

THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1796, Oakwood Friends School is a co-educational Quaker school with 160 day and boarding students in grades 6 through 12. Oakwood provides rigorous academic preparation based on primary texts, hands on learning, and an array of experiences in the arts and athletics to encourage creativity, self-expression, conscience, and cooperation. Oakwood Friends School is accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools and the New York State Board of Regents and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools and the Friends Council on Education.

THE CURRICULUM

Letter grades are assigned A+ through F with D (60%) passing for academic and most elective subjects. All grades, including failures, are reported on the transcript. All classes, including electives, are included when assessing a student's overall performance. Students must complete 19.1 credits to graduate from Oakwood Friends School. One full credit is issued for yearlong courses, 1/3 credit is issued for trimester-long courses, and .5 credit for Health. Athletic credits (P) are not included in GPA calculations.

The school year is divided into three 12-week trimesters with 60-minute classes. All classes are grounded in critical thinking and discussion. In the progressively challenging college-preparatory curriculum, students are placed according to their ability in mathematics and foreign language as they progress to college-freshman level courses in the senior year.

The intellectual focus of the senior year is challenging interdisciplinary courses taken each term, which are considered history courses for the seniors. The courses are designed to teach students how to abstractly think and draw connections between multiple disciplines. The courses simulate college-level classes and help prepare seniors by using primary texts, applying learning to solve problems, and reading extensively.

SUBJECT	YEARS REQUIRED	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES OF CLASSES & ELECTIVES
ENGLISH	4	In the third trimester of 11 th & 12 th grades, English electives are chosen to allow for in depth study on a theme or era of literature	English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12, AP English Literature, Reading as a Writer, Literature of Direct Action, Retelling Legends, Superhuman Strength
MATHEMATICS	3	Must take through Algebra II	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Math Topics: Mathematical Gems, Math Topics: Finance, Math Topics: Chaos Theory, Dual Enrollment Statistics, Dual Enrollment Calc I, Dual Enrollment Calc II
SCIENCE	3	Only seniors & advanced juniors may take AP Sciences	Conceptual Physics, Chemistry, Biology, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, Approaches to Ecology, Data Skills, Water, Ecological Perspectives, Stellar Astronomy, Planetary Astronomy, Astrobiology, Applied Research Intensive, Advanced Physics
LANGUAGE	3	Students with language-based learning disabilities may enroll in American Sign Language to fulfill the requirement	French I, French II, French III, AP French Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III, Spanish IV, AP Spanish Mandarin Chinese I, Mandarin Chinese II/III ASL I, ASL II
HISTORY	4	World History, US History, and 3 terms of Senior History Seminars are required.	World History I, World History II, US History, Ethics & Technology, Economics, Asian Religions, Psychology, Philosophy, Human Rights Law, Senior History Seminars (International Relations, Comrades & Cabaret, Revolution in Three Countries, Globalization)
VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS	1.66	5 trimesters required	Animation, Art: Introduction, Beginning Tap, Ceramics, Community Service Through the Arts, Composition and Songwriting, Digital Photography, Drama: Introduction, Drawing, Fall and Winter Production, Guitar, Music: Introduction, Orchestra, Painting, Photography, Piano Vocal Ensemble, Portfolio, Printmaking, Public Speaking, Sculpture, Spring Musical, Theatrical Design
ATHLETICS	4	Students must participate in one team sport per year at Oakwood or in the community. Life Sports are required for students when not involved in team sports	Baseball: Boys V; Basketball: Girls V & Boys JV & V; Cross-Country: Co-ed V; Soccer: Girls & Boys V; Softball: Girls V; Tennis: Co-ed V; Ultimate Frisbee: Co-ed V; Volleyball: Girls JV & V
OTHER	.33	Students must complete one trimester each of Health and Quakerism	



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Oakwood Friends School encourages students to take responsibility for the community life of the school by being involved through leadership and service opportunities on campus. Students participate in school decision-making through their involvement in committees including Academic Committee, Nominating Committee, Judicial Committee, and Student Government. There is also time built into the weekly schedule for students to participate in a variety of clubs and Special Interest Groups.

CLASS RANK

In keeping with the tradition of the Society of Friends, Oakwood Friends School does not rank its students, nor does it give Academic Awards.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- # **Critical Thinking Requirement** – Course required for all 9th graders.
- # **Leadership & Social Justice Requirement** – Course required for all 10th graders.
- # **Community Service** – Comprehensive community service program to encourage participation in the wider world. 20 hours required of seniors.
- # **Global Affairs Certificate Program** – Available to juniors and seniors by application. Combines current affairs, world languages, political and environmental science, culminating with a capstone project.
- # **Independent Study** – With faculty supervision, a student who has achieved independent status may pursue academic study in a particular area of interest that is not included in the regular list of course offerings.
- # **Libby Moroff Leadership Program** – Offered annually to a limited number of students who take part in hands-on exploration of issues related to leadership, social justice, civic engagement, and service learning.
- # **Academic Support Center** – Provides extra support for students with learning disabilities through Focused Instruction and Learning Skills courses.
- # **Dual Enrollment** – Advanced math students are given the opportunity to continue their study of mathematics by enrolling in dual enrollment classes offered through Mount Saint Mary College.

FIGURES OF INTEREST

- # Enrollment '25 - '26: 106
- # 92% to 4-year colleges, Class of '25
- # 70% Receiving Financial Aid
- # 26 Boarders (7 Seniors)
- # 40% Students of Color (16 Seniors)
- # 17 International Students (7 Seniors)

NUMBER IN CLASS OF 2025 THAT:

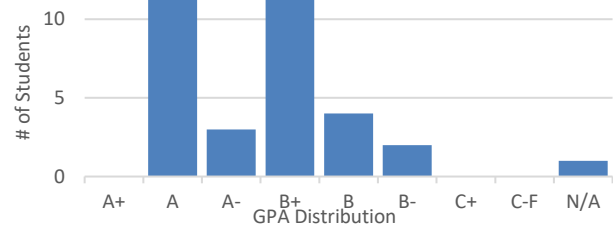
TOOK STANDARDIZED TESTING

20

SUBMITTED TEST SCORES

12

GRADE DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2026 – 34 STUDENTS



COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS FOR CLASSES 2019-2023

Adelphi University
American Musical & Dramatic Academy
American University
Amherst College
Bard College
Bennington College
Binghamton University
Brandeis University
Cal Poly
Carleton College
Clark University
Colgate University
Colorado College
Columbia University in the City of NY
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
CUNY John Jay
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Fordham University
Guilford College

Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hebrew University
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Indiana University
Ithaca College
Lehigh University
Loyola University Chicago
Manhattan University
Manhattanville University
Marist College
Marywood University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Paul Smiths College of Arts & Sciences
Pennsylvania State University
Quinnipiac University

Rider University
Rutgers University
Salve Regina University
Sarah Lawrence College
School of Visual Arts
Skidmore College
St. John's University
St. Thomas Aquinas College
SUNY New Paltz
Stony Brook University
SUNY at Purchase
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
SUNY College of Technology at Delhi
Susquehanna University
Temple University
The City University of New York - CUNY
The George Washington University
The New School
The Ohio State University
Tufts University
Ulster County Community College

Universidad Anahuac- Merida
Universidad Anahuac- Queretaro
Universidad Pontificia Comillas
University at Albany
University at Buffalo
University of California – San Diego
University of California – Santa Cruz
University of Connecticut
University of Galway
University of Hartford
University of Massachusetts – Amherst
University of New Haven
University of North Dakota
University of Redlands
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of Tampa
University of Vermont
Vassar College
Virginia State University
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute