



PROFILE FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

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 71 faculty

Master's Degrees: 55

Doctoral & Juris Doctor Degrees: 5

Overlake by the Numbers

575

students,
grades 5–12

80

graduating
seniors

14

average
class size

78%

students
of color

86%

students
scoring 4 or 5
on AP exams

43

seniors
recognized by
National Merit

100%

students
participating in
the fine and
performing arts

75%+

students
participating in
at least one
sport

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Admissions

Admissions 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). The criteria for admissions centers on a mission and values match, a well-rounded set of interests, and strong academic potential.

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)
- World 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 per year in the 11th and 12th grade.

Advanced Placement courses offered to the Class of 2026:

- 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 2026, these Honors courses were available:

- Algebra II (H)
- Earth's Chemical Systems (H)
- Geometry (H)
- Physics (H)
- Precalculus (H)
- US History (H)

Overlake presents no school honors or awards to students.



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 ranging in interests from the arts and sciences to global service and the outdoors. All projects emphasize experiential education, challenge, group process, and reflection.

Senior Projects happen during a senior's final three weeks at The Overlake School. Each senior is involved in an off-campus self-directed 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 facilitates student learning and growth in an outdoor environment. Trips and activities emphasize cooperation, perseverance, focus, judgment, and leadership.

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

Grading

Highest Cumulative GPA: 98%

Based on courses taken through 06/25

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 2026)

76 students tested as of July 2025

Section	Middle 50%
EBRW	680–750
Mathematics	690–770
Total	1370–1500

ACT Summary (Class of 2026)

10 students tested as of July 2025

Section	Middle 50%
Composite	29–33

2025 AP Score Summary (All School)

Scores	Number of Exams	Percent of Total Exams
5	326	62%
4	131	25%
3	58	11%

2026 National Merit Scholarship Program

Semifinalists: 17

Commended Students: 26



A Sample of Colleges Attended by Graduates, 2021–2025

- Amherst College
- Arizona State University, Barrett Honors
- Babson College
- Bard College
- Barnard College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College
- Brown University
- California Institute of Technology
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Carleton College
- Chapman University
- Claremont McKenna College
- Clemson University
- Colby College
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gonzaga University
- Harvard University
- Harvey Mudd College
- Johns Hopkins University
- London School of Economics
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Middlebury College
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Occidental College
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Rice University
- 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 Miami
- 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 Virginia
- University of Washington
- Vassar College
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Whitman College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute



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