



**WE ARE
OAKWOOD
SCHOOL**





Founded in 1951, Oakwood School is a coeducational, independent, non-sectarian, college preparatory school in North Hollywood. Our secondary campus includes grades 7 through 12; located approximately one mile away is our elementary campus, which includes kindergarten through grade 6. Oakwood draws its student body from the diverse communities of Los Angeles County. We are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and are a Member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

GENERAL INFORMATION

ENROLLMENT AND CLASS SIZE

In grades 7-12 there are approximately 75-80 students in each grade. Average class size is 15-20. The secondary school has a total enrollment of 498. Students of color represent approximately 39% of the secondary school population.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Oakwood students learn in a trimester block system with 70 minute periods, a maximum of four classes a day, and a maximum of five courses per term. Because of the length of each class period, a one-term course earns .5 credits and a two-term course earns a full credit. The academic year is divided into three 12-week terms.

FINANCIAL AID

Oakwood awards need-based aid to 16.8% of Oakwood families (137 students) with a total financial aid budget of \$3,900,000.

FACULTY

51 faculty members
30 Master's, 9 Doctoral degrees

ADVANCED STUDIES

In fall 2020, Oakwood will discontinue AP courses in favor of a faculty-designed, Advanced Studies Program. A select few Advanced Studies courses will be offered in Fall 2019; the full range of courses will be available to qualifying students commencing in Fall 2020. (See Course Offerings and Graduation Requirements for more detail.)

Advanced Studies offers high school students in eleventh and twelfth grades the opportunity to engage in the academic disciplines at significant levels of rigor, inquiry, and depth. Developed and delivered by Oakwood's remarkable faculty, and recognized as UC Honors-approved classes, Advanced Studies courses all afford students the opportunity to:

- Advance towards mastery in specific or interconnected disciplines.
- Demonstrate high levels of engagement and performance in response to complex questions and challenges.
- Plan and carry out deep inquiry, investigation, or research that reflects their individual interests.
- Develop and execute culminating work that extends their learning beyond the classroom.
- Self-reflect and respond constructively to their own work and that of their fellow students.

S.T.E.A.M.

S.T.E.A.M. intertwines the multiple disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math into one curriculum. Through experimentation and problem solving, students engage in real world applications of design and engage fully in every stage of the process, from conception to physical production. If students can dream the idea, Oakwood's S.T.E.A.M. department possesses all the technology and tools to bring their ideas to fruition. Students involved in S.T.E.A.M. also have the opportunity to represent Oakwood at regional and world competitions including the annual JPL/NASA Invention Challenge, the Toyota Horizon Grand Prix, the Horizon Grand Prix World Finals, and Maker Faire. In each year of competition at these events, Oakwood students have won top honors at the regional, state, and international level.

INDEPENDENT STUDY AND SPECIAL TOPIC COURSES

Juniors and seniors who wish to focus on content outside of the regular curriculum may engage faculty members in Independent Study and Special Topics courses. Independent Study courses are denoted as 599 on our transcript, receive a letter grade, and are equivalent to regularly scheduled courses in their meeting frequency, reading requirements and writing expectations. Recent examples of Independent Studies include Multivariable Calculus, Writers of the Beat Generation, and Introduction to Biotechnology. Special Topic courses have less stringent requirements and thus do not receive letter grades. Recent examples of Special Topics include Modern Cryptography and America's Role in the Middle East.

IMMERSION PROGRAM

Oakwood's Immersion Program enables students to pursue an in-depth course of study during a two-week period before Winter Break. Students in grades 7-12 enroll in one Immersion course each year, selecting from over forty offerings as diverse as Building a 3D Printer, California Drought: *The Grapes of Wrath* Today, Language and Culture of Spain, and Death Valley: Photographic Composition. All Immersion courses emphasize experiential learning, with many classes culminating in projects or performances. In keeping with the program's philosophy to move beyond the time and space constraints of a normal school day, Immersion courses often involve extended travel and/or field work.

COURSE OFFERINGS AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English—4 credits required

English 9
 English 10 (British and World Literature)
 American Literature (11)
 Honors American Literature (11)
 Creative Writing (12)
 Modern American Literature (12)
 Science Fiction (12)
 Truth and Fiction (12)
AP English Literature (12)
AP English Language (12)

Math—3 credits required, including one year beyond

Algebra II

Algebra IB (9)
 Geometry (9-10)
 Honors Geometry (9-10)
 Algebra II (10-11)
 Honors Algebra II (9-11)
 Pre-Calculus (11-12)
 Honors Pre-Calculus (10-11)
 Philosophy of Mathematics (11-12)
 Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications (12)
 Fundamentals of Discrete Math (11-12)
 Statistics (12)
Number Theory and Discrete Math (12)
AP Calculus AB (11-12)
AP Calculus BC (11-12)

Social Studies—3 credits required

Ancient and Medieval History (9)
 Modern History (10)
 American History (11)
 Philosophy and Social Issues (11-12)
 Gender Studies (11-12)
 Honors Art History (11-12)
 Campaigns and Elections in the United States (11-12)
 Introduction to Racial Literacy (11-12)
 Education Theory (11-12)
 Culture & Values in 20th Century America (11-12)
Advanced Civil Rights, Civil Liberties (11-12)
AP US History (11)
AP Human Geography (12)
AP US Government and Politics (12)

Computer Science

Web Design/Development (9-12)
 Introduction to Computer Science Principles (9-12)
 Intermediate Computer Science Principles (10-12)
AP Computer Science A (10-12)

Science—3 credits lab science required

Biology (9-12)
 Honors Biology (9-12)
 Chemistry (9-12)
 Honors Chemistry (9-12)
 Physics (11-12)
 Physics II (12)
 Honors Physics (11-12)
 Honors Physics with Calculus (11)
 Environmental Science (11-12)
 Marine Biology (11-12)
 Human Anatomy & Physiology (12)
 Neuroscience (12)
AP Biology (10-12)
AP Chemistry (10-12)
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism (12)

S.T.E.A.M.

Hardware + Media Design (9-10)
 From Sketch to Fabrication: the Design Process at Work (11-12)

World Language—3 credits of one language completed through level III

French I (9)
 French II (9-10)
 French III (10-11)
 French IV (11-12)
 French V (12)*
 Mandarin I (9)
 Mandarin II (9-10)
 Mandarin III (10-11)
 Mandarin IV (11-12)
 Spanish I (9)
 Spanish II (9-10)
 Spanish III (10-11)
 Spanish IV (11-12)
 Honors Spanish IV (11-12)
 Spanish V (12)*
AP French V (12)
Honors Mandarin V (12)
AP Spanish V (12)

Italics denote the most rigorous classes offered in each discipline.

* Not offered in 2019–2020.

The Arts—3 credits required

Visual Arts

Ceramics I (9-12)
 Ceramics II (10-12)
 Ceramics III (11-12)
 Ceramics IV (12)
 Drawing I (9-12)
 Drawing/Painting II (10-12)
 Drawing/Painting III (11-12)
 Drawing/Painting IV (12)
 Film/Video I (9-12)
 Film/Video II (10-12)
 Film Video III (11-12)
 Photography I (9-12)
 Photography II (10-12)
 Photography III (11-12)
 Photography IV (12)
 Sculpture I (9-12)
 Sculpture II (10-12)
 Sculpture III (11-12)
 Sculpture IV (12)

Theatre Arts

Drama I (9)
 Drama II (10)
 Introduction to Improv (9-12)
 Stage Craft (9-12)
 Theatre Styles & Genres (11-12)
 Advanced Scene Study (12)
 Advanced Technical Theatre (11-12)

Dance

Ballet (9-12)
 Contemporary Dance Forms (9-11)
 Hip-Hop (9-12)
 Jazz Dance (9-12)
 Modern Dance (9-12)
 Contemporary Dance Production (9-12)

Music

Chamber Music (9-12)
 Choraliers (9-12)
 High School Chorus (9-12)
 High School Orchestra (9-12)
 Jazz Band (9-12)
 Jazz Theory and Improvisation I (9-10)
 Jazz Theory and Improvisation II (11-12)
 Music Composition (11-12)
 Music Theory (9-12)
 Music Theory with Composition (9-12)
AP Music Theory (11-12)

Physical Education 2 credits required

GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Cumulative grade-point averages are calculated using all graded courses taken at Oakwood, starting with ninth grade. Grades earned at any previous high school, summer school courses, including repeated courses, are not used in GPA calculations. Oakwood calculates both a weighted and unweighted GPA and they are provided on the transcript. Pluses and minuses are included in the calculation but there is no grade of A+. Grading at Oakwood is done on an A–F scale:

A= 4.0	B+= 3.33	C+= 2.33	D+= 1.33	F= 0
A-= 3.67	B= 3.0	C= 2.0	D= 1.0	
	B-= 2.67	C-= 1.67	D-= .67	

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

The middle 50% of SAT I and ACT test scores received by Oakwood students in the past two graduating classes are listed below.

SAT:	Class of 2019	Class of 2018
EBRW	630-720	630-735
Math	600-730	635-735

ACT:	Class of 2019	Class of 2018
	29-32	26-31

Class of	Unweighted Mean GPA	Unweighted Median GPA
2019	3.67	3.75
2018	3.61	3.69
2017	3.61	3.62

AP/HONORS COURSES

Participation in all Advanced Placement and Honors classes is subject to the approval of the sponsoring department. Ninth graders may not enroll in any AP courses. AP and Honors classes are so designated on the transcript.

AWARDS

Because of Oakwood’s relatively small size and its commitment to fostering the broadest variety of individual talents and interests, the school does not confer academic awards. However, in the past four years, we have had 25 National Merit Commended Students, 6 National Merit Semi-Finalists, 6 Finalists, and 1 Presidential Scholar. Additionally, we have had 6 students honored by the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

Oakwood School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Over the past four years, 99% of Oakwood graduates have enrolled in the following colleges and universities:

American University	Indiana University at	University of California,
Amherst College	Bloomington	Berkeley
Bard College	Johns Hopkins	University of California,
Barnard College	University	Davis
Belmont University	Kenyon College	University of California,
Bennington College	Lehigh University	Los Angeles
Berklee College	Lewis and Clark College	University of California,
of Music	Linfield College	Riverside
Boston University	Loyola Marymount	University of California,
Brown University	University	Santa Barbara
Butler University	Marist College	University of California,
California Institute	Muhlenberg College	Santa Cruz
of the Arts	The New School-All	University of Chicago
California State	Divisions	University of Colorado,
Polytechnic	New York University	Boulder
University, Pomona	Northeastern University	University of Denver
California State	Northern Arizona	University of Michigan
University, Chico	University	University of Oregon
California State	Northwestern	University of
University, Northridge	University	Pennsylvania
Carnegie Mellon	Oberlin College of	University of
University	Arts and Sciences	Puget Sound
Chapman University	Occidental College	University of
College of Charleston	Olin College of	Redlands
Colorado College	Engineering	University of San Diego
Colorado State	Oregon State University	University of
University	Pitzer College	San Francisco
Columbia University	Pratt Institute	University of Southern
Concordia University,	Rhode Island School	California
Montreal	of Design	University of
Cornell University	San Francisco	St. Andrews
Davidson College	State University	University of Texas,
Deep Springs College	Santa Monica College	Austin
DePaul University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of
Drexel University	Savannah College of	Washington
Duke University	Art and Design	University of Wisconsin,
Eckerd College	School of Visual Arts	Madison
Elon University	Scripps College	Vassar College
Emerson College	Skidmore College	Washington University
Emory University	Smith College	in St. Louis
Franklin & Marshall	Stanford University	Wesleyan University
College	Syracuse University	Western Washington
Goucher College	Texas A&M University	University
Grinnell College	The College of Wooster	Whittier College
Hampton University	The George Washington	Williams College
Harvard College	University	Worcester Polytechnic
Harvey Mudd College	Tufts University	Institute
Hofstra University	Tulane University	Yale University
Holy Names University	University of British	
Howard University	Columbia	