



## Frequently Asked Questions about Oak Hill School

**What is the mission of Oak Hill School?** Oak Hill School's mission is to provide the best K-12 education, creating caring and responsible critical thinkers.

**What makes an Oak Hill education unique?** Oak Hill School provides a rigorous, inspiring learning experience for students who seek an intense education that fosters the growth of character as well as knowledge. Oak Hill considers its role to be that of igniting interest and sparking inspiration, as well as bestowing knowledge. Oak Hill teaches each student in the manner best suited to that learner. This is possible because of small class sizes and low student to teacher ratios. Our core values reflect our expectations of kindness, integrity, and respect. This enables our students to thrive as individuals, which supports their academic success.

**How diverse is Oak Hill?** We strive to look like our local community. To provide a richer learning environment, Oak Hill seeks a student body that is economically and culturally diverse. 46% of our families qualify for some amount of Financial Aid. 15% of our Upper School student body is comprised of international students. Of our entire student body, 16% speak English as a second or a third language at home.

**What is an independent school?** Independent schools are private schools that are independently governed by their own boards of trustees. They are mainly financed by tuition payments, charitable contributions, and endowment revenue, and occasionally receive limited government funding. Independent schools are subject to rigorous accreditation standards and are validated by a national commission every seven years.

**Is Oak Hill accredited?** Oak Hill School is accredited by the Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS), AdvancED (formerly NWAC) and the National Association of Independent Schools.

**What is your student to teacher ratio?** 16:1 Lower School; 12:1 Upper School.

**What is your school size?** There are 210 Oak Hill students in grades K-12. The Lower School (K-5) has approximately 100 students and the Upper School (6-12) has approximately 110 students.

**Do you have a sports program?** Oak Hill students participate in a large variety of youth athletic programs (KidSports, YMCA, Little League, Babe Ruth Baseball, Pop Warner Football, etc.) in grades K-5. Additionally, as a member of the Mountain West Athletic Conference, OHS fields excellent Cross-Country teams for both middle and high school. 2015-16 also marks a return of our MS girls' volleyball and basketball teams to the Mountain West. As we grow and mature as a school, we will add more sports teams and programs depending upon interest and numbers. If Oak Hill School does not offer a sport in which your child is interested, he or she can (and many do) play that sport at their "home" school (ex: South Eugene). In this way, we have students participating in HS football, baseball, water-polo, swimming, and crew among other organized sports.

**What does a Lower School, K-5 curriculum include?** An Oak Hill tuition covers the cost of a regular academic day (full day, every day, for every grade) and includes work with eight specialists:

- Spanish
- Mandarin
- French
- Music
- PE (every day)
- Computers
- Visual Art
- Public speaking

**What does an Upper School, 6-12 curriculum include?** An Oak Hill tuition covers the cost of a regular academic day (full day, every day, for every grade) and includes coursework with exceptional faculty members:

- Science
- Mathematics
- Foreign Language
- Physical Education
- English
- History
- Visual Art
- Theater Art
- Music
- Computers

**Do you offer APs?** We offer a wide variety of Advanced Placement (AP) courses in the upper school. If a student is ready, he or she can take an AP course as early as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our AP courses include:

AB Calculus	English Literature	Statistics
BC Calculus	French Language	European History
Music Theory	French Literature	Environmental Science
Art Portfolio	Spanish Language	Macroeconomics
US Government	Spanish Literature	Human Geography
English Language	US History	Latin Literature

**Where do your students go to college?** 100% of our students are admitted to four-year colleges. Examples include NYU, Dartmouth, Williams College, University of Pennsylvania, Claremont-McKenna, Sarah Lawrence College, Middlebury College, MIT, Carleton College, and the Pratt Institute of Art. (For a more complete list, please reference our College Acceptances page.)

**What is the value of an Oak Hill education?** Priceless...

The breakdown for the 2015-2016 school year is:

K: \$13,400                      1st-5th: \$14,700                      6th-8th: \$16,100                      9th-12th: \$16,600

**Why does your school cost more than other schools in the area?** Oak Hill School does not receive funding from a church, from the state, or from the federal government. While we cost more than other programs in the area, we are not bound by religious or government mandates. We retain what other schools cut out. Our program is significantly less expensive than other independent northwest schools with equivalent offerings.

**Do you have sibling discounts?** We do not offer sibling discounts. Some families interested in having all of their children attend Oak Hill apply for a financial grant through our financial aid program. One of the main criteria is number of students. (For more information, please refer to the financial aid program handout.)

**Do you have financial aid?** Approximately 45% of our families receive some sort of financial aid. Based on need, Oak Hill can cover up to 65% of the total cost of a student's tuition. (For more detailed information, please refer to the financial aid program handout.)

**What is expected of me as the parent of a child who attends an independent school?** Each family is required to devote a minimum of 30 hours of service per school year. If you have particular talents, such as fundraising or marketing skills, you may be asked to share those skills with the staff and board by participating on a board committee, which will count toward the service requirement. More information about volunteer opportunities can be found at <http://oakhillschool.com/campus-life/csa/>.

**What types of fundraising does Oak Hill School do?** There are two major fundraising activities: the annual fund appeal and the auction. In the fall, parents, grandparents, alumni, staff, and friends of the school are asked to contribute to the Annual Fund where every gift benefits every student. In the spring, the school holds an auction at which parents, businesses, and members of the school community provide donated items and participate in silent and live auctions. The Community Support Association coordinates fundraisers during the year, such as Pizza Friday and eScrip, to raise funds for special programming requested by the teachers, students, and administration.

**What are your school hours?** Lower school runs from 8:10am until 3:00pm. Our Upper School is in session from 8:00am until 3:15pm.)

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