

# OREGON EPISCOPAL SCHOOL School Profile 2014–2015

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.

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- Northwest Association of Independent Schools
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## MISSION

Oregon Episcopal School prepares students for higher education and lifelong learning by inspiring intellectual, physical, social, emotional, artistic, and spiritual 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.

## CURRENT STUDENTS

Enrollment PreK–12	868
Enrollment 9–12	316
Day Students	258
Boarding Students	58
International Students	47
Countries Represented	12
Students of color	29%
Asian-Americans/Asians	11%
Multi-Racial	11%
African-Americans/Africans	2%
Latino/Hispanic	3%
Middle Eastern	1%
Students on Financial Aid	16%

## 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
<b>TOTAL CREDITS TO GRADUATE</b>	<b>20.5</b>

## GRADING PRACTICES

We do not rank our students or weight our GPA. The GPA is based on the final grade listed for each course. Semester grades are reported for all courses.

### Grading Scale

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

## SNAPSHOT: CLASS OF 2015

Senior Class	80
Mean GPA (6th semester)	3.60
National Merit Semifinalists	8
National Merit Commended	10

## GPA RANGES: CLASS OF 2015

In the last 40 years only eleven students have graduated with a 4.00.

GPA RANGE	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
3.75–4.00	33
3.50–3.74	20
3.25–3.49	14
Below 3.25	11

## COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS

Middle 50 Percent, Class of 2014  
(including international students)

### SAT Scores:

Critical Reading	570-720
Math	600-760
Writing	600-730

**ACT Composite:** 25-32

**AP Exams:** In the spring of 2014, 109 OES students took 140 Advanced Placement Tests in 12 subjects. Ninety-six percent of scores were 3 or higher. Eighty-three percent of scores were 4 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.

- Average class size: 14
- Student/faculty ratio: 7:1

## 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 and examining more deeply a specific field of literature.
- Students take US History I second semester of the sophomore year and then select one or two more advanced and thematically focused US History II courses as a junior and/or senior.

### 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 regional science fair to competitions at higher levels. They have been successful in the Siemens and Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competitions, the Intel Science Talent Search (finalist 2011), and the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (finalist 2011). The class of 2014 had a Google Science Fair finalist and a Davidson Fellow.

### 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

Following AP Spanish or AP French (or prior, with instructor approval), students may enroll in

advanced courses: Hispanic (or French) Culture & Communication (HCC, FCC) and Hispanic (or French) Literature & Culture (HLC, FLC).

### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- **WINTERIM:** During a week in March, students participate in enrichment courses and trips.
- **SERVICE LEARNING:** In keeping with the school's mission, each student must engage in two extended Service Learning Projects in the community, in addition to 60 hours of service on campus. Students are encouraged to volunteer in areas they are passionate about and to be involved in planning, carrying out, and reflecting on their service work.
- **DISCOVERY:** A five-day, 40-hour apprenticeship or career exploration is available to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students.

### 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 23 state championships.

### VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

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

### AP COURSES

Calculus AB & BC, Statistics, Computer Science, French Language, Spanish Language.

### HONORS-LEVEL COURSES

Honors Advanced Algebra, Honors Pre-Calculus, Honors Physics, Honors Chemistry, Honors Biology, Differential Equations, Finite Math, Multivariate Calculus, Number Theory, and HCC, FCC, HLC, FLC (see Language section).

#### ENGLISH

Humanities (2 credits)  
English 10 / 11  
ENGLISH 12 COURSES  
Postcolonial Literature  
Art of the Short Story  
Middle Eastern Literature  
Playwriting  
Shakespeare  
Poetry  
Urban Literature  
Writing Memoir  
ESL 9 Academic English Support

#### LANGUAGE

Spanish I-IV, AP Language  
HCC, HLC  
French I-III, AP Language  
FCC, FLC  
Mandarin I-V  
ELS English 10

#### 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  
AP Computer Science  
Differential Equations  
Finite Math  
Multivariate Calculus  
Number Theory

#### SCIENCE

Physics / Honors Physics  
Chemistry / Honors Chemistry  
Biology / Honors Biology  
ADVANCED SCIENCE ELECTIVES  
Anatomy & Physiology  
Astronomy  
Advanced Electricity & Magnetism  
Chemical Synthesis  
Genetics  
Engineering Design  
Marine Ecology  
Natural History  
Microbiology  
Environmental Geology  
Advanced Mechanics

#### HISTORY

Humanities (2 credits)  
Medieval World  
Age of Reason  
Age of Exploration  
US History I  
US History II  
Cold War  
The West  
Modern Presidency  
Social Movements  
ADVANCED HISTORY ELECTIVES  
Constitutional Law  
Economics  
Intellectual History  
Government Politics, Citizenship  
Modern India & China  
ESL 9 Humanities  
ESL American Studies

#### RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

Buddhism  
Hinduism  
Islam  
Judaism  
Jesus & Early Christianity  
Religion & Social Justice  
Religious Fundamentalism  
The Good Life  
Religious Narrative  
Christian Lives

#### VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Actor's Studio / Acting  
Stage & Screen  
Art Trek  
Beginning Drawing  
Modern & Contemporary Ceramics  
Graphic Arts  
Painting / Studio Art  
Paper Arts  
Advanced Drawing & Print Making  
Digital Simulations  
Film & Video  
Photography  
Music Trek  
Technology in Music  
Concert Choir  
Instrumental Music

#### PE

Life in Community  
PE for Life  
Weight Training

## COLLEGES ATTENDED BY OES GRADUATES 2012–2014

Arizona State University  
Arizona State University, Honors College  
Bates College (4)  
Belmont University  
Beloit College  
Boston College (2)  
Boston University (2)  
Bowdoin College (2)  
Brown University  
California Institute of Technology  
Carleton College (2)  
Carroll College MT  
Chapman University (7)  
Claremont McKenna College (2)  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
Concordia University, Portland  
Cornell University  
Denison University (2)  
Dickinson College (3)  
Dominican University of California  
Duke University (3)  
Emory University (2)  
Fordham University (2)  
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering  
Georgia Institute of Technology (2)  
Gonzaga University (3)  
Hartwick College  
Harvard College (2)  
Harvey Mudd College  
Humboldt State University  
Jacksonville University  
Johns Hopkins University (2)  
Lawrence University  
Linfield College

Macalester College (2)  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Middlebury College (5)  
Montana State University, Bozeman  
New York University (7)  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University (3)  
Occidental College (7)  
Oregon State University (5)  
Oxford College of Emory University  
Parsons The New School for Design (2)  
Pennsylvania State University, University Park  
Pitzer College (3)  
Pomona College  
Quest University Canada  
Reed College (2)  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rhodes College  
Rice University  
Saint Mary's College of California  
Santa Clara University (7)  
School of Visual Arts  
Scripps College  
Seattle University  
Skidmore College  
St. Mary's College of Maryland  
St. Olaf College  
Stanford University (9)  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone  
The University of Arizona  
The University of Iowa

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
Union College  
University of California at Berkeley (3)  
University of California at Los Angeles  
University of California at San Diego (2)  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Denver (4)  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2)  
University of Oregon (5)  
University of Oregon, Honors College (2)  
University of Pennsylvania (3)  
University of Portland  
University of Puget Sound (5)  
University of Redlands (3)  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of San Diego  
University of Southern California (12)  
University of the Pacific  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia (2)  
University of Washington (10)  
University of West London  
Vassar College (4)  
Wake Forest University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wellesley College  
Wheaton College MA  
Whitman College (5)  
Xavier University of Louisiana  
Yale University