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).

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ENROLLMENT AND CLASS SIZE
Total students 7-12: 513
Middle school: approximately 80 students per grade
High school: approximately 90 students per grade
Students of color: 42%
Average class size: 15-20

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. Trimester block system has been suspended for the ’20-’21 school year.

FINANCIAL AID
Oakwood awards need-based aid to 21% of Oakwood families (173 students) with a total financial aid budget of $5,300,000.

FACULTY
51 faculty members
30 Master’s, 9 Doctoral degrees

ADVANCED STUDIES
This fall marks the discontinuation of AP courses and the debut of an Oakwood faculty-designed, Advanced Studies Program. (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 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)
- OAS Literature & Composition (12)
- OAS Language & Composition (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 (11-12)
- Fundamentals of Discrete Math (12)
- Statistics (12)
- OAS Calculus A (11-12)
- OAS Calculus B (11-12)
- OAS Statistics (12)
- OAS Number Theory (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)
- OAS Biology (11-12)
- OAS Chemistry (11-12)
- OAS Physics 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 (12)*
- OAS Frencih (12)
- Honors Mandarin V (12)
- OAS Spanish V (12)

**Italics denote the most rigorous classes offered in each discipline.**


## The Arts—3 credits required
- 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)
- Film/Video I (9-12)
- Film/Video II (10-12)
- Film Video III (11-12)
- Film/Video IV (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
- Contemporary Dance Forms (9-11)
- Hip-Hop (9-12)
- Modern Dance (9-12)

## Music
- Choraliers (9-12)
- High School Vocal Ensemble (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 Theory (9-12)
- Music Theory with Composition (9-12)
- OAS Music History & Analysis (11-12)
- OAS Music Composition & Analysis (11-12)

## Physical Education
- 2 credits required

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The Class of 2020 graduated with an average of 4 Honors courses and 4 AP courses.
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:

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STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES
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OAS/AP HONORS COURSES
Participation in all Oakwood Advanced Studies (OAS), Advanced Placement*, and Honors classes is subject to the approval of the sponsoring department. Ninth graders may not enroll in any OAS courses. AP*, OAS, 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, 5 National Merit Semi-Finalists, 5 Finalists, and 3 National Merit Scholarship winners. Additionally, we have had 6 students honored by the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

*Advanced Placement classes were discontinued at the conclusion of the 19-20 school year.

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
- Amherst College
- Bard College
- Barnard College
- Bates College
- Beloit College
- Bennington College
- Berklee College of Music
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brown University
- Butler University
- California College of the Arts
- California Institute of the Arts
- California Lutheran University
- California State University-Chico
- California State University-Northridge
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chapman University
- College of Charleston
- Colorado College
- Colorado State University-Fort Collins
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Davidson College
- Deep Springs College
- DePaul University
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Eckerd College
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- Franklin and Marshall College
- George Washington University
- Grinnell College
- Harvard College
- Haverford College
- Hofstra University
- Holy Names University
- Howard University
- Indiana University-Bloomington
- Johns Hopkins University
- Juniata College
- Kenyon College
- Lehigh University
- Lewis & Clark College
- Linfield College
- Liverpool John Moores University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Macalester College
- McGill University
- Muhlenberg College
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northern Arizona University
- Northwestern University
- Oberlin College
- Occidental College
- Olin College of Engineering
- Pitzer College
- Pratt Institute
- Princeton University
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rice University
- San Francisco State University
- Santa Clara University
- Santa Monica College
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- School of Visual Arts
- Scripps College
- Skidmore College
- Smith College
- Sonoma State University
- Spelman College
- Stanford University
- Syracuse University
- Texas A&M University
- The College of Wooster
- The New School
- The University of Texas at Austin
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- University of British Columbia
- University of California-Berkeley
- University of California-Davis
- University of California-Irvine
- University of California-Los Angeles
- University of California-Riverside
- University of California-Santa Barbara
- University of California-Santa Cruz
- University of Chicago
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Denver
- University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- University of Oregon
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Redlands
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of the Arts London
- University of Washington, Seattle
- Vassar College
- Washington University in St Louis
- Wesleyan University
- Western Washington University
- Williams College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Yale University

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