

OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL

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 "Those Things That Are Best"



2011-2012 PROFILE

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Oak Park and River Forest High School, a public four-year comprehensive high school, is located nine miles west of downtown Chicago and has a spirited student population of 3,277. We are proud of our academic achievements, our athletic accomplishments and our diverse school community. Founded in 1873, we are rich in history and tradition. "Those Things That Are Best" has been our school motto since 1908.

Students choose a course of study from more than 200 courses in nine divisions of study, which include the traditional academic programs as well as fine and performing arts, technology, business education, family and consumer science, and special education. Students thus have opportunities to prepare themselves for diverse post-high school paths. The rich ethnic and racial diversity of the community facilitates the development of mutual respect as well as social and personal responsibility among Oak Park and River Forest High School students.

The villages of Oak Park and River Forest, famous for their Frank Lloyd Wright architecture and charming Victorian homes, traditionally place a high priority on education. Since 1873, their citizens and community leaders have maintained a high priority on education by ensuring resources necessary to guarantee an outstanding secondary education for their children. The high school's remarkable physical facilities provide cultural and recreational benefits for all residents. The school district spends approximately \$17,398 per pupil.

ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATION

Oak Park and River Forest High School is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It also has been awarded full recognition status by the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Illinois. The Counseling Division is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and complies with the *NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice*

FACULTY

Ninety percent of the faculty of 231 have earned an MA degree, while 52 percent have earned 30 or more hours beyond the MA. The typical teacher has been at Oak Park and River Forest High School for 7 years and has been in the profession for 10 years. The student-to-classroom teacher ratio is 16.5/1. The student-to-faculty ratio is 14.08/1. The student-to-certified staff ratio is 13.9/1.

STUDENTS

Students at Oak Park and River Forest High School represent a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds.

White	Black	Multi Ethnic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American
57.5	27.2	6.4	5.3	3.3	0.2

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

Almost 74% of the graduates of the Class of 2011 enrolled in more than 205 different 4-year colleges or universities while 17% enrolled in 2-year community colleges or technical schools.

NATIONAL MERIT

In the 2011-2012 Senior Class of 843 students, there are 21 semifinalists and 40 commended students in the National Merit Scholarship competition. One student was a semifinalist and four students were referred to colleges in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for academically talented African-American students.

TEST RESULTS

Percentile	ACT English	ACT Math	ACT Science	ACT Reading	ACT Comp.	ACT data represents 694 seniors.	SAT Reading	SAT Math	SAT Writing
25 th	20	18	20	19	20	SAT data represents 176 seniors.	560	570	550
50 th	25	24	23	25	25		620	630	600
75 th	29	28	27	30	29		690	690	660
Average	24.3	23.8	23.3	24.5	24.1		622	624	604

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AND EXAMS

In May of 2011, 758 students took 1592 examinations with 86% earning scores of 3, 4, or 5.

Exam Score	5	4	3	2	1
% of Tests	33%	31%	22%	10%	4%

GPA, CLASS RANK, AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION

The calculation of weighted and non-weighted grade point averages used to determine class rank is explained on each transcript and in the *Academic Catalog*. Academic course grades earned by all students during the 2010-2011 school year were as follows:

A	B	C	D	F	I
33.0%	34.0%	19.9%	9.3%	3.6%	0.2%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	8	History	4	World Lang/Culture	1	Consumer Ed	1	PE †	7
Math	6	Health	1	Applied Arts	1	Safety/ Driver Ed	1	Total	43 credits
Science	4	Fine Arts	1	Computer Prof.	1	Electives	7	† Differs for transfer students.	

- Students must also take the Illinois Prairie State Achievement Examination, given in April of the junior year.

COURSE OFFERINGS AND LEVEL DESIGNATIONS

OPRFHS students take courses according to their ability and/or interests, allowing teachers to adapt course content, materials, and instruction to the aptitudes, abilities, needs, and interests of the students. Courses are offered on the semester system and are listed by level. See *Academic Catalog*, available www.oprfhs.org for details on courses in each program.

	Basic / Transition	College Preparatory				Honors & Advanced Placement
VISUAL ARTS		Adv. Digital Imaging Advanced Photography Art Foundations Beginning Wheel Throwing	Clay Drawing Fundamentals of Photo 1-2 Fundamentals of Photo 2	Graphic Design History of Film Intermed Wheel Throwing Intro. to Digital Imaging	Jewelry/Metalworking Painting Printmaking Tabula/Photo Design Pub Wheel Throwing	Advanced Studio Art AP Art History AP Studio Art
BUSINESS & COOP ED		Accounting Accounting & Invest Principles Adv Computer Applications App Keybrd/IntroMicrosoft Off Bookkeeping	Business Comm Svc Internship Business Communications Business Law Comp Animation/Multimedia	Consumer Education Int'l Bus Mgmt & Tech Intro to Computer Animation Computer Applications	Small Business Management Sports & Music Entertain Mktg Video Game/Multimedia Dev Website Development Work Experience	AP Economics Computer Applications A
ENGLISH & READING	American Lit, Reading Conn. Contemporary Lit & Comp B Elements of Reading English Lit, Reading Conn. Essentials of English	American Literature American Studies Contemporary Lit & Comp Creative Writing Workshop English English Literature	Experiment in Rding Lit & World Expository Writing Intro to Creative Writing Journal Writing Journalism Literature of a People	Novels into Film Popular Fiction Rhetoric, Oratory & Lit Sci Fict/20 th Cent Am Culture Sports and Literature Tabula	Trapeze War and Literature Women's Visions/Voices Work of One Author World Studies	African-American Lit A AP College English: Lit & Comp AP Lang & Comp: Amer Lit A English A English Literature A English Lit A/J Humanities A Women's Vision/Voices A
FAMILY SCIENCES		Adv. Clothing Constr & Design Adv, Food Service Mgmt Child Development	Clothing Constr. & Design Early Childhood/Preschool Exploring Family & Con Sci.	Fashion Merchandising Food Service Management Foods & Nutrition	Housing & Interior Design Life on Your Own Parenting Nurse Assistant Program	
HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCES	American History B Community Law Global Studies Human Behavior / Applied Psych Social Problems World History B	Advanced Psychology African History African-American History American History American Studies	Asian Studies Comparative Politics & Govt Criminal & Civil Law Government History of Chicago	History of WWII Introductory Psychology Latin American History Law and the Arts Sociology	The War in Vietnam Women in History World History World Studies	American History A AP American History AP European History AP Psychology AP Government Modern Middle Eastern History A Philosophy A World History A
MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE	Concepts in Algebra 1-4 Concepts in Geometry Foundations of Algebra Integrated Geometry/Algebra 1-4 Survey of Algebra	Advanced Algebra Algebra Algebra Block Algebra Two J	Algebra Two S College Algebra/Trig Functions & Trigonometry Intermediate Algebra Intro to Computer Programming	Plane Geometry Pre-Adv Algebra F-8 Pre- Algebra F-8 Pre-Intermed Algebra F-8	Advanced Algebra F A Advanced Topics in Comp Sci A AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Computer Science AP Statistics Calculus Concepts A Calculus III	College Algebra/Trig A Computer Science A Geometry A Intermediate Algebra F A Plane Geometry A Pre-Calculus A Topics in Advanced Math A
MUSIC		A Cappella Choir Beginning Group Guitar Concert Band Concert Orchestra	Concert Orchestra II Intermed/Adv Guitar Jazz Ensemble Musical Comedy Workshop	OPRF Chorale String Orchestra Symphonic Band Symphony Orchestra	Treble Choir Wind Ensemble Wind Symphony World Music	AP Music Theory
SCIENCE	Biological Science Essentials of Biology Physical Science	African Field Savannah Ecology Anatomy & Physiology Anthropology Arctic Summer Exploration Astronomy	Biology Bridge to AP Biology ChemCom Chemistry Earth Science	Environmental Science Explorations in Lab Life Sci Field Biology Field Environmental Studies Field Geology	Field Marine Biology 1-4 Field Tropical Ecology Health Education Physics Physics P	AP Biology AP Chem AP Env. Sci AP Physics Investigative Res. in BioMed Innovation Biology A Chemistry A Geology A Physics A
THEATRE & BROADCASTING		Acting Foundations Acting Workshop Acting 1 Acting 2	Adv Thtr Study Audit/Portfolio Creative Filmmaking Directing Workshop Intro to Broadcasting	Intro to Theatre Musical Theatre Seminar Newscene	Radio/Sound Production Television Production Theatre Tech & Design	
APPLIED TECH		Adv Arch/Engineering CAD Advanced Auto Technology Adv Electricity/Electronics & Digital Circuits Digital Electronics	Auto Tune-Up Digital Circuits/Computer Repair	Electricity/Electronics Exploring Technology Intro to Architecture CAD Civil Engineering & Architecture	Tech Drawing & Design CAD Woodworking/Home Remodeling Intro to Engineering Design Principles of Engineering	
WORLD LANGUAGES		Chinese 1-4 ELL 1-8 Etymology French 1-8	German 1-4 Italian 1-8 Japanese 1-4 Latin 1-4	Spanish 1-10 Spanish Lit & Comp World Languages & Culture	Adv. Span. Lit & Comp 1A-2A AP French 9-10 AP German 9-10 AP Italian 9-10 AP Spanish 9-10 Chinese 5A-8A	French 1A-8A German 5A-8A Italian 1A-8A Japanese 5A-8A Latin Poetry 5A-8A Latin Prose 5A-8A Spanish 1A-8A
ACADEMIC SUPPORT	College Prep Scholar, Education to Careers, ELL, Learning Support Reading, Project Scholar, and Scholar Support.					
DRIVER EDUCATION	Behind-the-Wheel Driving Simulation Safety Instruction					
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (.5 credit per quarter)	A 7-semester core & elective program offers Adventure Education, dance, fitness, individual sports, racket sports, self-defense, swimming, and team sports.					
SPECIAL EDUCATION	Placement through IEP/MDC Process. ED Emotional Development, LD Learning Development, TEAM Individualized Programs for Low Incidence.					