



# 2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE

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## 2024 AP STATISTICS

Students who took AP course: 138  
AP tests taken: 329\*  
AP Scholars: 22  
AP Scholars with Honors: 6  
AP Scholars with Distinction: 13

\*All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam

## MISSION STATEMENT

Oakland Catholic High School is a Christ-centered, college preparatory school for young women of diverse backgrounds. The Oakland Catholic community is committed to an environment that promotes spiritual formation, excellence in education, a wide range of activities and athletics, and service to others.

Formed under the patronage of St. Joan of Arc, Oakland Catholic is dedicated to teaching young women to lead lives of faith, courage and commitment as they lay the foundation for their future as responsible and respected global leaders.

## FORMATION

As a Catholic school, we are committed to the development of the whole person and believe that one of the primary ways to do this is by giving our students the opportunity to interact frequently with the sacraments through regular school-wide and grade-level Masses and Eucharistic Adoration.

## WPIAL/PIAA SPORTS

Basketball  
Cross Country  
Field Hockey  
Golf  
Indoor Track  
Lacrosse  
Soccer  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track & Field  
Volleyball

## CLUB SPORTS

Crew  
Fencing  
Flag Football  
Sideline Cheerleading  
Ultimate

## MISSION & SERVICE

Fiat Mentorship Program  
Campus Ministry  
Multiple After School Service Opportunities  
Kairos Retreat  
Class Retreats  
Mission Trips (6)  
- Local (2)  
- National (2)  
- International (2)

## CO-CURRICULARS

Campus Ministry  
Chamber Singers  
English Festival  
Euro Challenge  
Forte (Literary Magazine)  
Junior Achievement  
Marching Band & Color Guard  
Central Catholic - Oakland  
Catholic Masque Drama Society  
Model United Nations  
Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS)  
Robotics  
Speech & Debate  
Yearbook

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH: 4 credits  
RELIGION: 4 credits  
SOCIAL STUDIES: 4 credits  
MATHEMATICS: 3 credits  
WORLD LANGUAGE: 2 credits  
SCIENCE: 3 credits  
ELECTIVES: 4 credits  
HEALTH/PHYS ED: 1 credit  
FINE ARTS: 1 credit  
TOTAL CREDITS: 26 credits\*

\*Exceeds Pennsylvania State Requirements

## GPA COURSE RANK POLICY

As a matter of school policy, students are not ranked. Each transcript reflects a cumulative grade point average weighted for AP, CE, and honors courses. Cumulative GPAs are calculated by averaging all courses at Oakland Catholic.

P=Pass F=Fail I=Incomplete W=Withdraw

		College Equivalency/ AP	Honors High School	College Preparatory
A	100-95	6.000	5.000	4.000
A-	94-93	5.625	4.687	3.750
B+	92-90	4.875	4.063	3.250
B	89-87	4.500	3.750	3.000
B-	86-85	4.125	3.437	2.750
C+	84-82	3.375	2.813	2.250
C	81-77	3.000	2.500	2.000
C-	76-75	2.625	2.187	1.750
D+	74-73	1.875	1.563	1.250
D	72-71	1.500	1.250	1.000
D-	70	1.125	0.937	0.750
E	69-0	0.000	0.000	0.000

100%

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

18

AP COURSES OFFERED

9

CHS COURSES OFFERED

41

HONORS COURSES OFFERED

45

SCHOOL DISTRICTS REPRESENTED

\$25+ MILLION

IN MERIT-BASED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

33

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES



# SPECIAL PROGRAMS

## JOAN OF ARC SOCIETY OF SCHOLARS

Founded in 2002, the Joan of Arc (JOA) Society of Scholars is an invitation-only program that recognizes the academic accomplishments of students in the top tier of their class. Designed to formally acknowledge those students who perform exceptionally well academically over all four years of attendance at Oakland Catholic High School, JOA Society of Scholars maintains clearly articulated criteria including a specific GPA requirement at the end of each year of study. Members of JOA Society of Scholars are also required to participate in a certain number of “JOA events” each semester in order to maintain their status in the organization. In general, JOA Scholars represent the top 10% of their class upon graduation.

## GLOBAL COMPETENCE INITIATIVE (GCI) CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Oakland Catholic mission statement concludes by saying that our school is dedicated to “laying the foundation for our students as responsible and respected global leaders.” Oakland Catholic’s Global Competence Initiative, a 3-4 year certificate program open to all students, regardless of their GPA, helps to meet our mission by broadening students’ knowledge of the concerns, challenges, and achievements of the wider world in preparation for their futures as responsible, respected, and faith-filled global leaders.

The GCI Program accomplishes this through events and club participation, experiences within the local community, exchanges abroad, afterschool and summertime educational opportunities, and research projects where students have the opportunity to gain expertise in global issues.

After fulfilling academic and program requirements, students will receive a Certificate in Global Competence, signifying their completion of the program and their dedication to becoming responsible and respected global leaders. Visit [www.oaklandcatholic.org/academics/global-competence-initiative-gci/gci-program-requirements](http://www.oaklandcatholic.org/academics/global-competence-initiative-gci/gci-program-requirements) for descriptions of both academic and participation requirements, which include Encounters and Engagements.

## ENGAGED, EMPOWERED, EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (E<sup>3</sup>)

E<sup>3</sup> provides a clear path for eligible sophomores and juniors to engage in activities, workshops, and concrete projects that intentionally build confidence and leadership skills across a diverse segment of the OC student population. Guided by the facilitation of the program’s director and empowered with a clearer understanding of leadership skills and practices, students in the program are expected to demonstrate how, as leaders, they can serve and empower others for the greater good of the school community. Those who successfully fulfill all requirements earn an E<sup>3</sup> – the OC Leadership Initiative Certificate and will be recognized formally at Honors Convocation and graduation ceremonies.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Founded in 1921, our students in NHS are committed to cultivating an environment in which themselves and others succeed. In addition to maintaining a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.75 or higher, our NHS members also volunteer a minimum of five hours each month, and strive to demonstrate and uphold the four pillars of Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. This program is open for students at the beginning of their junior year.

## CLASS OF 2024 MATRICULATION

Allegheny College  
American University  
Baldwin Wallace University  
Carlow University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University\*  
Catholic University of America  
Clemson University  
Columbus College of Art and Design  
Dickinson College  
Duquesne University  
Fairfield University\*  
George Washington University\*  
Georgetown University  
Howard University  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
La Salle University  
Loyola University Chicago

Marquette University  
Mercyhurst University  
Morgan State University  
Norfolk State University  
Ohio State University  
Penn State University - New Kensington  
Penn State University - University Park  
PennWest Clarion  
Providence University  
Robert Morris University  
Saint Francis University  
Saint Vincent College\*  
San Diego State University  
Santa Barbara City College  
Santa Clara University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Southern Methodist University  
Slippery Rock University

Stanford University\*  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Tufts University  
University of California - Berkley  
University of Delaware  
University of Kentucky  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of South Carolina - Beaufort  
University of Southern California  
University of Washington State  
Vet Tech Institute  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
Waynesburg University  
Western Michigan University

\*Student attending is pursuing an academic and athletic career

