



**The Overlake School**  
EST. 1967

## PROFILE FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

# 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. Our mission is to champion students and their vast potential through engaging educational experiences in a diverse and inclusive community. Students are valued as multifaceted individuals and graduate with a passion for learning, ready for any path that contributes to a better world.

### INTERIM HEAD OF SCHOOL

#### **Eric Temple**

B.A., Boston College  
M.A., University of Massachusetts

### UPPER SCHOOL HEAD

#### **Marshall McCurties**

B.A., Principia College  
M.A., Columbia University

### FACULTY

**Bachelor's Degrees:** all 69 faculty

**Master's Degrees:** 44

**Doctoral & Juris Doctor Degrees:** 7

## Overlake by the Numbers

**546**

students,  
grades 5–12

**76**

graduating  
seniors

**14**

average  
class size

**72%**

students  
of color

**92%**

AP Exam  
scores of 4 or 5

**30**

seniors  
recognized by  
National Merit

**100%**

students  
participating in the  
fine and  
performing arts

**75%+**

students  
participating in  
at least one  
sport

### COLLEGE COUNSELING TEAM:

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## 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)
- 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 three AP courses during their junior or senior year.**

Advanced Placement courses were offered to the Class of 2024 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 Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture
- AP Statistics
- AP US Government & Politics

## Honors Courses

For the Class of 2024, 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** programs offer students the chance to participate in school-sponsored clubs, athletics, and fine and performing arts. Student-led club offerings change annually based on student interest. A sample of club offerings includes: Acapella, ASB, Asian Film Club, Debate, DECA, 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.



**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 06/23*

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.

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

## Test Results

**SAT Summary** (Class of 2024)

*62 students tested as of July 2023*

Section	Middle 50%
EBRW	680–750
Mathematics	670–770
Total	1320–1540

**ACT Summary** (Class of 2024)

*13 students tested as of July 2023*

Section	Middle 50%
Composite	28–33

**2023 AP Score Summary** (All School)

Scores	Number of Exams	Percent of Total Exams
5	378	66%
4	148	26%
3	44	7%

## 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program

Semifinalists: 6 Commended  
Students: 23



## A Sample of Colleges Attended by Graduates, 2019–2023

- 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
- Franklin University Switzerland
- 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
- Trinity College
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- United States Military Academy
- 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
- Vassar College
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Whitman College
- Williams College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Yale University



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