



OREGON EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
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MISSION

The purpose of Oregon Episcopal School is to prepare students with promise for higher education and lifelong learning and to enhance their intellectual, physical, social, emotional, spiritual, and artistic growth so that they may realize their power for good as citizens of local and world communities.

VISION

Connecting people, ideas, and cultures to advance knowledge, create solutions, and enhance meaning.

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School Profile 2011-2012

An independent college preparatory day and boarding school, OES offers classes from PreK through Grade 12. Founded in 1869, OES is the oldest independent Episcopal school west of the Rockies. Seventy-six percent of faculty have advanced degrees. Ninety-nine percent of graduates attend four-year colleges.

CURRENT STUDENTS

Enrollment PreK-12	844
Enrollment 9-12	305
Day Students	247
Boarding Students	58
International Students	48
Countries Represented	12
Students of color	30%
Asian-Americans/Asians	16%
Multi-Racial	9%
African-Americans/Africans	2%
Latino/Hispanic	2%
Students on Financial Aid	17%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students take 5 or 6 classes each semester.

DEPARTMENT	REQUIRED YEARS/CREDITS
English	4
Math	3
History	2
Science	2
Language	2
Fine & Performing Arts	2
Religion/Philosophy	1
Physical Education/Wellness	1
Electives	3.5
TOTAL CREDITS TO GRADUATE	20.5

GRADING PRACTICES

We do not rank our students or weight our GPA. Students earn one grade in yearlong classes.

Grading Scale

A+ 4.00	C 2.00
A 4.00	C- 1.67
A- 3.67	D+ 1.33
B+ 3.33	D 1.00
B 3.00	D- 0.67
B- 2.67	F 0.00
C+ 2.33	

SNAPSHOT: CLASS OF 2012

Senior Class	76
Mean GPA (6th semester)	3.43
National Merit Semifinalists	8
National Merit Commended	5

GPA RANGES: CLASS OF 2012

In the last 37 years only eight students have graduated with a 4.00.

GPA RANGE	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
3.75-4.00	16
3.50-3.74	21
3.25-3.49	17
Below 3.25	22

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS

Middle 50 Percent, Class of 2011
(including international students)

SAT Scores:

Critical Reading	610–730
Math	600–750
Writing	620–750

ACT Composite: 26–32

AP Exams:

In the spring of 2011, 112 OES students took 173 Advanced Placement Tests in 15 subjects. Eighty-eight percent of scores were 3 or higher.

OES offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, with particular emphasis on writing and research. Students are taught to analyze, theorize, and solve problems. Woven through the curriculum are elements of experiential education. Seniors select from an array of semester-length courses in advanced topics in English, History, and Science.

- ❖ The average class size is 14.
- ❖ The student/faculty ratio is 7:1.

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SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE CURRICULUM

ENGLISH/HISTORY

- ❖ Humanities in the freshman year combines the study of the literature and history of ancient world cultures in a 2-credit, team-taught course.
- ❖ English courses emphasize in-depth exploration through the Poetry Project (10th grade), the Literary Journalism Project (11th grade), and senior courses centered on producing original work or examining more deeply a specific field of literature.
- ❖ Three U.S. History courses are offered: U.S. History AP; U.S. History Writing Seminar; and U.S. History Research Seminar. Each course is demanding and has a specific approach to the study of history.

SCIENCE/MATH

- ❖ Students conduct extensive independent research projects in year-long science courses and conduct research or write a more traditional paper for semester courses.
- ❖ Students often advance with their research projects from the school's science fair to competitions at higher levels. They have been successful in the Siemens-Westinghouse (national first place 2010) and the Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competitions, the Intel Science Talent Search (finalist 2011), and the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (finalist 2011).

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

Courses in our Religion & Philosophy Department are rigorous and comprehensive, requiring reading, writing, and reasoning skills comparable to those in our English and history courses. The Oregon University system accepts the classes as part of the Social Studies requirement for admissions.

LANGUAGE

Students can take Hispanic Culture and Communication and French Literature and Communication after completing the AP language level course or prior to that course with instructor permission.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- ❖ **Winterim:** During a week in March, students participate in enrichment courses and trips.
- ❖ **Service Learning:** In keeping with the school's mission, students perform 120 hours of service (both on and off campus) before graduation. They are encouraged to volunteer in areas they are passionate about.

ATHLETICS

Athletic teams compete in soccer, cross country, volleyball, basketball, lacrosse, skiing, tennis, track, golf, and fencing. Since 2005 our girls' and boys' teams have won 14 state championships.

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

Students have a rich variety of fine and performing arts opportunities, including courses, activities, music ensembles, and play productions.

AP COURSES

Calculus AB & BC, Statistics, Computer Science, French Language, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, U.S. History

HONORS-LEVEL COURSES

Honors Advanced Algebra, Honors Pre-Calculus, Honors Pre-Calculus and Discrete Mathematics, Honors Physics, Honors Chemistry, Honors Biology, French Literature and Communication, Hispanic Culture and Communication, Matrix Theory, and Number Theory.

COLLEGES ATTENDED BY OES GRADUATES 2009-2011

Amherst College (2)
Barnard College (2)
Bates College (3)
Boston College
Boston University (4)
Bowdoin College (2)
Brown University (2)
Bucknell University
University of California at Berkeley
University of California at Los Angeles
University of California at San Diego (2)
University of California at Santa Barbara
Carleton College (5)
Chapman University (4)
Colby College
Colgate University (2)
University of Colorado
Colorado College (4)
Colorado State University
Columbia University (2)
Cornell University (2)
Davidson College (2)
Dickinson College (2)
Emerson College
Fisk University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
The George Washington University (3)
Gonzaga University (2)
University of Great Falls
Hampshire College (2)
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College (2)
Haverford College
University of Hawaii
Hult International Business School

Humboldt State University
University of Illinois (3)
Johns Hopkins University (2)
Kenyon College (2)
Lake Forest College (2)
Lane Community College
Macalester College (3)
Mercyhurst College
University of Michigan (2)
Middlebury College (2)
Minnesota State University
Montana State University
New York University (8)
Northwestern University
Oberlin College (3)
Occidental College (5)
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University (6)
Oregon State University Honors College (2)
University of Oregon (6)
University of Oregon Honors College (4)
Pacific University
Pepperdine University (3)
Pitzer College (2)
Pomona College (3)
Portland State University
University of Portland (2)
Princeton University (2)
University of Puget Sound (3)
Purdue University
Quest University Canada (2)
University of Redlands (2)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University

Ripon College
University of Rochester (2)
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saint Mary's College of California
University of San Diego
Santa Clara University (4)
Sarah Lawrence College
Scripps College (2)
Seattle University
Shimer College
University of Southern California (8)
Southern Methodist University (School of Engineering)
St. Olaf College
Stanford University (9)
Syracuse University (4)
Texas State University-San Marcos
Trinity University
Tufts University (3)
United States Military Academy
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College (4)
University of Virginia (2)
Washington University in St. Louis (4)
University of Washington (8)
University of Washington (Honors Program)
Wellesley College (3)
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College MA
Whitman College (2)
Willamette University (4)
Williams College
University of Wisconsin (3)
The College of Wooster
Yale University (2)

ENGLISH

Humanities (2 credits)
English 10 / 11
ENGLISH 12 COURSES
Modern American Literature
Modern Drama
Russian Literature
Playwriting
Shakespeare
Twentieth Century Novel
Literary Journalism
Poetry
Writing Memoir
ESL 9 Academic English Support

LANGUAGE

Spanish I-IV, AP Language, AP Literature
Hispanic Culture & Communication
French I-III, AP Language
French Literature & Communication
Japanese III
Mandarin I-V
ESL 9 American Studies
ESL English 10 Support

MATHEMATICS

Individualized Algebra
Geometry
Algebra 2/Honors Algebra 2
Functions, Statistics, & Trigonometry
Honors Pre-Calculus
Pre-Calculus & Discrete Math
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Matrix Theory
Number Theory
AP Computer Science

SCIENCE

Physics/Honors Physics
Chemistry/Honors Chemistry
Biology/Honors Biology
SENIOR SCIENCE ELECTIVES
Anatomy & Physiology
Modern Physics
Engineering Design
Marine Ecology
Natural History
Cognitive Psychology
Electronics
Microbiology

HISTORY

Humanities (2 credits)
Medieval World
Age of Reason
Age of Exploration
US History Writing Seminar
US History Research Seminar
US History AP
SENIOR HISTORY ELECTIVES
Constitutional Law
International Relations
Revolutions
Intellectual History
ESL 9 Humanities

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

Buddhism
Christianity: Dimensions of the Sacred
Hinduism
Islam
Judaism
Jesus & Early Christianity
Philosophy of Religion
Religion & Social Justice
Religious Fundamentalism
The Good Life
Religious Narrative
Christian Lives

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

Art Trek
Beginning Drawing/Advanced Drawing
Ceramics
Graphic Arts
Painting
Paper Arts
Print Making
Digital Simulations
Film & Video
Photography
Music Theory
Music Trek
Technology in Music
Concert Choir
Instrumental Music
Acting

PE

Life in Community
PE for Life
Weight Training