

OPHS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission statement of Oak Park High School is to ensure a high quality educational experience which will develop the intellectual, personal, social, and cultural foundation of all students and instill in them a desire to achieve excellence.

TYPE OF SCHOOL

Oak Park High School is a public high school, grades 9-12. The course offerings are primarily college preparatory in nature qualifying students for entrance to the UC/CSU/private college systems.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX

Oak Park High School earned the highest API score (908) of any comprehensive public high school in Ventura County.

ACCREDITATION

Oak Park High School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The most recent accreditation was for a 6-year term beginning in 2010.

LOCATION

Oak Park is located in Ventura County, California between the San Fernando and Conejo Valleys. It is a suburban residential community of upper/middle class income families.

GRADUATES

Oak Park's first graduating class of 78 culminated in June 1983. The school graduated a class of 290 in 2010 with 305 anticipated for 2011. Our graduation rate was 99.7% in both 2009 and 2010.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT 1410

306 Seniors	347 Juniors
367 Sophomores	391 Freshmen

LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR

August 31, 2011 – June 15, 2012

GRADING SYSTEM

Given that colleges essentially ignore high school weighted grades, and focus more on the overall rigor of a student's program, the OPHS faculty believes that weighted grade points should not be a deciding factor in a student's course selection process. We always encourage students to take the most rigorous courses they are capable of in the subjects where they have both demonstrated ability and passion. Effective with the class of 2010 Oak Park High School no longer assigned weighted grades for any courses. The OPHS GPA is calculated using the following grade points for all classes:

Letter grades are given numerical values as follows: A= 4.0, B = 3.0, C= 2.0, D = 1.0, F = 0.0, NM = No Mark, P = Pass, I = Incomplete, W = Withdraw.

Honors courses are noted on the transcript with an "H." Advanced Placement classes are noted on the transcript with an "AP." (+/-) notations are for information only, and are not factored into the GPA

CLASS RANK

It should be noted that Oak Park is a highly competitive "National Blue Ribbon" College Preparatory High School. Our graduation requirements are the most rigorous of any school (public or private) in Ventura County. 80% of our students successfully pursue a college preparatory program (i.e. UC 'a-g' curriculum). The class of 2012 has a median unweighted grade point average of 3.164, and

the top 15% carried a 3.75 or higher unweighted grade point average. We believe that when taken out of their local context, both numerical and percentile rankings are unfair, and do not give an accurate representation of the accomplishments of our students. The bottom line is that our graduates are extremely well prepared for success in college.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The Oak Park High School year includes two semesters of eighteen weeks. The school day is divided into 3 classes of approximately 95 minutes each on the block schedule with the option of a 0 period class of 60 minutes that meets daily. Periods 1, 3, and 5 meet one day and periods 2, 4 and 6 meet on the alternate day. A 7th period academic support time is offered daily at the end of the school day providing access for all students to our faculty members.

HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAMINATION

The California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) has been aligned with California's academically rigorous content standards and will test all potential high school graduates in language arts and mathematics. In 2011, ninety-nine percent of the students who took the CAHSEE passed the math section and 99% passed the language arts sections of the exam.

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE RATES

Students graduating from Oak Park High School have a high rate of college admission and attendance. 93.8% of the class of 2011 will be attending college (at either 4 or 2 year schools). 62.75% received offers of admission from 4 year schools, 59.7% of our seniors accepted offers and are now attending 4 yr. schools. 34.1% are now attending 2yr. Schools.

SAT Statistics

Average SAT for class of 2011
(2400 point scale)

1778

Middle 50%

Average

Critical Reading

570

577

Math

590

598

Writing

600

603

Total

1710

1,778

ACT Statistics

Average ACT for class of 2011

25.9

Middle 50%

Average

English

27

26.5

Math

26

26.3

Reading

27

25.8

Science Reasoning

24

24.6

Composite

26

25.9

AP EXAMINATIONS

The results of our AP examinations for 2011 showed that 348 of our students in grades 10-12 took at least one AP exam and the overall pass rate (i.e. scores of 3, 4 or 5) was 86%. The first opportunity that students have to take an AP class at Oak Park High School is during the 10th grade year. All students may apply for AP classes and are provided the opportunity to succeed in these classes as long as they can show that they have mastered previous material that prepares them for the class and have a strong work ethic.

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Programs are offered in Advanced Placement (21 courses); Honors (12 courses); 2 high school courses for community college credit, Special Education and the Regional Occupational Program (ROP).

FACULTY

65 faculty, all of whom hold a B.A. or B.S. degree and teaching credentials in their field of teaching. Over half of the faculty has earned masters or doctorate degrees.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Credits required for graduation: 240

English (40) – English I, II, III, two Senior Seminars

History/Social Science (35) – World Geography, World History, U.S. History, Government, Economics.

Science (30) – Global Science, Biology, Chemistry

Math (30) – Algebra and Geometry required

Physical Education (20) – 9th grade required

Visual and Performing Arts (10)

Practical Skills (5)

Health (5)

Computer course (5)

Senior Life Skills (5)

General Electives (55)

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

California Scholarship Federation (CSF)

National Honor Society (NHS)

Gold Honor Roll – 3.75 GPA or above

Eagle Honor Roll – 3.5 to 3.74 GPA

Honors at Graduation

Oak Park High School uses a "Cum Laude with Honors" recognition program for its most accomplished seniors. For the purpose of calculating the qualifying grade point averages, all classes posted on the OPHS transcript will be included, up to and including the third quarter of the students' senior year. The categories for distinction under the "Cum Laude with Honors" graduation recognition program are:

- **Summa Cum Laude** - meaning "with the highest praise" is the highest recognition awarded at graduation. To graduate summa cum laude, a student must achieve a 3.90 or higher grade point average on an unweighted 4.00 scale.
- **Magna Cum Laude** – meaning "with great praise" is the second highest recognition awarded at graduation. To qualify for magna cum laude, a student must achieve a 3.70 – 3.89 grade point average on an unweighted 4.00 scale.
- **Cum Laude** – meaning "with praise" is the third recognition awarded at graduation. To qualify for cum laude, a student must achieve a 3.50 – 3.69 grade point average on an unweighted 4.00 scale.

The "with Honors" Designations:

The following Honors distinctions will be added based on the number of Honors & AP semesters a student will have completed through the end of their Senior Year:

Honors recognition # Semesters of Honors/AP courses required for Honors recognition

with "Highest Honors" 16+

with "High Honors" 11-15.5

with "Honors" 6–10.5

with "Distinction" .5 – 5.5

Notes:

- Must have a minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA to qualify for any of the "With Honors" levels of recognition.
- Honors course semesters count as .5, and AP semesters will count as 1

OPHS 2011-2012 Course of Study

BUSINESS & COMPUTER EDUCATION

Computer Applications (5)
Computer Programming (5)
E-Commerce (5)
Web Design (5)

ENGLISH

*English I CP (10)
*English II CP (10)
*English II Honors (10)
*English III CP (10)
*English III Honors (10)
*AP Language & Composition (10)
*English IV Honors (10)
*AP Literature & Composition (10)
*Children's Literature CP (5)
*Cinematographic Texts CP (5)
*Creative Writing CP (5)
*Film as Literature I CP (5 each)
*Madness and Identity CP (5)
*Mythology to Science Fiction CP
*Speech (5)

MODERN LANGUAGE

*American Sign Language I, II, III CP (10)
*Chinese I, II, III, CP & AP Chinese Language & Culture (10 each)
*French I, II, III, IV CP & AP French Language (10 each)
*Spanish I, II, III CP, III Honors, IV Honors & AP Spanish Language (10 each)

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Woodworking I, II (5 each)
Beginning & Advanced Architecture (5 each)
Stagecraft (10)

MATHEMATICS

*Algebra IA CP (10)
*Algebra 1B CP (10)
*Algebra I CP (10)
*Geometry CP (10)
*Algebra II CP (10)
*Algebra II Honors (10)
*Math Analysis CP (10)
*Math Analysis Honors (10)
*Finite Math CP (10)
*AP Calculus (A/B) (10)
*AP Calculus (B/C) (10)
*AP Statistics (10)
*Statistics CP (10)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education 9, 10 (10 each)
Dance (10)
Athletic Training/Sports Medicine I, II, III (5 each)
Weight Training (5)
Team Sports (5)
Health (5)

SCIENCE

*Global Science CP (10)
*Global Science Honors (10)
*Anatomy & Physiology (10)
*Biology I (10)
*Biology Honors (10)
*AP Biology (10)
*Chemistry CP (10)
*Chemistry Honors (10)
*AP Chemistry (10)
*AP Environmental Science (10)
*Fundamentals of Science (10)
*Physics CP (10)
*Physics Honors (10)
*AP Physics B (10)

SOCIAL SCIENCE

*World Geography (CP) (5)
*World History CP (10)
*U.S. History CP (10)
*U.S. History Honors (10)
*AP U.S. History (10)
*AP European History (10)
*Government CP (5)
*AP Government & Politics (5)
*Economics CP (5)
*AP Macroeconomics (5)
*Psychology CP (5)
*Psychology AP (5)
*Sociology CP (5)

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

*Art - Drawing and Painting I/II CP (10)
*Art - 3-D Design CP (10)
*Art - Advanced Drawing and Painting CP (10)
*AP Music Theory (10)
*AP Studio Art: Drawing (10)
*AP Studio Art: 2D Design (10)
*AP Studio Art: 3D Design (10)
*Computer Animation I/II CP (10)
*Advanced Computer Animation III/IV CP (10)
*Computer Graphics I/II CP (10)
*Concert Band CP (10)
*Theatre A: Acting CP (10)
*Theatre E: Video Production CP (10)
*Advanced Video Production (10)
*Vocal Ensemble CP (10)
*Advanced Vocal Ensemble CP (Chamber Choir) (10)

NON-DEPARTMENTAL COURSES

Driver Education (2.5)
(ROP)Regional Occupational Program Work Experience (10)
Yearbook (10)
School Service (5)
(ASB) Associated Student Government (10)
Senior Life Skills (5)
Mock Trial (10)

Students taking AP & Honors Courses may be limited to selection of electives, as AP & Honors sections are limited.

* = U C Approved College Preparatory Level Course

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