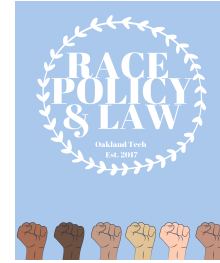




Oakland Technical High School

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RACE, POLICY, AND LAW ACADEMY

Director: Ms. Woo

Mission and Vision

The Race, Policy, and Law Academy will prepare students to work together for equity and racial justice through careers in law, policy, organizing, and communications. RPL is an inclusive community of engaged students, teachers, and community members who are dedicated to racial justice and empowerment. Through relevant curriculum & real world experiences, we take action to address inequity and persevere in the face of systemic injustice. We will explore intersecting social identities through a variety of narratives and experiences, particularly those that have been historically marginalized—so that we can deepen our awareness of multiple perspectives and approach the world with a critical consciousness. In addition, we will develop a deep knowledge of racial oppression as well as the strategies, tactics, and cultural practices used for resistance, healing, and liberation. With this knowledge, we will learn how to use organizing, legislative and policy advocacy, communications and media, and litigation as tools to promote equity and justice in our communities. Through the use of restorative practices, we will foster a culture and community that enables courageous dialogue in the classroom that will equip students to engage in those conversations outside of the classroom. Students will demonstrate empathy and effective communication to collaborate in diverse groups to innovate creative solutions to the pressing social justice issues of our day.

Course Sequence

10th	11th	12th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law & Society• English 2• World History• Forensics Science• Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy & Advocacy• English 3• U.S. History• Chemistry• Algebra 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Justice & Advocacy• English 4

Courses listed above are academy courses, meaning students are required to take these courses with academy teachers. Students take additional courses (PE, world languages, dual enrollment college courses, and other electives) outside of the academy to fulfill their A-G requirements for graduation and to be ready for college.

College & Career Connections

KEY EXPERIENCES	WORK-BASED LEARNING	RELATED CAREERS
Summer internships, Mock Trial, City Council Simulation, and more.	Students learn in action as they engage with a wide array of guest speakers and participate in field trips which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Courthouses• Local, State and Federal Agencies• Law Schools• Colleges & Universities• Community organizations	Lawyer, paralegal, policy advocate, nonprofit director, social worker, community organizer, government official, journalist, communications director, social media manager

Pathway / Academy Team

Teachers: Ms. C., Ms. L., Ms. B, Ms. C., Mr. H., Ms. C, Mr. F, Mr. L.

Counselor: Ms. R

Administrator: Dr. W