

# School Profile 2023–24

**An independent college preparatory day and boarding school, OES offers classes from Pre-K through grade 12.** Founded in 1869, OES is the oldest independent Episcopal school west of the Rockies. Eighty-one percent of faculty have advanced degrees. Ninety-nine percent of graduates attend four-year colleges.

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OES is accredited by the **Northwest Association of Independent Schools** and is a member of the **National Association of Independent Schools**.

## MISSION

Oregon Episcopal School prepares students for higher education and lifelong learning by inspiring intellectual, physical, social, emotional, artistic, and spiritual growth so that they may realize their power for good as citizens of local and world communities.

## EQUITY & INCLUSION

As an Episcopal school, we are rooted in the values of compassion for our human family, the strength of dialogue to promote understanding, and a commitment to inclusion. Our Episcopal roots further challenge us to create an environment—both within and beyond our school—that recognizes and values each person's lived experiences and where everyone thrives and is known.

## CURRENT STUDENTS

Enrollment Pre-K–5	347
Enrollment 6–8	211
Enrollment 9–12	326
Day Students	271
Boarding Students	55
International Students	15%
Countries Represented	12
Students of Color	47.4%
Students receiving Financial Assistance	22%

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students take five or six classes each semester.

DEPARTMENT	REQUIRED YEARS/ CREDITS
English	4
History and Social Studies	2
Math	3
Religion and Philosophy	1
Science	3
World Languages	2
Visual, Performing, and Musical Arts	2
Physical Education and Health	.5
Electives	3.5
<b>TOTAL CREDITS TO GRADUATE</b>	<b>21</b>

## GRADING PRACTICES

We do not rank students or weight GPAs. The GPA is based on the final grade listed for each course. Semester grades are reported for all courses. For the fall semester, 9th graders are graded on a P/F basis in order to promote intentional experimentation with learning strategies.

### Grading Scale

A	4.00	C	2.00
A-	3.67	C-	1.67
B+	3.33	D+	1.33
B	3.00	D	1.00
B-	2.67	D-	0.67
C+	2.33	F	0.00

## SNAPSHOT: CLASS OF 2024

Senior Class	73
Mean GPA (sixth semester)	3.63
National Merit Semifinalists	5
National Merit Commended	7

## GPA RANGES: CLASS OF 2024

GPA RANGE	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
3.75–4.00	35
3.50–3.74	19
3.25–3.49	9
Below 3.25	10

## COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS: CLASS OF 2023

(including international students)

SAT SCORES		
	MIDDLE 50% RANGE	MEAN
EBRW	650-750	696
Math	630-750	693
Total	1280-1510	1389

ACT SCORES		
	MIDDLE 50% RANGE	MEAN
Composite	27-33	30

- **Average class size: 14**
- **Student/faculty ratio: 7 : 1**

## SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE CURRICULUM

### OES CURRICULUM

OES offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum with particular emphasis on writing and research. Students are taught to analyze, theorize, and solve problems. Woven through the curriculum are elements of experiential education. Seniors select from an array of semester-length courses in advanced topics in English, history, mathematics, and science. Juniors also have access to the offerings in history, mathematics, and science. English courses for seniors are topic-based seminars or genre-based writing workshops and are designed as culminating experiences that consolidate and build upon the students' prior work.

### WORLD LANGUAGES

We offer Chinese, French, and Spanish through advanced levels. Chinese V, Hispanic (or French) Culture & Communication (HCC, FCC), and Hispanic (or French) Literature & Culture (HLC, FLC) are considered honors-level courses.

### RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

Religion & Philosophy courses are rigorous and comprehensive, requiring reading of college level material and strong reasoning skills. All courses are non-doctrinaire and designed to help students understand religious pluralism, historical forces, and the importance of ethical action.

### SCIENCE RESEARCH

Students conduct extensive independent research projects in year-long science courses and often advance from the school's regional science fair to competitions at higher levels, such as Regeneron, ISEF, and Siemens (Grand Prize, 2016).

### AP/HONORS

When evaluating OES transcripts, please be aware that all OES courses are college preparatory by design, and each department has made intentional choices regarding how to best engage and challenge students. We see our AP and honors courses as equivalent in terms of level of challenge. Honors courses are offered in all departments except Religion & Philosophy and Physical Education & Health. Our math and science departments lead the way with the highest number of honors-level courses. See page three for a full list of Upper School course offerings.

### ATHLETICS

Athletic teams compete in soccer, cross country, volleyball, basketball, lacrosse, skiing, tennis, track, golf, and fencing. Since 2005 our teams have won 53 state championships.

### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- **WINTERIM:** During the week prior to spring break, students participate in immersive, local, domestic, and international experiences.
- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Each student gives back to OES by doing 60 service hours on campus. Students complete 20 exploratory community engagement hours off campus and then commit to two extended Service Learning Projects.
- **DISCOVERY:** A five-day, 40-hour apprenticeship or career exploration is available to students in grades 10–12.

### HONOR CODE

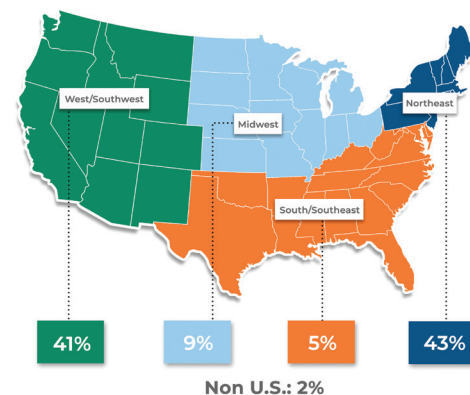
In adhering to a student-designed honor code, Upper School students commit to honesty, safety, accountability, and respect for others in academic, extracurricular, and social pursuits. Honor code violations are referred to our Honor Council, a committee of students and faculty that works with the school's administration to respond to violations, using a restorative process. When asked by colleges, OES reports disciplinary incidents that result in out-of-school suspension or dismissal in grades 9-12.

### COVID-19 NOTES

OES began remote learning in March 2020 and transitioned to in-person learning in March 2021. The Class of 2024 spent the majority of 9th grade in remote learning. We did not alter our grading practices for the 2020-21 school year. Some of our dorm students moved on campus in February 2021.

## COLLEGES ATTENDED 2021–2023

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Babson College                  | San Diego State University                 |
| Bates College                   | Santa Clara University                     |
| Beloit College                  | Sarah Lawrence College                     |
| Bentley University              | Savannah College of Art and Design         |
| Boise State University          | Seattle University                         |
| Boston College                  | Skidmore College                           |
| Boston University               | Smith College                              |
| Bowdoin College                 | Stanford University                        |
| Brandeis University             | Swarthmore College                         |
| Brigham Young University        | Syracuse University                        |
| Brown University                | Texas A&M University                       |
| Bryn Mawr College               | The Ohio State University                  |
| Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo       | The University of Tampa                    |
| Carleton College                | Trinity College                            |
| Carnegie Mellon University      | Tufts University                           |
| Case Western Reserve University | Tulane University of Louisiana             |
| Chapman University              | United States Naval Academy                |
| Claremont McKenna College       | University College Dublin                  |
| Clark University                | University of British Columbia             |
| Clarkson University             | University of California, Berkeley         |
| Colby College                   | University of California, Irvine           |
| Colgate University              | University of California, Los Angeles      |
| Colorado College                | University of California, Riverside        |
| Connecticut College             | University of California, San Diego        |
| Cornell University              | University of California, Santa Barbara    |
| Emerson College                 | University of Colorado Boulder             |
| Emory University                | University of Hawaii at Hilo               |
| Fordham University              | University of Hawaii at Manoa              |
| Georgetown University           | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| Gettysburg College              | University of Michigan                     |
| Gonzaga University              | University of Oregon                       |
| Grinnell College                | University of Pennsylvania                 |
| Hamilton College                | University of Puget Sound                  |
| Haverford College               | University of Redlands                     |
| Johns Hopkins University        | University of Rochester                    |
| Lehigh University               | University of San Diego                    |
| Lewis & Clark College           | University of Toronto                      |
| Linfield University             | University of Toronto Mississauga          |
| Loyola Marymount University     | University of Vermont                      |
| Macalester College              | University of Washington                   |
| McGill University               | University of Wisconsin, Madison           |
| Middlebury College              | University of Wyoming                      |
| New York University             | Vassar College                             |
| Northeastern University         | Wake Forest University                     |
| Northwestern University         | Wellesley College                          |
| Oberlin College                 | Williams College                           |
| Occidental College              | Yale University                            |
| Oregon State University         |  |
| Pitzer College                  |  |
| Pomona College                  |  |
| Portland Community College      |  |
| Portland State University       |  |
| Purdue University               |  |
| Reed College                    |  |
| Rhode Island School of Design   |  |
| Rhodes College                  |  |



# Course Offerings 2023-24 Upper School

English (4 years required)	World Languages (2 years required)	Science (3 years required)
English 9 English 10 English 11 English Language Learning Skills <b>Grade 12 English seminars:</b> Asian Literature* Banned Books* Contemporary Coming of Age* Ethical Persuasion* Fairytales and Legends* Feminist Literature* Ghost Stories* Historical Fiction: Texts and Contexts (H)* Immigrants in America: History and Memory (H)* Memoir* Performing Masculinity* Short Story* Writing Poetry*	Chinese I, II, III, IV Chinese V (H) French I, II, III AP French French Culture and Communication (H) French Literature and Culture (H) Spanish I, II, III, IV AP Spanish Hispanic Culture & Communication (H)* Hispanic Literature and Culture (H)*	Foundations of Science through Physics Chemistry / Honors Chemistry Biology / Honors Biology Advanced Climate Science (H)* Advanced Physics: Mechanics (H)* Advanced Science Research (H)* Advanced Physics: Electricity & Magnetism (H)* Better Living through Chemistry* Dynamic Equilibria (H)* Genetics* Global Systems: Population Growth, Pollution, and Health* Introduction to Biotechnology* Introduction to Engineering* Organic Chemistry* 20th Century Physics*
Mathematics (3 years required)	History & Social Studies (2 years required)	Visual, Performing, & Musical Arts (2 years required)
Algebra Geometry Algebra 2 Advanced Algebra Honors Algebra 2 Advanced Algebra with Proofs (H) Precalculus Honors Precalculus Precalculus with Proofs (H) Math for Social Justice: Applied Stats and Math Modeling AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics Differential Equations (H)* Linear Algebra (H)* Statistics with R (H)* Algorithms (H)* Machine Learning (H)* Data Science (H)*	World History US History I* US Hist. II: Civil Rights/Liberties* US Hist. II: USA on the World Stage* American Government and Politics* Anthropology* Contemporary American Issues: Race, Class, Gender* Cult of Personality* Economics* Global Social Movements* Introduction to Psychology* Media Studies* Historical Fiction: Texts and Contexts (H)* Immigrants in America: History and Memory (H)* Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Course*	Advanced Studio Art (H)* Color, Design, and Symbol* Contemporary Studio Art* Contemporary Ceramics* Create/Design/Collaborate* Creative Coding* Design and Color* Digital Studio Art* Fine Art Photography* Foundation Studio Art* IMPACT (Innovate, Make, Practice, Act, Collaborate, Tinker)* Inquiry in Art (Independent Study)* 3D Design and Prototyping* 3D Foundations* 2D Foundation Studio Art* Actor's Studio* Building a Performance* Design for Stage and Screen* Scriptwriting Workshop* Spring Show Production* Choir* Music Production* Symphonic Band*
Computer Science	Religion & Philosophy (1 year required)	Physical Education & Health (.5 year required)
Coding with Inquiry* Python I: Foundations of Programming* Python II: Advanced Programming and Problem Solving (H)* Python III: Data Science (H)* Comp Sci 1b: Python and Data Science (H)* Advanced Programming in Python (H)*	Buddhism* Christianity and Culture* Christianity and Human Sexuality* Christianity and Social Justice* Eating and Ethics* Hinduism* Islam* Jesus and Early Christianity* Religion and Social Justice* The Good Life* Women in the Hebrew Bible*	Building a Better Athlete: Leadership & Fitness* PE for Life* PE Full Body Fitness* PE Strength & Conditioning*

(H) Indicates honors curriculum \* Indicates semester classes