



## PROFILE FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

# A REPORT TO COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

The Overlake School is an independent coeducational suburban day school, offering a rigorous college preparatory program in the liberal arts tradition. The school's goal is to prepare a diverse student body for admission to colleges and universities for a lifetime of ongoing learning and success. Students must complete studies in the natural sciences, arts and humanities. The co-curricular program provides balance to the academic curriculum by giving students opportunities for leadership, and social and emotional growth.

### HEAD OF SCHOOL

**Matthew P. Horvat**

B.A., University of Pennsylvania  
M.A.T., Boston University

### UPPER SCHOOL HEAD

**Gerald Buhaly**

B.S., University of Washington  
M.A., University of Bath, U.K.

### ENROLLMENT

**Grades 5–12:** 552 students

**Graduating Seniors:** 71

**Average Class Size:** 14

**Student-to-Teacher Ratio:** 6:1

### FACULTY

**Bachelor's Degrees:** all 70 faculty

**Master's Degrees:** 45

**Doctoral & Juris Doctor Degrees:** 5

### ADMISSION

Admission is a selective process that requires an application, previous school records, an interview, two teacher recommendations and results from the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) or the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE).

### CURRICULUM

The Overlake School offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. The academic year is divided into two semesters.

Minimum Upper School requirements for graduation:

- English (4 YEARS)
- History (3 YEARS)
- Mathematics (3 YEARS)
- Lab Science (3 YEARS)
- Foreign Language (3 YEARS)\*
- Fine Arts (2 YEARS)
- Physical Education/Health (2 YEARS)
- Service Learning (60 HOURS / 4 YEARS)
- Co-curricular (2 ACTIVITIES / 4 YEARS)
- Project Week (EVERY YEAR)
- Senior Project (3-WEEK INTERNSHIP)
- Outdoor Education  
(1 OVERNIGHT OR 2 DAY TRIPS)

\* *Foreign Language requirement: 3 years, or minimum 2 years through level 4, or 2 years each of 2 different languages.*

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES\*

Advanced Placement courses were offered to the Class of 2021 in these disciplines:

- AP Art History
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Chinese Language & Culture
- AP Computer Science A
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP French Language & Culture
- AP Latin
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture

- AP Statistics
- AP US Government & Politics

\* *The Overlake School recommends that a student take no more than 3 AP courses in any given year; typically students pursue AP coursework at Overlake during their junior or senior year.*

### HONORS COURSES

For the Class of 2021, these Honors courses were available:

- Algebra II (H)
- BioChem II (H)
- Geometry (H)
- Physics (H)
- Precalculus (H)
- US History (H)

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**Service Learning** is an integral part of living out The Overlake School mission. Students engage in service as a community and individually reaching communities locally, domestically and globally.

**Co-curricular** credits may be satisfied by participating in school-sponsored clubs, athletics, or a dramatic production. Student-lead club offerings change annually based on student interest. A sample of club offerings includes: Acapella, ASB, Astronomy, Debate, Engineering, Gender Equality, Impact, JSA, and Key Club. Interscholastic sports offered: soccer, cross country, volleyball, basketball, baseball, tennis, golf, Ultimate frisbee and lacrosse.

The **Project Week** program engages students to challenging co-curricular learning experiences spanning across grade levels. Each year students choose from approximately 40 projects with an emphasis on experiential education, challenge, group process, and reflection ranging in interest from the arts and sciences to global service and the outdoors.

The **Global Service** program allows Overlake students to teach during Project Week at our partner school in Pailin, Cambodia.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS *(continued)*

**Senior Project:** During their final three weeks at The Overlake School, each senior is involved in an off-campus mini-internship. Self-chosen projects can cover a wide range of fields including academic research, assistant teaching, technology, community service, communications, business, outdoor education, art, politics, and the environment. Upon completion of their Senior Project, Overlake seniors make a formal presentation to the Overlake community about their experience.

Overlake has reciprocal **Foreign Exchange** programs with schools in China, France, and Spain. Upper School students are given the opportunity to develop their language skills and learn about the culture of their chosen language by living with a host family for 10 days. Overlake reciprocates by hosting students from these countries.

## GRADE TABLE

The grading scale adopted by the Overlake Academic Council reflects student achievement in a class.

93–100%	A
90–92%	A-
87–89%	B+
83–86%	B
80–82%	B-
77–79%	C+
73–76%	C
70–72%	C-
67–69%	D+
63–66%	D
60–62%	D-
0–59%	F

*The Overlake School does not rank students or weight grades.*

## CLASS OF 2021\*\* GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Based on courses taken through 01/20

Grade Average	Number of Students	Percent of Class
93–100%	32	45%
90–92%	20	28%
87–89%	16	23%
83–86%	3	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Middle 50% Range: 89–94  
Highest GPA: 98*

## REPRESENTATIVE COLLEGES, ATTENDED BY GRADUATES, 2016–20

- Amherst College
- Barnard College
- Bowdoin College
- Brown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chapman University
- Claremont McKenna College
- Columbia University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Gonzaga University
- Harvard University
- Harvey Mudd College
- Lehigh University
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Oberlin College
- Occidental College
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Santa Clara University
- Seattle University
- Stanford University
- Swarthmore College
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- US Air Force Academy
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois
- University of Michigan
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Southern California
- University of St. Andrews
- University of Washington
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Western Washington University
- Whitman College
- Willamette University
- Williams College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Yale University

## SPECIAL NOTES

**\*\*Spring Semester 2020 Grading during COVID-19:** On March 11, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Overlake School moved to online teaching and learning and changed its grading policy from numerical grades to Credit/No Credit (CR/NC). This change is indicated in the Semester 2 column for Spring 2020 on a student's transcript. The Overlake School will return to a numerical grading policy Fall 2020.

**National Testing:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, standardized testing has not been available to students in western Washington since March 2020. Historically, 55% of Overlake students take the ACT; 79% take the SAT. Overlake's ACT range historically has been 31–35; the SAT range has been 1355–1530.

## 2020 AP SUMMARY (All School)

Scores	Number of Exams	Percent of Total Exams
5	188	54%
4	104	30%
3 (or below)	57	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 2021 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Semifinalists: 8  
Commended Students: 15

## ACCREDITATIONS

- NAC
- NWAIS

## MEMBERSHIPS

- ACCIS
- College Board
- NACAC
- NAIS
- PNACAC
- WFIS



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