



**PROFILE FOR THE CLASS OF 2025**

# 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 graduates with a passion for learning, ready for any path that contributes to a better world.

**HEAD OF SCHOOL**

**Gretchen Warner**  
B.S., Virginia Tech  
M.A., University of Virginia

**UPPER SCHOOL HEAD**

**Marshall McCurties**  
B.A., Principia College  
M.A., Columbia University

**FACULTY**

**Bachelor's Degrees:** all 66 faculty  
**Master's Degrees:** 48  
**Doctoral & Juris Doctor Degrees:** 6

**Overlake by the Numbers**

**562**

students,  
grades 5–12

**74**

graduating  
seniors

**14**

average  
class size

**72%**

students  
of color

**92%**

students  
scoring 4 or 5  
on AP exams

**31**

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.

## Graduation Requirements

**Service Learning** is an integral part of living out The Overlake School's mission. Students engage in service as a community and individually with local, domestic, and global reach.

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.

**Senior Projects** happen during a senior's final three weeks at The Overlake School. Each senior is involved in an off-campus self-defined project. Experiences 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.

The **Outdoor Education** program was born under the philosophy that students learn and grow in an outdoor environment. Trips and activities emphasize cooperation, perseverance, concentration, judgment, and leadership.

## 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 offered to the Class of 2025:

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

## Honors Courses

For the Class of 2025, these Honors courses were available:

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

**Overlake presents no school honors or awards to students.**



## Special Programs

The **IDEA Lab** program provides a physical space and curricular framework for students to experience interdisciplinary problem solving and collaboration. Students combine previous learning experiences with principles central to design thinking and engineering to address complex problems.

**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 include ASB, Debate, DECA, Engineering, Quiz Bowl, JSA, and Robotics. Interscholastic sports offered include baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, ultimate frisbee, and volleyball.

Overlake has reciprocal **Foreign Exchange** programs with schools in China, France, and Spain.

## Grading

**Highest Cumulative GPA: 98%**

*Based on courses taken through 06/24*

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

Since 2020, testing has been difficult to access in Washington State due to the closure of many test sites.

### SAT Summary (Class of 2025)

*67 students tested as of July 2024*

Section	Middle 50%
EBRW	670–750
Mathematics	660–760
Total	1300–1500

### ACT Summary (Class of 2025)

*18 students tested as of July 2024*

Section	Middle 50%
Composite	29–34

### 2024 AP Score Summary (All School)

Scores	Number of Exams	Percent of Total Exams
5	256	55%
4	130	28%
3	59	13%

## 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program

Semifinalists: 11

Commended Students: 20



## A Sample of Colleges Attended by Graduates, 2020–2024

- Amherst College
- Arizona State University, Barrett Honors
- Babson College
- Bard College
- Berklee College of Music
- Bowdoin College
- Brown University
- California Institute of Technology
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chapman University
- Claremont McKenna College
- Clemson University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- Franklin University Switzerland
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gonzaga University
- Harvard University
- Harvey Mudd College
- Johns Hopkins University
- London School of Economics
- Marquette University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 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
- United States Military Academy
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Melbourne
- University of Michigan
- University of Notre Dame
- University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Southern California
- University of Texas, Austin
- University of Washington
- Vassar College
- Villanova University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Webb Institute
- Wellesley College
- Whitman College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Yale University



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