



Oakland Catholic  
High School



## 2018–2019 SCHOOL PROFILE

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### CEEB/ACT SCHOOL CODE 393775

Oakland Catholic High School is a Catholic college preparatory school for young women. Located in the educational heart of Pittsburgh, we serve an ethnically, socioeconomically, and geographically diverse student population. Oakland Catholic serves students from the City of Pittsburgh as well as multiple suburban school districts. Since its formal opening in July of 1989 as a diocesan high school, Oakland Catholic continues to offer a rigorous academic program with the expectation that all students will pursue post-secondary education. Oakland Catholic High School ranks as one of the top 20 Catholic high schools in the nation for academics and one of the top 50 Catholic high schools in the nation overall as named by the Acton Institute for Academic Excellence.

### ACCREDITATION

Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Satisfactory elementary school record.
- Recommendations of the sending school.
- Review of standardized test scores.

### ENROLLMENT

560 young women in grades 9–12.

### FACULTY

All 50 faculty members are certified professionals in their respective disciplines. Thirty-seven hold master's degrees, twelve hold bachelor degrees, and one holds a doctorate. The student/teacher ratio is 11:1.

#### POST GRADUATE PLANS

99%

OF STUDENTS  
PURSUE ADVANCED  
EDUCATION

97%

OF STUDENTS WILL  
ATTEND 4-YEAR COLLEGES/  
UNIVERSITIES

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STUDENTS ARE COMMENDED  
AS NATIONAL MERIT  
SCHOLARS

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STUDENT IS PURSUING  
ADVANCED EDUCATION  
OVERSEAS



# ACADEMIC PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## GRADE SCALE WEIGHTED

As a matter of school policy, students are not ranked. Each transcript reflects a cumulative grade point average weighted for AP, CE and honors courses. Cumulative GPAs are calculated by averaging all courses at Oakland Catholic.

**P**=Pass      **F**=Fail      **I**=Incomplete      **W**=Withdraw

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: 26 Credits

**ENGLISH:** 4.5 credits      **SCIENCE:** 3.0 credits  
**RELIGION:** 4.0 credits      **ELECTIVES:** 3.5 credits  
**SOCIAL STUDIES:** 4.0 credits      **HEALTH/PHYS ED:** 1.0 credits  
**MATHEMATICS:** 3.0 credits      **FINE ARTS:** 1.0 credits  
**FOREIGN LANGUAGE:** 2.0 credits

		College Equivalency/ AP	Honors High School	College Preparatory
<b>A</b>	100–95	6.000	5.000	4.000
<b>A-</b>	94–93	5.625	4.687	3.750
<b>B+</b>	92–90	4.875	4.063	3.250
<b>B</b>	89–87	4.500	3.750	3.000
<b>B-</b>	86–85	4.125	3.437	2.750
<b>C+</b>	84–82	3.375	2.813	2.250
<b>C</b>	81–77	3.000	2.500	2.000
<b>C-</b>	76–75	2.625	2.187	1.750
<b>D+</b>	74–73	1.875	1.563	1.250
<b>D</b>	72–71	1.500	1.250	1.000
<b>D-</b>	70	1.125	0.937	0.750
<b>E</b>	69–0	0.000	0.000	0.000

## COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Argumentation, Chemistry, Communications, French, Physics, and Spanish

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, French Language & Culture, Human Geography, Italian Language & Culture, Latin, Psychology, Spanish Language & Culture, Statistics, Studio Art 2-D, United States Government & Politics, and United States History

## HONORS COURSES

**ENGLISH:** American Literature, Creative Writing, Diverse Voices in Contemporary Literature, Freshman English, Popular Culture & Digital Literacy, Research Methodology and Academic Writing, World Literature

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE:** Chinese I–IV, French II, French III, Italian II–IV, Latin II–IV, Spanish II–IV

**MATHEMATICS:** Algebra I, Algebra II, Algebra II/Trigonometry, Calculus I, Geometry, Trigonometry/PreCalculus

**COMPUTER SCIENCE:** Computer Aided Design (CAD) & 3D Modeling

**SCIENCE:** Anatomy & Physiology, Bioinformatics, Biology I, Chemistry I, Engineering Principles Including Problems (EPIC), Physics I, Physics II

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** American History, Introduction to Economics and Political Science, Introduction to Philosophy, Psychology, World History I, World History II

**FINE ARTS:** Ceramics, Chamber Singers, Marching/Concert Band, Painting, Studio Art II–V

**RELIGION:** A Catholic World View

## SPORTS PROGRAMS

### P.I.A.A./W.P.I.A.L.

Basketball, Competitive Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Indoor Track, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, and Volleyball

### CLUB SPORTS

Crew, Fencing, and Ultimate

### CLASS OF 2019 GPA RANGES FOR JUNIORS ON 4.0 WEIGHTED SCALE

% of Class	GPA Range
<b>Top 10%</b>	4.64–5.07
<b>80–100%</b>	4.42–5.07
<b>60–80%</b>	4.12–4.40
<b>40–60%</b>	3.76–4.10
<b>20–40%</b>	3.32–3.75
<b>0–20%</b>	1.64–3.31



# CLASS OF 2018 STATISTICS

## NUMBER OF GRADUATES: 130

88% percent of the class took the SAT Test.

68% percent of the class took the ACT Test.

## MEAN SCORES FOR THE TOP 10% OF THE CLASS:

SAT TAKEN AFTER MARCH 2016

Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing: 704, Math: 668

ACT COMPOSITE: 32

## MEAN SCORES FOR THE TOP 20% OF THE CLASS:

SAT TAKEN AFTER MARCH 2016

Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing: 698, Math: 663

ACT COMPOSITE: 30

## MEAN SCORES FOR THE ENTIRE CLASS:

SAT TAKEN AFTER MARCH 2016

Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing: 603, Math: 568

ACT COMPOSITE: 24

# SPECIAL PROGRAMS

## JOAN OF ARC SOCIETY OF SCHOLARS

Founded in 2002, the Joan of Arc (JOA) Society of Scholars is an invitation-only program that recognizes the academic accomplishments of students in the top tier of their class. Designed to formally acknowledge those students who perform exceptionally well academically over all four years of attendance at Oakland Catholic High School, JOA Society of Scholars maintains clearly articulated criteria including a specific GPA requirement at the end of each year of study. Members of JOA Society of Scholars are also required to participate in a certain number of "JOA events" each semester in order to maintain their status in the organization. In general, JOA Scholars represent the top 10% of their class upon graduation.

## GLOBAL COMPETENCE INITIATIVE (GCI) CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Global Competence Initiative certificate program at Oakland Catholic High School is designed to address the need for a workforce that is globally aware and culturally fluent in our increasingly interconnected and interdependent world. GCI encourages students to cultivate a global perspective by broadening their knowledge of the concerns, challenges and achievements of the wider world in preparation for their futures as college students and globally engaged citizens. By completing a required course of study and participating in Encounter and Engagement activities, students have opportunities to engage in the global community and explore different cultures while studying and reflecting on a range of issues affecting the world. After fulfilling academic and program requirements over a four-year period, students will receive a Certificate in Global Competence, signifying their completion of the program and their dedication to becoming responsible and respected global leaders. Visit [www.oaklandcatholic.org/academics/global-competence-initiative-gci/gci-program-requirements](http://www.oaklandcatholic.org/academics/global-competence-initiative-gci/gci-program-requirements) for descriptions of both academic and participation requirements, which include Encounters (speakers, films, cultural events) and Engagements (workshops, Model U.N., book group, travel).

## MISSION FORWARD

Oakland Catholic High School maintains a 1:1 laptop initiative, Mission Forward, with the objective of integrating technology across all aspects of the curriculum and educating students on how to manage their digital citizenship in a responsible and intelligent fashion. The impact of integrating this level of technology into our curriculum has been tremendous and overwhelmingly positive. By furnishing each student with a high-end laptop, we have increased student engagement, augmented the development of essential technological skills, and further enhanced the Oakland Catholic learning experience. In its fourth year, Mission Forward continues to transform the learning process, providing students with the technological and collaborative skills necessary to become the next generation of leaders. Partnering with Apple allows us to provide instructors with intense professional training so that skill development occurs across the curriculum and is integrated seamlessly into the learning process. One of the objectives of this initiative is to become an Apple Distinguished School.



# CLASS OF 2014–2018 ACCEPTANCES

Agnes Scott College, GA	College of William and Mary, VA	Hood College, MD	North Carolina A&T State University, NC	Stevens Institute of Technology, NJ	University of Notre Dame, IN
Albion College, MI	The College of Wooster, OH	Houghton College, NY	North Carolina State University, NC	Stony Brook University, NY*	The University of Oklahoma, OK
Albright College, PA	Colorado State University, CO	Howard University, DC	North Park University, IL	Suffolk University, MA	University of Oregon, OR
Alderson-Broaddus College, WV	Columbia College Chicago, IL	Immaculata University, PA	Northeastern University, MA	SUNY Polytechnic Institute, NY	University of Pennsylvania, PA
Alfred University, NY	Columbia University, NY	Indiana University at Bloomington, IN	Notre Dame College of Ohio, OH	Susquehanna University, PA	University of Pittsburgh (Multiple Locations), PA*
Allegheny College, PA	Community College of Allegheny County, PA	Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA	Nova Southeastern University, FL	Temple University, PA	University of Pittsburgh Bradford, PA
American University, DC	Community College of Beaver County, PA	Iowa State University, IA	Oberlin College, OH	Texas Christian University, TX	University of Pittsburgh Greensburg, PA
The American University of Paris, France	Connecticut College, CT	Ithaca College, NY	Ohio Northern University, OH	Thiel College, PA	University of Pittsburgh Johnstown, PA
Appalachian State University, NC	Cornell University, NY	James Madison University, VA	The Ohio State University, OH*	Towson University, MD	University of Pittsburgh Titusville, PA
Arcadia University, PA	Creighton University, NE	Jefferson (Philadelphia University + Thomas Jefferson University), PA	Ohio University, OH	Trinity College, CT	University of Rhode Island, RI
Arizona State University, AZ	Daemen College, NY	John Carroll University, OH*	Ohio Wesleyan University, OH	Trinity College, Dublin	University of Richmond, VA
Ashland University, OH	Davidson College, NC	Johns Hopkins University, MD	Oklahoma City University, OK	Trinity University, TX	University of Rochester, NY
Auburn University, AL	Delaware State University, DE	Johnson & Wales University, RI	Pace University, NY	The University of Akron, OH	University of San Diego, CA
Ave Maria University, FL	Denison University, OH	Juniata College, PA	The Pennsylvania State University (Multiple Locations), PA	University of California, Berkeley	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, PA
Baldwin Wallace University, OH	DePaul University, IL	Kent State University, OH*	The Pennsylvania State University (Multiple Locations), PA	University of California, Davis	The University of Scranton, PA
Bard College, NY	DePauw University, IN	Kenyon College, OH	The Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College*	University of California, Irvine	University of South Carolina, SC*
Bard College, Berlin	Dickinson College, PA	Kettering University, MI	Pepperdine University	University of California, Los Angeles	University of Tennessee, TN
Barnard College, NY	Dominican University, CA	King's College, PA	Point Park University, PA	University of California, San Diego	The University of Texas Austin, TX
Baylor University, TX	Drexel University, PA*	The King's College, NY	Pratt Institute, NY	University of California, Santa Barbara	University of Toledo, OH
Becker College, MA	Duquesne University, PA*	La Roche College, PA	Providence College, RI	University of California, Santa Cruz	University of Vermont, VT
Belmont University, TN	East Carolina University, NC	La Salle University, PA*	Purdue University, IN*	University of Central Florida, FL	University of Virginia, VA
Bennett College, NC	Eckerd College, FL	Lafayette College, PA	Quinnipiac University, CT	University of Cincinnati, OH	University of Virginia's College at Wise, VA
Bethany College, WV	Edinboro University, PA	Lake Erie College, OH	Radford University, VA	University of Colorado Boulder, CO	University of Washington, WA
Binghamton University, NY	Elon University, NC	Lehigh University, PA	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY	University of Colorado Denver, CO	University of Wisconsin Madison, WI
Bloomsburg University, PA	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL	Lincoln University, PA	Rhodes College, TN	University of Colorado Colorado Springs, CO	University of Connecticut, CT
Boston College, MA	Emerson College, MA	Long Island University, NY	Roanoke College, VA	University of Connecticut, CT	University of Dallas, TX
Boston University, MA	Emory University, GA	Louisiana State University, LA	Robert Morris University, PA	University of Dayton, OH	University of Dayton, OH
Bowie State University, MD	Fairfield University, CT	Loyola University Chicago, IL*	Rochester Institute of Technology, NY	University of Delaware, DE	University of Denver, CO
Bowling Green State University, OH	Fairmont State University, WV	Loyola University Maryland, MD	Roger Williams University, RI	University of Florida, FL	The University of Findlay, OH
Brandeis University, MA	Florida Atlantic University, FL	Loyola University New Orleans, LA	Rutgers University, NJ*	University of Georgia, GA*	University of Florida, FL
Bridgewater College, VA	Florida Gulf Coast University, FL	Lynn University, FL	Ryerson University, Toronto	University of Hartford, CT	University of Georgia, GA*
Bryn Mawr College, PA	Florida Institute of Technology, FL	Macalester College, MN	Sacred Heart University, CT	University of Houston, TX	University of Hartford, CT
Bucknell University, PA	Florida Southern College, FL	Malone University, OH	Saint Francis University, PA	University of Illinois, IL	University of Houston, TX
Butler University, IN	Florida State University, FL	Manhattan College, NY	Saint John's University, NY	The University of Iowa, IA	Saint Joseph's University, PA
Cabrini University, PA	Fordham University, NY	Marietta College, OH	Saint Joseph's University, PA	University of Kentucky, KY	Saint Leo University, FL
California University of Pennsylvania, PA	Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH	Marist College, NY	Saint Louis University, MO	University of Louisville, KY	Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame, IN
Canisius College, NY	Franklin & Marshall College, PA	Marquette University, WI	Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame, IN	University of Maine, ME	Saint Michael's College, VT
Capital University, OH	Furman University, SC	Maryland Institute College of Art, MD	Saint Michael's College, VT	University of Maryland, MD*	Saint Vincent College, PA
Carlow University, PA	Gannon University, PA	Marymount California University, CA	Salve Regina University, RI	University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA	Salve Regina University, RI
Carnegie Mellon University, PA	Geneva College, PA	Marymount Manhattan College, NY	Santa Clara University, CA	University of Massachusetts Boston, MA	Santa Clara University, CA
Case Western Reserve University, OH	George Mason University, VA	Marymount University, VA	Sarah Lawrence College, NY	University of Miami, FL	Savannah College of Art and Design, GA
Catawba College, NC	The George Washington University, DC	Marywood University, PA	Savannah College of Art and Design, GA	University of Michigan, MI	School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
The Catholic University of America, DC	Georgetown University, DC	McGill University, Montreal	School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL	University of Minnesota, MN	School of Visual Arts, NY
Cazenovia College, NY	Georgia Institute of Technology, GA	Mercyhurst Northeast, PA	Seton Hall University, NJ	University of Mississippi, MS	Seton Hall University, NJ
Centenary College of Louisiana, LA	Gettysburg College, PA	Mercyhurst University, PA*	Seton Hill University, PA	University of Missouri, MO	Seton Hill University, PA
Centenary University, NJ	Gonzaga University, VA	Messiah College, PA	Simmons College, MA	University of Nevada Las Vegas, NV	Simmons College, MA
Central Michigan University, MI	Gordon College, MA	Miami University Oxford, OH*	Skidmore College, NY	University of New England, ME	Skidmore College, NY
Centre College, KY	Grinnell College, IA	Michigan State University, MI	Slippery Rock University, PA	University of New Hampshire, NH	Slippery Rock University, PA
Champlain College, VT	Grove City College, PA	Millikin University, IL	Smith College, MA	University of New Haven, CT	Smith College, MA
College of Charleston, SC	Gwynedd Mercy University, PA	Monmouth University, NJ	Southern Methodist University, TX	University of North Carolina Asheville, NC	Southern Methodist University, TX
Chatham University, PA	Hamilton College, NY	Morgan State University, MD	Southwestern University, TX	The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC	Southwestern University, TX
Chestnut Hill College, PA	Hampton University, VA	Mount Aloysius College, PA	Spelman College, GA	University of North Carolina Charlotte, NC	Spelman College, GA
Cheyney University, PA	Harrisburg University of Science & Technology, PA	Mount St. Mary's University, MD	St. Bonaventure University, NY	University of North Carolina Wilmington, NC	St. Bonaventure University, NY
Clarion University, PA	Hawaii Pacific University, HI	Muhlenberg College, PA	St. John Fisher College, NY		St. John Fisher College, NY
Clark Atlanta University, GA	High Point University, NC	Muskingum University, OH	St. John's College, MD		St. John's College, MD
Clemson University, SC	Hiram College, OH	New England College, NH	St. Thomas University, FL		St. Thomas University, FL
Cleveland State University, OH	Hobart and William Smith Colleges, NY	New York Institute of Technology, NY			
Coastal Carolina University, SC	Hofstra University, NY	New York University, NY			
Colgate University, NY	Hollins University, VA	Niagara University, NY			
College of the Holy Cross, MA		Norfolk State University, VA			
College of Saint Elizabeth, NJ					
The College of Saint Rose, NY					

\*Honors college/program acceptance.

