



## HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2022-2023

### ► 2023 FAST FACTS

**240** students

**56** high school students

**95%** day, **5%** boarding

**13** seniors

**14** average class size

**36%** students receiving financial aid

**3.7** mean GPA

**4.0** median GPA

class of 2023 end of junior year, cumulative weighted

**630 ERW 658 M** avg. SAT

class of 2023 testing profile as of June 2022

**8** full-time HS Faculty

**70%** advanced degrees

### ► OUR SCHOOL

Oak Grove School, founded in 1975, is a Preschool through High School progressive day and boarding school in Ojai, California. Oak Grove fosters an environment where students are encouraged to ask deep questions. The expansive 150-acre wooded campus, along with our focus on self-understanding, offers a safe space for deep inquiry, affectionate communication, and openness in the face of challenge.

### ► MISSION

Inspired by the original intent and statement of philosophy left by the school's founder, J. Krishnamurti, the mission of Oak Grove School is to assist students in developing those qualities of mind, heart, and body that will enable them to function with excellence, care, and responsibility in the modern world.

### ► ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)  
California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS)  
National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)  
Small Boarding Schools Association (SBSA)  
National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC)



*Luna on her senior trip to India*

## Uniquely Oak Grove

### ► THE ARTS OF LIVING AND LEARNING

Oak Grove School's mission is supported through the overarching themes expressed within the Arts of Living and Learning that are embedded in the school's culture, curriculum, classroom practice, and expectations of students.

*The Art of Inquiry • The Art of Communication  
The Art of Academia • The Art of Aesthetics  
The Art of Caring & Relationship • The Art of Engagement*

### ► OUTDOOR EDUCATION & TRAVEL ABROAD

Rooted in the natural beauty of the California wilderness, our annual camping and grade-level outdoor programs serve as a reminder that we are a part of a world much bigger than ourselves. Beach camping, rigorous backcountry expeditions, and a Southwest Road Trip offer students opportunities to learn from nature, practice the outdoor skills of self-reliance, teamwork, and leadership, and to become active stewards of the environment.

Our travel program challenges students to develop an international perspective through a curriculum and set of experiences that focus on cultural perspectives. The culminating senior trip to India encourages students to expand their knowledge, skills, emotional intelligence, and global competencies necessary to enable them to move beyond the tolerance of diversity to genuine engagement as a global citizen.

### ► PATHLESS PROJECT

The Pathless Project allows seniors an in-depth practicum/research experience requiring the planning and implementation of a passion project. This project challenges students to direct their own learning. The Pathless Project culminates in a presentation to a community audience.

**Oak Grove High School** offers a challenging college-preparatory program that is approved by the University of California and is designed to exceed admission requirements for the most rigorous and selective universities across the country.

All Oak Grove High School students select from a number of fine and performing arts electives which encourage and support the development of an aesthetic sense toward all art forms as well as integrate and honor individual student interests and passions. Students are also asked to think deeply, approach learning from multiple perspectives, and make connections across disciplines. Students are empowered to take responsibility and ownership of their learning so they are prepared to meet the demands of college and beyond.

#### ► CO-CURRICULAR & ATHLETICS

Participation in Community Service, Fit for Life, Advisory, and the Camping and Outdoor Education Programs are mandatory each year. Student-generated and student-led clubs are encouraged and have included STEM, Disc Golf, Poetry, and other interests.

Oak Grove is a member of the Condor League. Students compete in girls' and boys' volleyball, soccer, cross country, and basketball according to student interest and enrollment.

#### ► MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

The school year is divided into two semesters.

ENGLISH • 4 years

MATH • 3 years

SCIENCE • 3 years (including two years of lab science)

HISTORY • 4 years

ART ELECTIVES • 4 years (including one year of Visual or Performing Arts)

WORLD LANGUAGE • 3 years

Oak Grove School does not offer AP courses. Honors options are offered in core subjects for students who have shown mastery of the academic skills necessary for higher level research and studying. Prerequisite for Honors is teacher's approval. Students wishing to explore Advanced Placement classes may do so online with administration approval.

#### ► RANKING & GRADES

Oak Grove High School students are not ranked. Students receive letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) on their transcripts each semester. All Honors courses are weighted. The cumulative GPA is a weighted GPA. Over the last two years, 63% took at least one honors class in 11th or 12th grade, 41% took at least three and 15% took five or more.

## College

In a typical Oak Grove graduating class, 100% of the students who apply to a four-year college/university are accepted. Students are encouraged to find the right fit when applying to colleges. Oak Grove School graduates have been accepted to the following schools over the last five years:

Allegheny College  
Austin College  
Azusa Pacific University  
Babson College  
Bard College  
Bard College, Berlin  
Bennington College  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Bryn Mawr  
Butler University  
University of California: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz  
California College of Art  
California Lutheran University  
California State Polytechnic University: Pomona, San Luis Obispo  
California State University: Channel Islands, Chico, Humboldt, Long Beach, Northridge, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Sonoma  
Centre College  
Chapman University  
Colorado College  
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs  
DePauw University

Dominican University  
Eckerd College  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emerson College  
Fordham University  
Franklin University, Switzerland  
George Washington University  
Goucher College  
University of Illinois  
University of Kansas  
University of La Verne  
Lawrence University  
Lewis and Clark College  
LIM College  
Manhattan College  
Maine College of Art and Design  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
Northeastern University  
Ohio State University  
University of Oklahoma  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Oxford University, England  
Pace University  
Pacific University  
Pepperdine University  
Portland State University  
Pratt Institute

University of Puget Sound  
Purdue University  
Quest University, Canada  
University of Redlands  
Reed College  
University of Rochester  
University of St. Andrews, Scotland  
University of San Francisco  
Santa Clara University  
Scripps College  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Seattle University  
Sierra Nevada University  
Skidmore College  
Southwestern University  
The New School/Parsons  
The Savannah College of Art & Design  
University of Toronto, Rotman Commerce, Canada  
Towson University  
University of Utah  
University of Vermont  
University of Washington  
Westmont College  
Whitman College  
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