

Oakwood School

High School Profile 2025-2026

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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 a 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.

Schoolwide Learner Outcomes

The educational process at Oakwood develops the whole child. Students will be:

1. **Critical Thinkers** – Remember, Understand, Apply, Analyze, Evaluate, Create
2. **Effective Communicators** – Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, Collaborating, Media Literacy
3. **Community Contributors** – Respect, Service, Cooperation, Compassionate Citizenship, Dignity
4. **Authentic & Resilient Individuals** – Broad knowledge, Multicultural/enrichment experiences, Independence & confidence, Physical/social/emotional well-being

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 inform requesting colleges and universities of any disciplinary actions that result in a student's dismissal or withdrawal from the school.

Educational Philosophy

1

Unbridled Exploration

unleashing possibilities

2

Confident Self-Expression

performing with gusto

3

Strong Moral Examples

making good choices

4

Passionate Expertise

delving deeper

5

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.



670

Total Enrollment



170

High School Students



11:1

Student to Teacher Ratio



63%

Students of Color



\$1.3M+

Merit Scholarships Awarded to Class of '25 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.**

Cumulative GPAs for the Class of 2025:

- Weighted GPA Mid-50%: 3.68-4.24
- Weighted Mean: 3.89
- Unweighted Mean: 3.65

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 2026 includes four Qualifiers and two Semifinalists out of 31 students.

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.

Spacecraft Systems Engineering Program

Oakwood's Spacecraft Systems Engineering program immerses students in the full engineering design process through hands-on aerospace projects. The program's flagship project, NyanSat, a student-built CubeSat, was selected by NASA's CubeSat Launch Initiative for launch to the International Space Station. Oakwood was the only K-12 school chosen, joining leading universities and a NASA space flight center. Students take on roles as programmers, engineers, and project managers, developing innovative payloads such as acoustic spacecraft mapping and cryptographic ledgers. This program reflects Oakwood's commitment to advanced STEM education, preparing students to contribute meaningfully to science and technology.



96.6%

Students grades
10- 12 took
AP Exams



8

Average number
of AP Exams taken
per student



82%

Senior Class of '25
named AP Scholars

AP Courses Offered

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Chemistry

AP Computer Science A

AP Computer Science Principles

AP English Literature

AP Environmental Science

AP European History

AP French Language

AP Human Geography

AP Microeconomics

AP Physics C: E & M

AP Physics C: Mechanics

AP Spanish Language

AP Statistics

AP Studio Art: 2D

AP Studio Art: 3D

AP U.S. Government

AP U.S. History

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High School Course Guide

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English (5 years)	English I: Genres of Literature Freshman Writing*	English II: British Literature	English III: American Literature Junior Writing*	AP English Literature
Social Sciences (4 years)	World Cultures	AP European History European History	AP U.S. History U.S. History	AP Microeconomics* AP U.S. Government & Politics* Economics* American Government*
Science (3 years)	Conceptual Physics	Chemistry	H Biology Biology	AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism AP Physics C: Mechanics

Oakwood considers H Biology to meet or exceed the challenge of AP Biology.

Mathematics (3 years through Algebra II)	Algebra I Geometry	H Algebra II Algebra II	H Precalculus Precalculus	AP Statistics Statistics	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC
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World Language (3 years)	French I Spanish I	French II Spanish II	French III Spanish III	French IV Spanish IV	AP French Language & Culture AP Spanish Language & Culture
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	VISUAL ARTS	PERFORMING ARTS	HUMANITIES	STEM
Electives (1 year Visual or Performing Arts + 3.5 years any)	AP 2-D Art and Design AP 3-D Art and Design Digital Photography Digital Photography II Intro to Sculpture^ Modern Theater Studio Art I Studio Art II Video Editing Yearbook	Guitar Performance Skills & Techniques* Jazz Ensemble* Songwriting*^ Theatrical Production I Theatrical Production Advanced* Vocal Ensemble*	AP Human Geography Constitutional Law and American Society^ Creative Writing* Entrepreneurship & Business Management* International Relations*^ Psychology* Speech & Debate* Sports Media & Journalism* World Art History: 1400 to Today*	AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science A <i>H Advanced Computer Science: Data Structures & Algorithms*</i> H Digital Logic & Computer Architecture^ General Engineering H FTC Robotics Competition^ FTC Robotics Competition^ Introduction to Programming* H Spacecraft Systems Engineering* Spacecraft Systems Engineering*

Service Learning (20 hours per year)
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Physical Education (2 years)
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*semester-long courses

^ not offered in 2025-2026

Bold indicates "most demanding" courses.

Bold and italicized indicates Post-AP courses.

AP Courses: 19

Post-AP Courses: 1

Honors Courses: 7

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 2021-25 graduates of Oakwood School, followed by the number of students enrolling in those colleges listed in parenthesis. 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 2025 graduates are enrolled at the schools in bold.

Arizona State University (4)

ArtCenter College of Design (2)

Babson College

Baylor University (1)

Berklee College of Music (3)

Boston University (1)

Brandeis University

Brigham Young University, Idaho (2)

Bryn Mawr College

California College of the Arts

California Institute of the Arts

California Lutheran University

California State University System (35)

California State University, Long Beach (2)

California State University, Monterey Bay (2)

California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt (1)

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (2)

California Polytechnic State University, SLO (11)

California State University, Channel Islands

California State University, Chico

California State University, East Bay

California State University, Fullerton

California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Northridge

California State University, San Bernardino

Fresno State University

Sacramento State University

San Diego State University (4)

San Francisco State University (1)

San Jose State University (12)

Carnegie Mellon University (1)

Case Western Reserve Academy

Chapman University (6)

Champlain College

Claremont McKenna College

Colgate University

Colorado State University (1)

Columbia College Chicago (1)

Concordia University

Connecticut College (1)

Creighton University

Davenport University (1)

De Anza College (2)

Denison University

DePaul University

Dominican University of California

Drexel University

Duke University (1)

Durham University, United Kingdom

Eckerd College

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (1)

Emory University

Evergreen Valley College (4)

Fashion Institute of Technology

Florida Institute of Technology

Franklin & Marshall College

Furman University

Gavilan College (2)

George Washington University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Georgia State University

Goucher College

High Point University

Hill College, Texas (1)

Hobart & William Smith Colleges

IE University, Madrid (1)

Indiana University

James Madison University

Kalamazoo College

Lafayette College

Laguna College of Art and Design (1)

Lake Forest College

Lehigh University (1)

Lewis & Clark College

Louisiana Tech University (1)

Loyola Marymount University (1)

Loyola University Chicago (1)

Maryland Institute College of Art

Maryville University of Saint Louis (1)

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

McGill University (2)

Miami University, Ohio

Michigan State University

Mississippi State University

Moravian University (1)

Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles (1)

New York Institute of Technology

New York University (4)

New York University Shanghai (1)

Northeastern University (1)

Northern Arizona University

Ohio State University

Oregon State University (3)

Oregon Institute of Technology

Otis College of Art and Design

Pacific Northwest College of Art

Pacific University Oregon (1)

Penn State University

Pepperdine University (1)

Portland State University

Purdue University (1)

Reed College (1)

Regis University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Rutgers University

Saint Mary's College of California

San Jose City College (2)

Santa Clara University (7)

Sarah Lawrence College (1)

Savannah College of Art & Design

School of the Art Institute of Chicago (1)

School of Visual Arts

Scripps College

Seattle University

Seton Hall University (1)

Skidmore College

State University of New York at Buffalo

Steven F. Austin State University (1)

Syracuse University

Temple University

Texas A&M University (1)

Texas Christian University (1)

Texas State University

Texas Tech University

The New School (2)

The University of Manchester, United Kingdom

The University of Sydney, Australia (1)

Truman State University, Missouri

University of Alabama

University of Arizona (1)

University of Bridgeport (1)

University of British Columbia, Canada (1)

University of California System (35)

University of California, Berkeley (6)

University of California, Davis (5)

University of California, Irvine (1)

University of California, Los Angeles (9)

University of California, Merced

University of California, Riverside (1)

University of California, San Diego (1)

University of California, Santa Barbara (4)

University of California, Santa Cruz (8)

University of Colorado, Boulder

University of Colorado, Denver

University of Connecticut

University of Florida

University of Hawaii, Manoa

University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign

University of La Verne

University of Liverpool

University of Maine

University of Maryland

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Miami

University of Michigan

University of Minnesota

University of Missouri, Kansas City

University of Nevada, Reno

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

University of Notre Dame

University of Oregon (1)

University of Pittsburgh

University of Portland

University of Puget Sound

University of Redlands

University of Rhode Island

University of San Diego

University of San Francisco (4)

University of South Florida (1)

University of Southern California (6)

University of the Pacific (3)

University of Tampa

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

University of Utah (1)

University of Vermont

University of Virginia

University of Washington (3)

University of Washington, Bothell (1)

University of Wisconsin, Madison (1)

Utah Tech University (1)

Wabash College

Washington State University

Webster University (1)

West Valley College (1)

Western Washington University

Westmont College

Whitman College

Willamette University

Wofford College

Total Students Enrolled

176