OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL

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"Those Things That Are Best"

2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Oak Park and River Forest High School, a public four-year comprehensive high school, is located nine miles west of downtown Chicago and has a spirited student population of 3,319. We are proud of our academic achievements, our athletic accomplishments, and our diverse school community. Founded in 1873, we are rich in history and tradition. "Those Things That Are Best" has been our school motto since 1908. Students choose a course of study from more than 200 courses in eight divisions, which include the traditional academic programs as well as fine and applied arts, theatre/broadcasting, technology, business education, family and consumer science, and special education. Students have multiple opportunities to prepare themselves for diverse post-high school paths.

The rich ethnic and racial diversity of the community facilitates the development of mutual respect as well as social and personal responsibility among Oak Park and River Forest High School students. The villages of Oak Park and River Forest, famous for their Frank Lloyd Wright architecture and charming Victorian homes, traditionally place a high priority on education. Since 1873, their citizens and community leaders have maintained a high priority on education by ensuring resources necessary to guarantee an outstanding secondary education for their children. The high school's remarkable physical facilities provide cultural and recreational benefits for all residents. Each school year, the school district spends approximately $26,540 per pupil.

ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATION

Oak Park and River Forest High School is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It also has been awarded full recognition status by the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Illinois. The Counseling Division is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice.

FACULTY PROFILE

Of a total faculty of 286, 90% have earned a master's degree while 66% have earned 30 or more hours beyond their master's degree. The typical teacher has been at Oak Park and River Forest High School for 10 years.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

Almost 89% of the graduates of the Class 2025 enrolled in 218 post-secondary schools. Of the entire senior class, 87% enrolled in 4-year colleges or universities while 9% enrolled in 2-year colleges or technical schools. Additionally, less than 1% joined the military, 2% entered the job force, and 1% took a gap year.

STUDENTS

Students at Oak Park and River Forest High School represent a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds.

White	Black	Hispanic	Two or More Races	Asian/ Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Middle Eastern/North African
50.7%	18.1%	16.8%	10%	3.9%	0%	0.4%

ACT RESULTS

Results Below reflect ISBE School day ACT data from the spring of 2025. **The average composite ACT score was 23.3.**

Spring 2025	ACT ENGLISH	ACT MATH	ACT READING	ACT SCIENCE	ACT STEM	ACT WRITING	ACT ELA
Average Score	23.3	22.7	23.8	22.6	22.9	7.4	23
Met College Board Benchmark	77%	56%	64%	52%	33%	N/A	73%
College Board Benchmark Not Met	23%	44%	36%	48%	67%	N/A	27%

The ACT College Readiness Benchmarks are the ACT scores that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher and about a 75-80% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing courses. Using data collected from hundreds of colleges across the United States, benchmarks have been established for the ACT section test scores, ACT STEM score, and the ACT ELA score.

NATIONAL MERIT HONORS

Of the 789 seniors in the Class of 2025, there are 9 semifinalists and 42 commended students in the National Merit Scholarship competition. In the College Board National Recognition Program, there are 17 National Hispanic Scholars, 17 National African American Scholars, 1 National Indigenous Scholar, and 3 First Generation Scholars.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AND EXAMS

In May of 2025, 1,287 students took 3,105 exams with 88% of exams earning scores of 3 or better.

Exam Scores	5	4	3	2	1
% of Exams	27%	34%	27%	10%	2%

GPA CALCULATION AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION

The calculation of weighted and non-weighted grade point averages is explained on each transcript and in the *Academic Catalog*. In the 2024-2025 school year, the grade of C became eligible to be calculated into the weighted GPA.

Class of 2025 90th percentile GPA:

	Highest	90th Percentile
GPA	4	3.933
WGPA	4.96	4.857

Academic course grades earned by all students during the 2024-2025 school year were as follows:

A	B	C	D	F	I
52%	28.90%	12.60%	4.90%	1.60%	0%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A total of **43 credits** is needed for graduation from Oak Park and River Forest High School.

ENGLISH	8	HISTORY	4	FINE ARTS	1	COMPUTER PROFICIENCY	1
MATH	6	CIVICS	1	APPLIED ARTS	1	SAFETY/DRIVERS ED	1
SCIENCE	4	WORLD LANGUAGE	1	FINANCIAL LITERACY	1	PHYSICAL EDUCATION / HEALTH	7
						ELECTIVES	7

COURSE OFFERINGS AND LEVEL DESIGNATIONS

See the ***Academic Catalog***, available at www.oprfhs.org, for details on courses in each program.

English and Reading

Transition Level: World Studies Immersion | Elements of Reading | English Literature RC | American Literature RC| Literacy Connections | Literacy Seminar |College & Career Literacy |English for College and Career Prep | Contemporary Literature and Composition B

College Preparatory Level: English | World Studies | English Literature | American Literature | Contemporary Literature & Composition | Creative Writing |Experiments in Reading Literature & the World | Journal Writing | Journalism | LGBTQ Voices in Literature | Latinx Literature |The Visual Word |Popular Fiction | Science Fiction & 20th Century American Culture | Sports and Literature | Works of One Author: William Shakespeare | War and Literature | Women's Literature | Tabula (Yearbook) | Trapeze (Newspaper)

AP and Honors Level: English A | English Literature A |AP English Language and Composition | AP English Literature and Composition | African-American Literature A | Humanities A | Works of One Author: William Shakespeare A | Women's Literature A

Mathematics

Transition Level: Pre-Algebra Block | Algebra Extended |Math I Block Accelerate or Extended |Algebra 10 Block |Math II Block Accelerate or Extended | Problem-Based Geometry | Algebra Two | Math II Block Accelerate or Extended

College Preparatory Level: Algebra |Advanced Algebra | Math I | Math II |Plane Geometry | College Algebra and Trigonometry | Algebra 3 and Applications of Trigonometry | Introduction to Computer Science | Quantitative Literacy/MAT 102 | Mobile App Development

AP and Honors Level: Math I A |Math II A | Intermediate Algebra A | Advanced Algebra A | Plane Geometry A | Geometry A |College Algebra and Trigonometry A |Calculus Concepts A |Pre-Calculus A | AP Pre-Calculus | AP Pre-Calculus AB/BC | AP Calculus AB |AP Calculus AB/BC | AP Calculus BC | AP Computer Science |AP Computer Science Principles | AP Statistics |Linear Algebra A / Calculus III A

History

Transition Level: World Studies Immersion | World History B |United States History B

College Preparatory Level: World History | World Studies | United States History | African-American History |African History | Asian Studies | Civics | Criminal and Civil

History, continued

Law | Equity and Youth Action | Hip Hop in US History & Society | History of Chicago | Holocaust Studies | Latin American History | Psychology | Sociology | Sports & Resistance in American History | Women in History | Youth and Social Justice

AP and Honors Level: World History A | United States History A |Modern Middle Eastern History A | Philosophy A | AP European History | AP Psychology | AP United States History | AP United States Politics and Government | AP African American Studies

World Languages

College Preparatory Level: Chinese 1-2 | French 1-4 | German 1-2 | Italian 1-4 | Japanese 1-2 | Latin 1-2 | Spanish 1-5 | World Languages & Culture | English Language Learning 1 - 4 | English Language Literacy 1 - 4 | English Language Study Skills and Supports 1 - 4

AP and Honors Level: Chinese 3A-4 A | French 1A-4 A | German 3A-4 A | Italian 2A-5 A | Japanese 3A-4 A | Latin 3A-4 A | Spanish 1A-4 A | AP French 5 | AP Spanish 5 | Latina/Latino Studies for Heritage Speakers A | Spanish Language, Literature, & Film A

Science

College Preparatory Level: Biology | Biology E | ChemCom, Chemistry, or Chemistry II | Project Physics, Physics, or Physics II | Models of Biology |Models of Chemistry |Models of Physics |Anatomy and Physiology |Astronomy | Environmental Science | Geoscience |

AP and Honors Level: Biology A |Chemistry A | Physics A | Pre-AP Biology A | AP Biology | AP Chemistry | AP Environmental Science | AP Physics I | AP Physics C | AP Research | AP Seminar | Investigational Research Design/Innovation 1 - 4 A (IRDI)

Business

College Preparatory Level: Accounting & Investment Principles | Business Accelerator |Business Incubator | Business Management | Small Business Management |Financial Literacy F/S | Financial Literacy J/S | Digital Literacy / Computer Applications | Principles of Marketing | Student Helpdesk Internship | Video Game/Multimedia Development | Website Development

AP and Honors Level: AP Microeconomics | AP Macroeconomics

Visual Arts

College Preparatory Level: Art Foundations | Advanced Photo-Film/Digital | Beginning Wheel Throwing | Drawing | Graphic Design 1 | Graphic Design 2 | History of Film | Intermediate Wheel Throwing | Introduction to Sculpture | Metalworking/ Jewelry Painting | Photo 1-35m BW Film | Photo 2-Film/Color | Printmaking | Tabula/Photo Design Publications | Entertainment Arts

AP and Honors Level: Advanced Studio Art A: 2- Dimensional | Advanced Studio Art A: 3-Dimensional | AP Art History | AP Art and Design

Theatre and Broadcasting

College Preparatory Level: Acting 1-2 |Advanced Theatre |Creative Film Making |Directing Workshop |Introduction to Broadcasting | Newscene | Radio and Sound Production | TV Production | Theatre Technology and Design | Musical Theater

Music

College Preparatory Level: A Capella Choir | Bass Chorus | Chamber Singers | Chorale |Treble Choir | Concert Band | Concert Orchestra | Jazz Ensemble | Song Writing/Guitar I-II | String Orchestra | Symphonic Band | Symphony Orchestra | Wind Ensemble | Wind Symphony

AP and Honors Level: AP Music Theory

Family and Consumer Science

College Preparatory Level: Culinary Arts | Baking and Pastry | Global Foods | Mini-Restaurant |Barbering / Cosmetology | Clothing Construction 1-2 | Fashion Merchandising | Housing and Interior Design | Child Development | Early Childhood Education |Education Academy | Introduction to Education | Pathways to Teaching / Concordia University - Chicago

Technology

College Preparatory Level: Introduction to Engineering Design | Engineering Design and Development | Principles of Engineering | Advanced Architecture and Engineering CAD | Civil Engineering & Architecture CAD | Computer Integrated Manufacturing | Digital Electronics | Introduction to Woodworking | Advanced Woodworking | Woodworking Capstone | Introduction to Automotive Technology | Advanced Automotive Technology | Automotive Capstone | Fundamentals of Nursing |Human Evolution | Introduction to Health Careers/Med | Introduction to Patient Care Skills

Physical Education, Health, and Drivers' Education

College Preparatory Level: Health Education | Freshman PE | Sophomore PE | Holistic Wellness and Self-Defense | Racket Sports | Co-Ed Team Sports | Boys' Team Sports | Dance | Company Dance | Advanced Adventure Education | Athletic Training Techniques | Fitness and Foods | Advanced Strength Training | Mind and Body Fitness | Peer Leader / Adapted PE | Drivers' Education / Behind-the-Wheel | Drivers' Education / Classroom and Driving Simulation

Academic Support

College Preparatory Level: Literacy Seminar | Literacy Connections | College and Career Literacy | Mentor Studies | Academic Enrichment | Academic Strategies