**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 through 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 16 pre-professional arts conservatories.

OCSA serves a culturally diverse student body of more than 2,200 students from 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 three hours of daily arts instruction. Enrollment at OCSA is determined by the completion of an application and participation in a placement activity. OCSA admits all applicants on a space-available basis to the appropriate level of the conservatory of choice. When applicants exceed spaces, a lottery is conducted to determine which students are admitted.

**ENROLLMENT**

2,223 students (grades 7 through 12)

- Seniors: 416
- Juniors: 434
- Sophomores: 448
- Freshmen: 409
- 8th Grade: 288
- 7th Grade: 228

**ETHNICITY**

- Hispanic: 20%
- Non-Hispanic: 80%

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

- American Indian: 1%
- Asian-American: 21%
- Pacific Islander: 1%
- Filipino: 2%
- African American: 1%
- White: 47%
- Multi-Ethnic: 23%
- Undeclared: 5%

**CURRICULUM**

- The **Academic** program is organized on an alternating block schedule that meets every other day. Students take three 90-minute block classes daily.

- The **Art 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, day, and block based on the conservatory.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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<td>8 Semesters</td>
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<td>Mathematics (Integrated I and II)</td>
<td>4 Semesters</td>
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**Required Course Credits**

- Electives: 70

**Total Credits Required to Graduate:**

- 240

Thirty-two credits of **conservatory** courses are required each year of all 9th through 12th grade students from one of the following conservatories: Acting, Ballet Folklórico Dance, Ballroom Dance, Classical Voice, Classical & Contemporary Dance, Commercial Dance, Creative Writing, Culinary Arts & Hospitality, Digital Media, Film & Television, Instrumental Music, Integrated Arts, Musical Theatre, Popular Music, Production & Design, or Visual Arts.
**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:** 3.3

**Advanced Placement Classes**
- AP Art and Design
- AP Art History
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Economics
- AP Environmental Science
- AP French
- AP Government
- AP Language and Composition
- AP Literature and Composition
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP Psychology
- AP Research
- AP Seminar
- AP Spanish
- AP Statistics
- AP U.S. History
- AP World History

**Honors Classes**
- Literature and Composition I Honors
- Literature and Composition II Honors (+)
- Integrated III Enhanced (+)
- Pre-Calculus (+)
- Chemistry Honors (+)
- Spanish IV Honors (+)
- French III Honors (+)

**Extra Curricular Opportunities**
- Student Body Leadership
- National Honor Society
- California Scholarship Federation
- Camp OCSA Counselor
- Over 100 student-led clubs and organizations

**Tuition**

OCSA is tuition free, donation dependent. No student is offered or denied enrollment based on financial capacity.
OCSA offers seven year-long Honors courses and 22 Advanced Placement courses. Courses indicated with an asterisk * receive an extra point in the grade point average calculation.

### English
- Literature and Composition I
- Literature and Composition II
- Literature and Composition III
- *Literature and Composition IIH
- *AP English Language
- *AP French Language
- 19th Century Literature/Science Fiction
- Popular Culture/Film Literature/Composition
- Mythology/Science Fiction/Composition

### 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
- Food and Nutrition Science
- Physics
- Zoology

### Mathematics
- *AP Calculus AB
- *AP Calculus BC
- *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
- United States
- *AP United States History
- *AP World History
- Government
- U.S. History
- World History

### World Languages
- *AP French Language and Culture
- *AP Spanish Language and Culture
- French I
- French II
- French III
- *French IIH
- French IV
- Mandarin I
- Mandarin II
- Mandarin III
- Mandarin IV
- 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
- Animation
- *AP Art and Design
- *AP Art History
- *AP Music Theory
- Art History
- Ballet Dance
- Ballet Technique
- Ballroom Dance
- Brass Ensemble
- Ceramics
- Chamber Orchestra
- Choreography
- Clarinet Ensemble
- Commercial Music Theory
- Conducting
- Dance Conditioning
- Dance History
- Directing
- Digital Printing
- Drawing
- Elements of Music Theory
- Fashion and Costume Design
- Flute Masterclass
- Folklórico Repertory
- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Improvisation
- Jazz Combos
- Jazz Dance
- Jazz Orchestra
- Jewelry
- Landscape Painting
- Modern Dance Technique
- Music History
- Music Theory
- Painting
- Percussion Ensemble
- Photography
- Piano
- Piano Masterclass
- Playreading and Analysis
- Saxophone Ensemble
- Standard Ballroom Dance
- String Orchestra
- Strings Chamber Music
- Tap Dance
- Theatre History
- Vocal Ensemble
- Voice
- Watercolor
- Winds Ensemble
- Woodwind Quintet
- Yearbook

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

### Thirty-two credits of conservatory courses are required each year of all 9th through 12th grade students from one of the following conservatories:

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Ninety-nine percent of the Class of 2019 was accepted into institutions of higher education and 84% are attending a four-year college program. Additionally, 13% are attending a two-year college or conservatory program and 3% 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 campus acceptances and matriculation (in parenthesis) data was reported by the class of 2019.

Abilene Christian University 1  
Adelphi University 1  
Albany College 1  
American Academy of the Dramatic Arts 1  
American Musical and Dramatic Academy 1  
American University 9  
The American University of Paris 1  
Anchorage College 1  
Arizona State University 10  
The Art Center College of Design 12  
Arts University Bournemouth 1  
Acusa Pacifica University 4  
Babson College 1  
Baldivian University 3  
Bard College 1  
Barnard College 1  
Baylor University 2  
Bemidji State University 6  
Beloit College 2  
Berkeley College of Music 5  
Berklee Online College of Music 1  
Biola University 8  
Bosque State University 1  
Boston College 4  
Boston Conservatory at Berklee 1  
Boston University 13  
Brandeis University 3  
Bridgman High School 1  
California Baptist University 3  
California College of the Arts (San Francisco) 4  
California Institute of Technology 1  
California Institute of the Arts 5  
California Lutheran University 5  
California State Universities  
   Bakersfield 1  
   Channel Islands 2  
   Chico 5  
   Dominguez Hills 1  
   East Bay 1  
   Fresno 1  
   Fullerton 59  
   Humboldt 2  
   Long Beach 53  
   Los Angeles 6  
   Monterey Bay 2  
   Northridge 12  
   Polytechnic, Pomona 15  
   Sacramento 7  
   San Diego 9  
   San Marcos 15  
   San Jose 4  
   Sonoma 1  
   Stanislaus 2  
   Carleton College 1  
   Carnegie Mellon University 6  
   Caroll College, Montana 1  
   Case Western Reserve University 4  
   Centos College 2  
   Chaminade University of Honolulu 1  
   Chapman University 42  
   City College of San Francisco 1  
   Clemson University 1  
   Cleveland Institute of Music 1  
   Coastal Carolina University 1  
   College for Creative Studies 1  
   Colorado College 1  
   Colorado College of Mines 2  
   Colorado State University 7  
   Columbia College Chicago 13  
   Columbia College Hollywood 2  
   Columbia University 2  
   Columbus College of Art & Design 2  
   Concordia University-Irwine 2  
   Cornell College 1  
   Cornell University 3  
   Cornish College of the Arts 2  
   Creighton University 1  
   Cypress College 3  
   Dearborn College 1  
   DePaul University 13  
   Dixie State University 1  
   Dominican University of California 1  
   Drew University 1  

Duke University 2  
Eastman School of Music-U of Rochester 2  
Eckerd College 1  
El Camino College 1  
Elon University 4  
Emory University 1  
Evergreen State College 2  
Fashion Institute of Technology 1  
Florida State University 2  
Fordham University 11  
Fort Lewis College 1  
Franklin University, Switzerland 5  
Fullerton College 12  
George Mason University 1  
George Washington University 4  
Georgia Institute of Technology 1  
Gonzaga University 2  
Guildford School of Acting 1  
Gustavus Adolphus College 1  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges 1  
Hope College 4  
Howard University 2  
Illinois Institute of Technology 1  
Indiana University at Bloomington 6  
Irvine Valley College 1  
Ithaca College 6  
James Madison University 1  
John Hopkins University 1  
Johnson and Wales University (Denver) 2  
John Hopkins University 1  
Johns Hopkins University, Providence 3  
Kenyong College 2  
King's College London 1  
La Serra University 1  
Laguna College of Art and Design 12  
Lawrence University 1  
Long Island University, Brooklyn 1  
Long Island University, Post 1  
Long Beach City College 1  
Loyola Marymount University 17  
Loyola University Chicago 3  
Loyola University New Orleans 1  
Manhattan School of Music 3  
Maryland Institute College of Art 1  
Merrimack College 1  
Mount Holyoke College 2  
Muhlenberg College 2  
Music INstitute 1  
New England Conservatory (Boston) 2  
New England Conservatory of Music 2  
New England School of Engineering 1  
New Jersey Institute of Technology 1  
Norwich School of Art and Design 1  
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences 3  
Oberlin Conservatory of Music 2  
Occidental College 4  
Ohio State University 2  
Ohio University 2  
Oregon State University 2  
Otis College of Art and Design 2  
Otterbein University 1  
Oxford Brookes University 1  
Pace University, NYC 28  
Pacific Northwest State College 1  
Pacific Union College 1  
Pacific University 1  
Peabody Institute of The John Hopkins Univ. 1  
Pennsylvania State University 8  
Penn State York 1  
Pepperdine University 1  
Pitzer College 1  
Point Loma Nazarene University 5  
Point Park University 1  
Pomona College 4  
Portland State University 5  
Pratt Institute 9  
Purchase College, SUNY 5  
Purdue University 1  
Reed College 1  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 1  
Rhode Island School of Design 1  
Rider University 3  
Ringling College of Art and Design 1  
Rochester Institute of Technology 1  
Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design 1  
Roselle University 3  
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland 1  
Sacred Heart University 1  
Saddleback College 1  
Saint Joseph's University 1  
Saint Mary's College of California 6  
Saint Xavier University 3  
San Francisco Art Institute 1  
San Francisco Conservatory of Music 1  
Santa Ana College 1  
Santa Clara University 1  
Santiago Canyon College 1  
Sarah Lawrence College 3  
Savannah College of Art & Design 9  
Savannah College of Art & Design, Hong Kong 1  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago 13  
School of Visual Arts 9  
Scorpis College 1  
Seattle University 1  
Shenandoah University 1  
Skidmore College 1  
Smith College 1  
Soka University 1  
Southern Methodist University 1  
St. John's University 1  
St. Lawrence University 1  
St. Olaf College 1  
Stanford University 5  
Studio School Los Angeles 1  
SUNY Albany 1  
Syracuse University 4  
Texas Christian University 2  
Texas State University 1  
The College of Wooster 1  
The Culinary Institute of America-NY 1  
The New School-Art + Design 13  
The University of the Arts 1  
Towson University 1  
United States Military Academy-Army 1  
United States Naval Academy 1  
University of Arizona 26  
University of California 13  
University of Colorado at Boulder 13  
University of Denver 4  
University of Edinburgh 2  
University of Florida 1  
University of Hawaii at Manoa 11  
University of Illinois at Chicago 3  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 3  
University of Iowa 6  
University of La Verne 1  
University of Manchester 1  
University of Maryland, College Park 1  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst 1  
University of Massachusetts, Boston 2  
University of Miami 5  
University of Michigan 10  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 4  
University of Missouri, Columbia 1  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas 4  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2  
University of North Carolina School of the Arts 3  
University of Oregon 10  
University of Puget Sound 1  
University of Portland 3  
University of Rhode Island 6  
University of San Francisco 15  
University of Southern California 21  
University of the Arts, Philadelphia 1  
University of the Pacific 4  
University of Utah 6  
University of Vermont 4  
University of Virginia 13  
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