

Oakwood School

High School Profile 2026-2027

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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 this 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.

SAT Testing

SAT test centers continue to be limited in the Bay Area as of Fall 2026. Each March, Oakwood offers an optional in-school SAT for 11th-grade students and fully supports those who choose not to participate.

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

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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.



701

Total Enrollment



187

High School Students



9:1

Student to Teacher Ratio



60%

Students of Color



\$1.2M+

Merit Scholarships
Awarded to Class of '26 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 2026:

- Weighted GPA Mid-50%: 3.35-4.43
- Weighted Mean: 3.97
- Unweighted Mean: 3.62

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 2027 is made up of 47 students and includes eight National Merit qualifiers.

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.



92%
Students grades
10- 12 took
AP Exams



8
Average number
of AP Exams taken
per graduating senior



84%
Senior Class of '26
named AP Scholars

AP Courses Offered

AP Business and Personal Finance	AP European History	AP Studio Art: 2D
AP Calculus AB	AP French Language	AP Studio Art: 3D
AP Calculus BC	AP Human Geography	AP U.S. Government
AP Chemistry	AP Microeconomics	AP US History
AP Computer Science A	AP Physics C: E & M	
AP Computer Science Principles	AP Physics C: Mechanics	
AP English Literature	AP Spanish Language	
AP Environmental Science	AP Statistics	

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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 Digital Photography III Intro to Sculpture^ Modern Theater^ Studio Art I Studio Art II Video Editing^ Yearbook	Guitar Performance Skills & Techniques* Instrumental Ensemble* Songwriting*^ Theatrical Production I Theatrical Production Advanced* Vocal Ensemble*	AP Business and Personal Finance AP Human Geography Constitutional Law and American Society*^ Creative Writing* Entrepreneurship & Business Management*^ International Relations* Philosophy* 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*^ Engineering for Impact* 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 2026-2027

Bold indicates "most demanding" courses.

Bold and italicized indicates Post-AP courses.

AP Courses: 20

Post-AP Courses: 1

Honors Courses: 6

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 2022-26 graduates of Oakwood School, followed by the number of students enrolling in those colleges listed in parenthesis. Approximately 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 2026 graduates are enrolled at the schools in bold.

Arizona State University (4)
 ArtCenter College of Design (2)
 Baylor University (1)
 Berklee College of Music (2)
 Boston University (1)
 Brigham Young University, Idaho (2)

California State System (30)

California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt (1)
 California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (2)
California Polytechnic State University, SLO (9)
California State University, Chico (1)
 California State University, Long Beach (2)
 California State University, Monterey Bay (2)

San Diego State University (4)

San Francisco State University (1)

San Jose State University (8)

Carnegie Mellon University (2)

Chapman University (5)
 Columbia College Chicago (1)
 Connecticut College (1)

Cornell University (1)

Davenport University (1)

De Anza College (3)

Duke University (1)
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (1)

Evergreen Valley College (6)

Gavilan College (2)

Georgia Tech University (1)

Grand Canyon University (1)

Hill College (Hillsboro, TX) (1)
 IE University, Madrid (1)
 Laguna College of Art and Design (1)
 Lehigh University (1)
 Louisiana Tech University (1)
 Loyola Marymount University (1)
 Loyola University Chicago (1)
 Maryville University of St. Louis (1)
 McGill University (2)
 Moravian University (1)
 Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles (1)
 New York University (4)
 New York University, Shanghai (1)

Northeastern University (1)

Northwestern University (1)

Oregon State University (4)

Pepperdine University (1)

Princeton University (1)

Purdue University (1)

Reed College (1)

Saint Lawrence University (1)

Saint Mary's College of California (1)

San Jose City College (2)

Santa Clara University (7)

School of the Art Institute of Chicago (1)
 Seton Hall University (1)
 Texas A&M University (1)
 Texas Christian University (1)
 The New School (in New York City) (1)
 Trinity University (1)
 University of Arizona (1)
 University of Bridgeport (in Connecticut) (1)

University of Bristol (1)

University of British Columbia (1)

University of California System (34)

University of California, Berkeley (5)

University of California, Davis (5)
 University of California, Irvine (1)

University of California, Los Angeles (11)

University of California, Riverside (1)
 University of California, Santa Barbara (2)

University of California, Santa Cruz (9)

University of Hartford (1)

University of Oregon (2)

University of San Francisco (6)

University of South Florida (1)
 University of Southern California (6)

University of the Pacific (4)

University of Utah (1)
 University of Washington (3)
 University of Washington, Bothell (1)
 University of Wisconsin, Madison (1)
 Utah Tech University (1)

Total Students Enrolled

176