

About Oak Grove Secondary School

Oak Grove Secondary School provides a six year, standards-based college preparatory program within a non-competitive environment that emphasizes active inquiry over passive rote learning. Students are encouraged to use their minds and hearts well, to develop their intelligence, to be engaged and active learners. The academic program includes the core subjects of Humanities (integrated Language Arts and Social Studies), Mathematics, Science, Spanish, Fine and Performing Arts, and Physical Health and Fitness. Thematic units allow for interconnected in-depth learning where students can “own” their learning through demonstrations, presentations, and projects in addition to developing standard test taking skills.

A daily Homeroom/Advisory class with a dedicated Teacher/Advisor is provided at each grade level, 7th through 12th, allowing for personalized learning, community building, development of interpersonal and leadership skills, exploration of fundamental questions, and individual academic support, as well as SAT test preparation and post-high school planning in the upper grades.

Oak Grove School is committed to environmental awareness, sensitivity, and responsibility. All grade levels participate in outdoor education, trips, and a science curriculum that highlights environmental themes. High School seniors participate in a month long trip to India, visiting Oak Grove’s sister schools.

Graduation requirements at Oak Grove Secondary School meet and exceed college admissions requirements for both public and private colleges in the United States. Oak Grove graduates attend the world’s top colleges, universities, and art schools: Yale, UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, Harvard, Brown, CalArts, Bates, Cal Poly SLO, Rhode Island School of Design, Otis, Swarthmore, UC San Diego, San Diego State, and Oberlin, to name a few.

7th and 8th Grade Courses

The 7th and 8th grade program is designed to ensure that students transition seamlessly to the 9th – 12th college preparatory program. Two lead teachers, one specializing in Language Arts and Social Studies and one specializing in Math and Science oversee the two-year program and act as the 7th and 8th grade Class Teacher/Advisors. Students engage in a challenging inquiry-based academic program guided by big questions in the areas of:

Humanities 7 & 8 (integrated Language Arts & Social Studies emphasizing core concepts and skills in reading, writing and oral expression; one year focused on the American Experience, one year focused on the Global Experience)

Mathematics (development of mathematical reasoning and computational skills in Pre-Algebra and Algebra I)

Science 7 & 8 (development of scientific thinking skills in both Physical and Life Sciences in preparation for the core disciplines of Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)

Spanish 7 & 8 (preparing students for HS level Spanish coursework)

Fine & Performing Arts

Health & Fitness

9th and 10th Grade Courses

The 9th and 10th grade program is designed to ensure students are prepared for upper division coursework. Two lead teachers oversee the program and act as the 9th and 10th grade Class Teacher/Advisors. This is a two-year program that meets University of California standards where students continue to build on core concepts and skills in:

Humanities A & B: integrated Language Arts and Social Studies focused on Global Perspectives; one year World Cultures, one year Western Civilization. Honors options available and students may prepare independently for the SAT II World History Exam.

Science: Environmental Science and Biology. Honors options available and students may prepare independently for the SAT II Biology Exam.

Mathematics: Geometry and Algebra II

Spanish I and Spanish II

Fine & Performing Arts

Health, Fitness, and Sports

11th and 12th Grade Courses

The 11th and 12th grade program is designed to ensure that students are prepared for college-level coursework. Two lead teachers oversee the program and act as the 11th and 12th grade Class Teacher/Advisors. These teachers also ensure students are meeting graduation requirements, are prepared for the SAT tests, and help with post-high school planning and college counseling. This is a two-year program that meets University of California standards where students continue to build on core concepts and skills in:

Humanities C: American Studies: integrated English 11 and US History

Humanities D: World Views: integrated English 12 and Religion, Culture, & Ethics

Science: Chemistry and Physics/AP Physics

Mathematics: Pre-Calculus and Calculus/AP Calculus

Spanish III and Spanish IV

Fine and Performing Arts

Health, Fitness, and Sports

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