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**Orinda Academy is an independent co-educational high school** founded in 1982 and located in Orinda, California, just east of Oakland. Class sizes range from 5-16 students with a ratio of students to teaching faculty of 7:1. The majority of our students come from the East Bay region including Berkeley, Oakland, Orinda, Walnut Creek, Alameda, Lafayette, Piedmont, Richmond, Danville, Pleasanton, and Castro Valley.

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## Accreditation and Associations

Orinda Academy is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), People of Color in Independent Schools (POCIS), and the East Bay Independent Schools Association (EBISA).

## Graduation Requirements

Orinda Academy’s graduation requirements are aligned with and meet or exceed the University of California and California State University “a-g” admissions standards.

<b>History/Social Science “a”</b>	1 year of world history and 1 year of U.S. History
<b>English “b”</b>	4 years
<b>Mathematics “c”</b>	3 years through Algebra 2
<b>Science “d”</b>	2 years of laboratory science
<b>Language other than English “e”</b>	2 years of the same language, 3 recommended
<b>Visual and Performing Arts “f”</b>	1 year, 2 recommended
<b>College Preparatory Electives “g”</b>	1 year
<b>Health</b>	1 semester
<b>Physical Education</b>	2 years of participation
<b>Community Service</b>	40 hours

## Grading Standards

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Coursework is awarded a grade on an A-F scale with grade points assigned to standard courses on a 4.0 scale and to honors and AP courses on a 5.0 scale. GPA is computed on the basis of academic courses only. Orinda Academy does not report class rank.

## Courses of Study

<b>History/Social Science</b>	Geography, World Cultures, *Honors World Cultures, U.S. History, *Honors U.S. History, Civics, Economics, Psychology
<b>English</b>	English 1, English 2, *Honors English 2, English 3, Honors American Literature, Advanced Composition, AP English Language and Composition
<b>Mathematics</b>	Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Financial Algebra, Precalculus, *Honors Precalculus, Calculus, *Honors Calculus, Honors Calculus 2
<b>Science</b>	Environmental Science, Biology, *Honors Biology, Chemistry, *Honors Chemistry, Advanced Physics
<b>Language</b>	Spanish levels 1-4, AP Spanish Language and Culture, American Sign Language levels 1-4, French levels 1-4
<b>Arts</b>	Stage Band, Guitar, Vocal Music, Music and Film Studies, Music Theory, Beginning Art, Advanced Art, *Honors Advanced Art, *Digital Photography, Drama
<b>Electives</b>	Study Skills, Mindfulness, Yearbook, Journalism, Weight Training and Fitness, Team Sports, *Pickleball, Volleyball, Leadership, Health

\*Courses marked with an asterisk (\*) were added to the curriculum offerings beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.

## Student Activities and Special Programs

Students of Color Union - Student Council Collective - Queer-Straight Alliance - Student Disciplinary Panel - ECO Team - Friday Clubs - Yearbook - Campfire Forum - Annual All-School Retreat Educational Adventures Week (intersession) - Prom - Senior/Alumni Connection Day - Wellness Day Peer Leadership - STEM Night - Winter and Spring Arts Festivals - Cultural Inclusion Association

## College Placement

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Approximately 95 percent of Orinda Academy graduates continue their education in a college or university. College acceptances from the last five graduating classes include:

American University	Georgia State University	Seattle University
Arizona State University	Goucher College	Simmons College
Azusa Pacific University	Hampshire College	Sonoma State University
Beijing Conservatory of Music	High Point University	Southern Oregon University
Beloit College	Hofstra University	Stanford University
Berkeley City College	Idaho State University	State University of New York Buffalo
Berklee College of Music	Indiana University Bloomington	Syracuse University
Boise State University	Irvine Valley College	Trinity College
Bryant University	Ithaca College	University of Alabama
California College of the Arts	Kansas State University	University of Arizona
California Maritime Academy	Landmark College	University of California Davis
California Polytechnic Pomona	Langston University	Irvine
California State University Bakersfield	Liberty University	Merced
Chico	Loyola Marymount University	Santa Cruz
East Bay	Macalester College	University of Colorado - Boulder
Long Beach	Mansfield Hall	University of Dallas
Los Angeles	Marymount California University	University of Delaware
Sacramento	McDaniel College	University of Denver
San Marcos	Mercyhurst University	University of Illinois
Chapman University	Miami University - Oxford	University of Minnesota
College of Charleston	Mills College	University of Mississippi
College of Idaho	Montana State University	University of Missouri
College of San Mateo	Musicians Institute - College of Contemporary Music	University of Montana
Colorado State University	New York University	University of New Hampshire
Columbia College - Chicago	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Puget Sound
Cornell University	Pacific University - Oregon	University of Redlands
Dean College	Penn State University	University of San Francisco
DeAnza College	Reed College	Ursinus College
DePauw University	Regis University	Washington State University
Diablo Valley College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Westminster College - Salt Lake
Dominican University	St. Mary's University	Wheaton College
Drew University	San Francisco State University	Whitman College
Drexel University	San Jose State University	Whitworth University
Evergreen College	Santa Clara University	Willamette University
	Sarah Lawrence College	

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