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ACCREDITATION

- Western Association of Schools and Colleges

RECOGNITIONS

- Exemplary School** (Arts Schools Network, 2023-2028)
- California Exemplary Arts Education Award** (California Department of Education, 2021, 2026)
- Exceptional Charter School in Special Education** (National Association of Special Education Teachers, 2017-2026)
- Best Charter High Schools in California** (Niche, 2015-2026)
- Best High Schools in America** (U.S. News & World Report, 2008-2026)

MEMBERSHIPS

- International NETWORK of Schools for the Advancement of Arts Education
- National Association of Special Education Teachers

FACULTY

- All academic faculty are fully credentialed.
- The majority of the 300 arts and academic teachers hold advanced degrees.
- Guest artists and industry leaders share their expertise and creativity with students through lectures, presentations, and hands-on training.

SCHOOL PROFILE

Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA), a public charter school located in the heart of Santa Ana, California, provides a six-year comprehensive academic and conservatory arts program to students in grades 7-12. Established in 1987, OCSA is one of the premier arts schools in the nation, where aspiring young artists have the opportunity to refine their skills and flourish in one of 17 pre-professional arts conservatories.

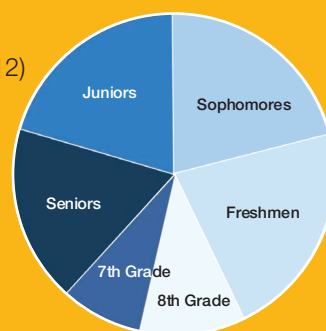
OCSA serves a culturally diverse student body of approximately 2,440 students from more than 100 cities throughout Southern California. Based on the belief that creative artistry is fueled by intellectual insight, OCSA provides a rigorous college-preparatory academic program that produces high-achieving, motivated scholars. Students attend five hours of academic classes in addition to two-and-a-half hours of arts instruction daily. Over four decades, the school has impacted thousands of students, molding generations of creative thinkers, leaders, artists, innovators, and entrepreneurs.

ENROLLMENT

2,440 Students (Grades 7-12)

DEMOGRAPHICS

Seniors: 437
Juniors: 495
Sophomores: 516
Freshmen: 534
8th Grade: 260
7th Grade: 198



STUDENT DISTRIBUTION BY ETHNIC CODE

Asian-American: 43.20%
White: 19.43%
Hispanic or Latino: 18.85%
Multi-Ethnic: 15.81%
Filipino: 1.64%
Black: 0.66%
Pacific Islander: 0.37%
American Indian: 0.04%

CURRICULUM

- The **academic program** is organized on an alternating block schedule, where each class meets every other day. Students take three 85-minute block classes daily.
- The **arts conservatory program** consists of two 70-minute blocks, four days a week. Middle school students attend one block each day while high school students attend two blocks. These pre-professional arts courses vary in content and day of the week, based on the conservatory.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

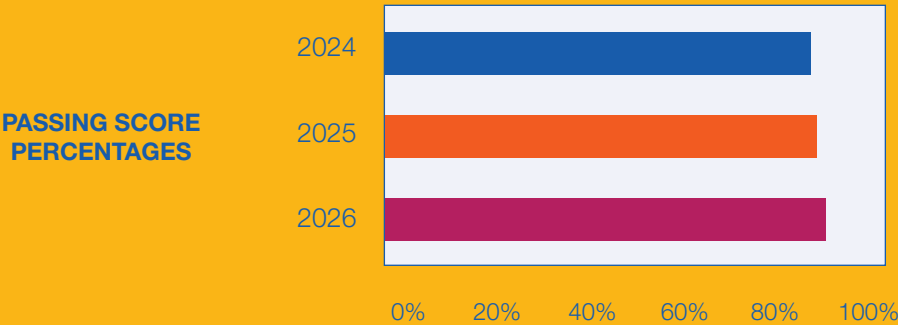
Course	Length	Credits
Literature and Composition	8 Semesters	40
Mathematics (Integrated I and II)	4 Semesters	20
Life Science	2 Semesters	10
Physical Science	2 Semesters	10
Health	1 Semester	5
World History	2 Semesters	10
United States History	2 Semesters	10
Government	1 Semester	5
Economics	1 Semester	5
World Language	4 Semesters	20
Fine Arts	2 Semesters	10
Physical Education	4 Semesters	20
Required Course Credits		165
Electives		75
Total Credits Required to Graduate:		240

Full participation in conservatory courses is required each year of all students in grades 9-12 from one of the following conservatories: *Acting, Arts & Enterprise, Ballet & Contemporary Dance, Ballet Folklórico Dance, Ballroom Dance, Classical Voice, Commercial Dance, Creative Writing, Culinary Arts & Hospitality, Design & Media, Film & Television, Instrumental Music, Integrated Arts, Musical Theatre, Popular Music, Production & Design, or Visual Arts.*

TESTING INFORMATION

Advanced Placement Exams

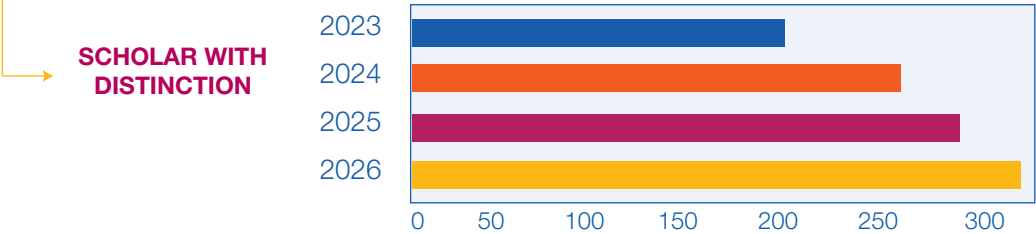
- May **2026**, 1,042 students took AP exams
- A total of 2,757 exams were taken in 31 AP subjects
- 91% of the AP exams received passing scores
- May **2025**, 944 students took AP exams
- A total of 2,475 exams were taken in 31 AP subjects
- 90% of the AP exams received passing scores
- May/June **2024**, 871 students took AP exams
- A total of 2,238 exams were taken in 25 AP subjects
- 89% of the AP exams received passing scores



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

National Merit Scholarship Awards	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
National Merit Finalists	10	12	9	3
National Merit Semifinalists	10	12	9	3
National Merit Commended Scholars	27	35	22	27

Advanced Placement Awards	2023	2024	2025	2026
Scholar with Distinction	204	254	294	339
Scholar with Honors	96	79	102	122
Scholar	124	136	128	152
AP Capstone Diploma	36	44	37	40
AP Seminar & Research Certificate	10	7	7	11



GRADE AND GPA SCALE

OCSA utilizes a four-point scale to calculate students' grade point averages, but does not rank students by GPA.

Grade Scale: A = 4.0 B = 3.0
C = 2.0 D = 1.0

Advanced Placement/Honors courses (+) are weighted with an additional value of one point for each course semester.

Average Cumulative Academic GPA: 3.7

Advanced Placement Classes

- AP Art and Design (+)
- AP Art History (+)
- AP Biology (+)
- AP Calculus (+)
- AP Chemistry (+)
- AP Chinese (+)
- AP Computer Science Principles (+)
- AP Environmental Science (+)
- AP French Language and Culture (+)
- AP Government and Politics (+)
- AP Language and Composition (+)
- AP Literature and Composition (+)
- AP Macro Economics (+)
- AP Music Theory (+)
- AP Physics 1 (+)
- AP Physics 2 (+)
- AP Psychology (+)
- AP Research (+)
- AP Seminar (+)
- AP Spanish Language and Culture (+)
- AP Statistics (+)
- AP United States History (+)
- AP World History (+)

Honors Classes

- Chemistry Honors (+)
- French III Honors (+)
- Integrated Math III Enhanced (+)
- Literature and Composition II Honors (+)
- Mandarin IV Honors (+)
- Pre-Calculus (+)
- Spanish IV Honors (+)

Extracurricular Opportunities

- California Scholarship Federation
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations
- National Arts Honor Society
- National History Day
- National Honor Society
- OCSA Academy Student Leaders
- Science Olympiad
- Student Body Leadership
- Thespian Honor Society
- World Language Honor Societies
- More than 150 student-led clubs and organizations

DONATION DEPENDENT

- OCSA is a donation-dependent public charter school.
- No student is offered or denied admission based on financial capacity.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY (CP) COURSE OFFERINGS BY SUBJECT AREA

OCSA offers seven yearlong Honors courses and 23 Advanced Placement courses. Courses indicated with an asterisk * receive an extra point in the grade point average calculation.

English

- *AP Language and Composition
- *AP Literature and Composition
- Literature and Composition I
- Literature and Composition II
- *Literature and Composition IIIH
- Literature and Composition III
- Modern Voice & Media Studies: Literature & Composition IV

Science

- Anatomy
- *AP Biology
- *AP Chemistry
- *AP Environmental Science
- *AP Physics 1
- *AP Physics 2
- Biology of the Living Earth
- Chemistry
- *Chemistry Honors
- Environmental Science
- Physics
- Zoology

Mathematics

- *AP Calculus
- *AP Statistics
- Financial Algebra
- Integrated Math I
- Integrated Math II
- Integrated Math III
- *Integrated Math III/Enhanced
- *Pre-Calculus

Social Science

- *AP Government and Politics
- *AP United States History
- *AP World History
- Government
- United States History
- World History

World Languages

- *AP Chinese
- *AP French Language and Culture
- *AP Spanish Language and Culture
- French I
- French II
- French III
- *French IIIH
- French IV
- Mandarin for Mandarin Speakers I
- Mandarin for Mandarin Speakers II
- Mandarin I
- Mandarin II
- Mandarin III
- *Mandarin IVH
- Spanish for Native Speakers A
- Spanish for Native Speakers B

- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Spanish III
- Spanish IV
- *Spanish IVH

Visual and Performing Arts

- 3-D Design
- Acting Technique
- Advanced Painting
- Advanced Screenwriting
- Animation
- *AP Art and Design
- *AP Art History
- *AP Music Theory
- Art History
- Ballet Dance
- Ballet Folklórico Dance
- Ballet Technique
- Ballroom Dance
- Brass Ensemble
- Ceramics
- Chamber Orchestra
- Choreography
- Chorus
- Clarinet Ensemble
- Commercial Music Theory
- Conducting
- Costume Design
- Costume Fundamentals
- Dance Conditioning
- Dance History
- Directing
- Digital Painting
- Drawing
- Elements of Music Theory
- Fashion and Costume Design
- Flute Masterclass
- Folklórico Repertory
- Genre Study
- Graphic Design
- Hip-Hop Dance I-III
- Illustration
- Improvisation
- Jazz Combos
- Jazz Dance
- Jazz Orchestra
- Jewelry
- Landscape Painting
- Latin Ballroom Dance
- Lighting Fundamentals
- Makeup Fundamentals
- Modern Dance Technique
- Music History
- Music Theory
- Musical Theatre Dance I-III
- Opera Scenes
- Painting
- Pattern Drafting

- Percussion Ensemble
- Performance Storytelling
- Photography
- Piano
- Piano Masterclass
- Playreading and Analysis
- Production I
- Saxophone Ensemble
- Screenwriting
- Song Composition
- Standard Ballroom Dance
- String Orchestra
- Strings Chamber Music
- Tap Dance
- Theatre History
- TV Writing
- Vocal Ensemble
- Voice
- Watercolor
- Winds Ensemble
- Woodwind Quintet
- Yearbook

Electives

- *AP Computer Science Principles
- *AP Macro Economics
- *AP Psychology
- *AP Research
- *AP Seminar
- CA Food History
- CW Core Short Story
- CW Inkblot
- Economics
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Ethnic Studies
- Introduction to Computer Science
- Journalism
- Senior Project

Dual Enrollment Arts Conservatory Courses

The El-Erian Family Acting Conservatory

- Acting for the Camera
- Acting Fundamentals
- Intro to Drama and Acting
- Performance Ensemble
- Rehearsal and Performance
- Showcase I-IV
- Theatre Performance
- Voice for the Actor

Ballroom Dance Conservatory

- Dance Concert Performance
- Repertory I-IV

Creative Writing Conservatory

- Advanced Screenwriting
- Core Screenwriting
- Musical Theatre Writing

CTE Pathways

OCSA offers Career Technical Education (CTE) courses through all of its conservatory programs in one of three industry sectors: Arts, Media, and Entertainment; Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation; Marketing, Sales, and Services

- Non-Fiction Prose
- Poetry
- Short Fiction

The Mekjian Family Culinary Arts & Hospitality Conservatory

- Foundations I-II
- Fundamentals of Cooking
- International Cuisine
- Principals of Pantry and Banquets
- Safety and Sanitation
- World Cuisine

Martin & Cynthia Howard Design & Media Conservatory

- 3D Animation Fundamentals
- History of Animation
- Intro to Digital Media Arts
- Intro to Digital Media Design
- Intro to Digital Media Design Principles
- Motion Graphics
- Principles of Graphic Design

Film & Television Conservatory

- Advanced Directing
- Documentary Filmmaking
- Film Production I-III
- Intro to Video Editing and Post Production
- Producing and Directing
- TV Production I-III
- World Cinema

Hal Struck Musical Theatre Conservatory

- Theatre Rehearsal and Production
- Vocal Production and Repertoire for Musical Theatre

Production & Design Conservatory

- Costume Periods and Styles
- Fundamentals of Costume Design and Construction
- Fundamentals of Programming
- Intro to Technical Theatre
- Intro to Sound Design
- Lighting Fundamentals
- Musical in Production
- Producing/Senior Project
- Stagecraft
- Stage Makeup
- Stage Management
- Technical Production
- Theatre Performance

Full participation in conservatory courses is required each year of all students in grades 7-12 from one of the following conservatories:

SCHOOL	CONSERVATORY	STUDENTS ENROLLED
School of Applied Arts	Arts & Enterprise	165
	Mekjian Family Culinary Arts & Hospitality	154
School of Dance	Ballet & Contemporary Dance	66
	Ballet Folklórico Dance	59
	Ballroom Dance	79
	Commercial Dance	112
School of Fine & Media Arts	Creative Writing	186
	Martin & Cynthia Howard Design & Media	113
	Film & Television	82
	Integrated Arts	193
	Visual Arts	223
School of Music	James & Gretchen Conroy Classical Voice	99
	Instrumental Music	
	<i>The Garn Family Jazz Studies Program</i>	43
	<i>Pianist Program</i>	56
	<i>Strings & Orchestra Program</i>	107
	<i>Frederick Fennell Wind Studies Program</i>	89
School of Theatre	Popular Music	111
	El-Erian Family Acting	200
	Hal Struck Musical Theatre	171
	Production & Design	130

MATRICULATION

Ninety-eight percent (98%) of OCSA's **Class of 2026** was accepted into institutions of higher education. Additionally, 82% are attending a four-year college program, 14% are attending a two-year college or conservatory program, and 4% are going directly into the workplace or taking a gap year.

OCSA students apply to and enroll at schools that reflect each student's individual interests and strengths. The following post-secondary matriculation data was reported by the Class of 2026, with the total number of students attending each institution indicated in parenthesis.

American University	(1)	Manhattan School of Music	(2)	Tufts University	(1)
Art Center College of Art & Design	(1)	Marymount Manhattan College	(3)	Tulane University	(2)
Azusa Pacific University	(1)	McGill University	(2)	Union College	(1)
BAU College of Arts & Design of Barcelona	(1)	Montana State University	(1)	United States Air Force Academy	(1)
Belmont University	(2)	Mt. San Antonio College	(1)	University of California - Berkeley	(20)
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	(2)	New England Conservatory of Music	(1)	University of California - Davis	(3)
Boston University	(5)	New York University	(9)	University of California - Irvine	(9)
Bournemouth University	(1)	Northeastern University	(3)	University of California - Los Angeles	(14)
Cal Poly University - Humboldt	(1)	Northwestern University	(5)	University of California - Riverside	(7)
Cal Poly University - Pomona	(2)	Oberlin College and Conservatory	(1)	University of California - Santa Barbara	(7)
Cal Poly University - San Luis Obispo	(8)	Occidental College	(1)	University of California - Santa Cruz	(8)
California State University - Fullerton	(13)	Orange Coast College	(16)	University of California - San Diego	(8)
California State University - Long Beach	(10)	Otis College of Art and Design	(5)	University of Colorado Boulder	(1)
California State University - Los Angeles	(2)	Pace University	(5)	University for the Creative Arts	(1)
California State University - Northridge	(2)	Parsons School of Design - The New School	(1)	University of Glasgow	(1)
Carnegie Mellon University	(5)	Pepperdine University	(3)	University of Hawaii - Manoa	(2)
Case Western Reserve University	(1)	Pitzer College	(2)	University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign	(2)
Cerritos College	(1)	Point Loma Nazarene University	(2)	University of Leeds	(1)
Chapman University	(15)	Portland State University	(1)	University of Maryland	(1)
Colorado State University	(1)	Princeton University	(1)	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	(6)
Columbia University	(1)	Rhode Island School of Design	(4)	University of Nevada - Las Vegas	(1)
Cornell University	(2)	Rice University	(2)	University of Nevada - Reno	(1)
Cypress College	(2)	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	(1)	University of Oregon	(2)
Dartmouth College	(1)	Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	(1)	University of Pennsylvania	(2)
DePaul University	(1)	Saddleback College	(10)	University of Rochester	(1)
Duke Kunshan University	(1)	San Diego Mesa College	(1)	University of San Diego	(2)
Emerson College	(4)	San Diego State University	(8)	University of San Francisco	(3)
Emory University	(1)	Santa Ana College	(4)	University of Southern California	(23)
Fashion Institute of Technology	(1)	Santa Clara University	(1)	University of St. Andrews	(1)
Fordham University	(1)	Santa Monica Community College	(1)	University of Texas: Rio Grande Valley	(1)
Fullerton College	(6)	Santiago Canyon College	(7)	University of Utah	(1)
George Washington University	(2)	Savannah College of Art and Design	(1)	University of Washington	(4)
Georgia Institute of Technology	(1)	Scripps College	(1)	Vancouver Community College	(1)
Golden West College	(4)	St. John's College	(1)	Vanderbilt University	(1)
Harvard College	(4)	St. Olaf College	(1)	Vassar College	(1)
Harvard College/Berklee College of Music		Stanford University	(5)	Virginia Tech	(1)
[Joint Program]	(1)	Syracuse University	(3)	Washington University in St Louis	(3)
Irvine Valley College	(12)	The American Academy of Dramatic Arts	(1)	Wellesley College	(1)
Johns Hopkins University	(1)	The College of William & Mary	(1)	Wesleyan University	(1)
Johnson & Wales University	(1)	The Juilliard School	(3)	Westmont College	(2)
Kenyon College	(1)	The New School	(1)	Willamette University	(1)
Laguna College of Art + Design	(1)	The Royal Conservatory of Music	(1)	William & Mary	(1)
Long Beach City College	(1)	The University of Chicago	(1)	Yale University	(3)
Loyola Marymount University	(5)	The University of Texas at Austin	(1)		

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