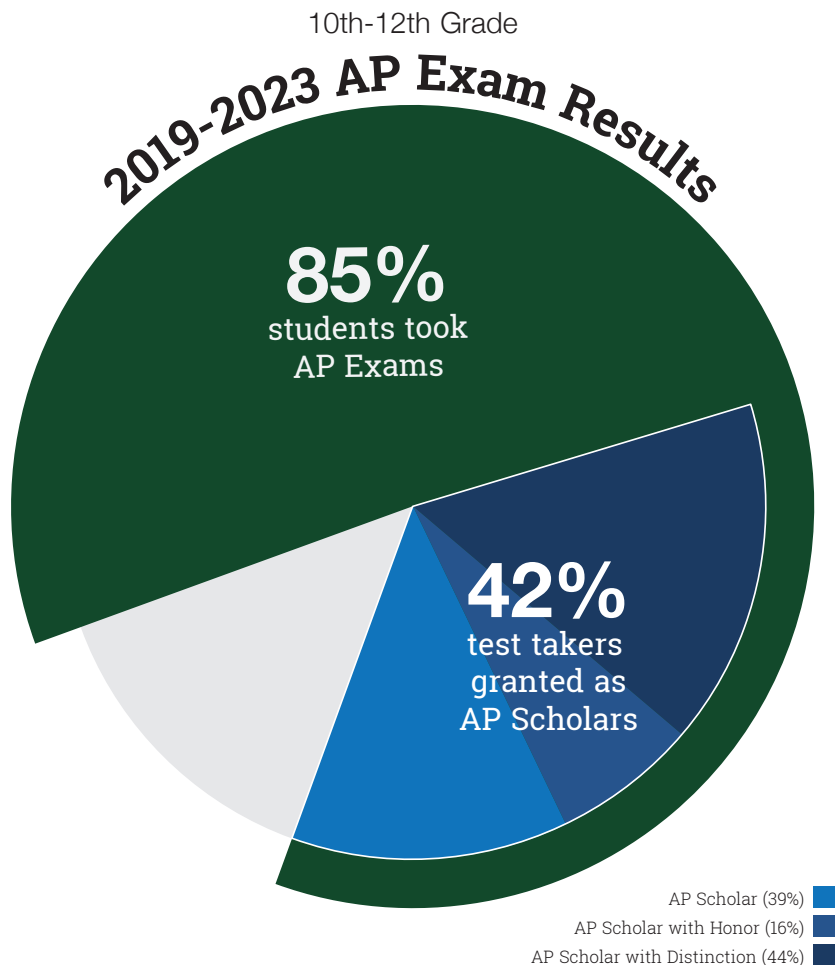
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Average number of AP Exams taken per student



**84%**

Students with AP scores 3+



# High School Course Guide

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
<b>English</b> (5 years)	English I: Genres of Literature Freshman Writing*	English II: British Literature	English III: American Literature Junior Writing*	<b>AP English Literature</b>
<b>Social Sciences</b> (4 years)	World Cultures	<b>AP European History</b> European History	<b>AP U.S. History</b> U.S. History	<b>AP Microeconomics*</b> <b>AP U.S. Government &amp; Politics*</b> Economics* American Government*
<b>Science</b> (3 years)	Conceptual Physics	Chemistry	<b>H Biology</b> Biology	<b>AP Chemistry</b> <b>AP Environmental Science</b> <b>AP Physics C: Electricity &amp; Magnetism</b> <b>AP Physics C: Mechanics</b>
<i>Oakwood considers H Biology to meet or exceed the challenge of AP Biology.</i>				
<b>Mathematics</b> (3 years through Algebra II)	Algebra I Geometry	H Algebra II Algebra II	H Precalculus Precalculus	<b>AP Statistics</b> Statistics <b>AP Calculus AB</b> <b>AP Calculus BC</b>
<b>World Language</b> (3 years)	French I Spanish I	French II Spanish II	French III Spanish III	French IV Spanish IV <b>AP French Language &amp; Culture</b> <b>AP Spanish Language &amp; Culture</b>
<b>Electives</b> (1 year Visual or Performing Arts + 3.5 years any)	<b>VISUAL ARTS</b>	<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b>	<b>HUMANITIES</b>	<b>STEM</b>
	<b>AP 2-D Art and Design</b> <b>AP 3-D Art and Design</b> Digital Photography Intro to Sculpture Studio Art I Studio Art II Yearbook*	Guitar Performance Skills & Techniques* Jazz Ensemble* Music Production* Songwriting* Theatrical Production I Theatrical Production Advanced* Vocal Ensemble*	Introduction to Film Studies Introduction to Science Fiction* Speech & Debate* World Art History: 1400 to Today	<b>AP Computer Science Principles</b> <b>AP Computer Science A</b> <b>Advanced Computer Science: Data Structures &amp; Algorithms*</b> <b>Introduction to Analysis</b> <b>Introduction to Proofs</b> H Digital Logic & Computer Structures FTC Robotics Competition Introduction to Programming* Spacecraft Systems Engineering*
<b>Service Learning</b> (20 hours per year)				
<b>Physical Education</b> (2 years)				

\*semester-long courses

**Bold** indicates "most demanding" courses.

**Bold and italicized** indicates Post-AP courses.

**AP Courses: 18**

**Post-AP Courses: 3**

Honors Courses: 4

There are no AP or honors course limits.

# College Admission & Placement

The following is an abridged list of colleges and universities that have offered admission to 2019-23 graduates of Oakwood School, followed by the number of students enrolled in those colleges listed in parenthesis. Approximately 95% of Oakwood graduates go directly to 4-year colleges and universities; graduates also attend two-year colleges, take gap years, or begin military service. Class of 2023 graduates are enrolled at the schools in bold.

American University  
**Arizona State University (2)**  
 Babson College  
 Baylor University (1)  
**Berklee College of Music (2)**  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Brown University  
 Bryn Mawr College  
 Cabrillo College (1)  
 California Baptist University (1)  
 California College of the Arts  
 California Institute of the Arts

## California State University System (38)

**California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt (1)**  
**California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo (11)**  
**California State University, Long Beach (2)**  
 California State University, Monterey Bay (3)  
**San Diego State University (3)**  
**San Francisco State University (2)**  
**San Jose State University (16)**

Carnegie Mellon University (2)  
 Chapman University (5)  
 Claremont McKenna College  
 Colorado State University (1)  
 Columbia College Chicago (1)  
 Concordia University (1)  
**Connecticut College (1)**  
 Creighton University  
 Davenport University (1)  
 De Anza College (2)  
 Denison University  
 Duke University (1)  
 Durham University  
 Eckerd College  
 Emerson College  
 Fashion Institute of Technology  
 Florida Institute of Technology  
 Fordham University  
 Franklin & Marshall College  
 Furman University  
 Gavilan College (2)  
 George Washington University (1)  
 Georgia Institute of Technology (1)  
 Goucher College  
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
 Indiana University  
 James Madison University  
 Kalamazoo College  
 Lafayette College  
 Lake Forest College  
 Lehigh University (1)  
 Lewis & Clark College  
 Louisiana Tech University (1)  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Loyola University Chicago

Manhattan College  
 Maryland Institute College of Art  
**Maryville University of Saint Louis (1)**  
**McGill University (2)**  
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences (1)  
 Miami University, Oxford  
 Michigan State University  
 Mississippi State University  
 Moravian College (1)  
 Mount St. Mary's University (1)  
 Muhlenberg College  
**New York University (6)**  
 Northeastern University  
 Northern Arizona University (1)  
 Ohio State University  
 Oregon State University (1)  
 Pacific Northwest College of Art  
 Pacific University (1)  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Pepperdine University  
 Pratt Institute  
 Purdue University  
 Reed College  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Rhode Island School of Design  
 Rice University (1)  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (1)  
 Rutgers University  
 Saint Mary's College of California  
**Santa Clara University (5)**  
 Sarah Lawrence College (2)  
 Savannah College of Art and Design  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago (1)  
 Scripps College  
 Seattle University  
**Seton Hall University (1)**  
 Singidunum University (1)  
 Stephen F. Austin State University (1)  
 Syracuse University  
 Temple University  
**Texas A&M University (1)**  
 Texas Christian University (1)  
 Texas State University (1)  
 Texas Tech University  
 The New School (2)  
 The University of Manchester  
 The University of Sydney (1)  
 Truman State University  
 Tufts University  
 University of Alabama (1)  
 University of Arizona (1)  
 University of British Columbia (1)

## University of California System (31)

**University of California, Berkeley (6)**  
**University of California, Davis (4)**

**University of California, Irvine (1)**  
**University of California, Los Angeles (6)**  
 University of California, Merced  
 University of California, Riverside  
 University of California, San Diego (2)  
 University of California, Santa Barbara (3)  
**University of California, Santa Cruz (9)**  
 University of Central Florida (1)  
 University of Cincinnati  
 University of Colorado, Boulder  
 University of Connecticut  
 University of Delaware  
**University of Bridgeport (1)**  
 University of Hawaii, Manoa  
 University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign  
 University of Kansas  
 University of La Verne  
 University of Liverpool  
 University of Maine  
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Minnesota  
 University of Missouri (2)  
 University of Nevada, Reno  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Oregon (2)  
 University of Portland  
 University of Puget Sound  
 University of Redlands  
 University of Rhode Island  
 University of San Diego  
**University of San Francisco (3)**  
 University of South Florida (1)  
**University of Southern California (3)**  
**University of the Pacific (6)**  
 University of Utah (2)  
 University of Vermont  
 University of Virginia  
**University of Washington (3)**  
 University of Waterloo (1)  
**University of Wisconsin (1)**  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Wabash College  
 Washington State University  
 Webster University (1)  
 West Valley College (1)  
 Western Washington University (1)  
 Westmont College (1)  
 Wheaton College, Massachusetts (1)  
 Whitman College  
 Whittier College  
 Willamette University  
 Wofford College

## Total Students Enrolled

165