



PROFILE FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

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. All 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

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

UPPER SCHOOL HEAD

Gerald Buhaly

B.S., University of Washington
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ENROLLMENT

Grades 5–12: 551 students

Graduating Seniors: 74

Average Class Size: 14

Student-to-Teacher Ratio: 7:1

FACULTY

Bachelor's Degrees: all 72 faculty

Master's Degrees: 52

Doctoral & Juris Doctor Degrees: 8

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 INDEPENDENT PROJECT)
- 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

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

Advanced Placement courses were offered to the Class of 2023 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 Macroeconomics

- AP Microeconomics
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture
- AP Statistics
- AP US Government & Politics

HONORS COURSES

For the Class of 2023, 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 with local, domestic, and global reach.

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

The **Project Week** program engages students in 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 experience. Self-designed 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.

GRADING

Highest Cumulative GPA: 98%
Based on courses taken through 06/22

The Overlake School does not rank students or weight grades.

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

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| 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 |

ACCREDITATIONS

- NAC
- NWAIS

MEMBERSHIPS

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

A SAMPLE OF COLLEGES ATTENDED BY GRADUATES, 2018–2022

- Amherst College
- Arizona State University, Barrett Honors
- Bard College
- Barnard College
- Berklee College of Music
- Bowdoin College
- Brown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chapman University
- Claremont McKenna College
- Clemson University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gonzaga University
- Harvard University
- Harvey Mudd College
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Occidental College
- Pomona College
- Purdue University
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Santa Clara University
- Seattle University
- Southern Methodist University
- Stanford University
- Swarthmore College
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Southern California
- University of St. Andrews
- University of Texas, Austin
- University of Washington
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Whitman College
- 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 returned to a numerical grading policy Fall 2020. The Overlake School was remote through April 2021.

***Special Programs Notes:** Due to the pandemic, some of our national or international trips did not happen last year.

TEST RESULTS

SAT Summary (Class of 2023)
62 students tested as of July 2022

| Section | Middle 50% |
|-------------|------------|
| EBRW | 660–750 |
| Mathematics | 680–790 |
| Total | 1320–1540 |

ACT Summary (Class of 2023)
18 students tested as of July 2022

| Section | Middle 50% |
|-----------|------------|
| Composite | 28–33 |

2022 AP Score Summary (All School)

| Scores | Number of Exams | Percent of Total Exams |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 5 | 196 | 59% |
| 4 | 94 | 28% |
| 3 | 37 | 11% |

2023 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Semifinalists: 17
Commended Students: 19



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