

SCHOOL PROFILE

DECEMBER 2017

SCHOOL CODE: 471825

STAFF: Headmaster: *Robert L. Thoburn, Jr.*
Director of Instruction: *Sheila K. Thoburn*
Office Manager: *Jonathan Simpson*

COMMUNITY: Oak Hill is located in Herndon, Virginia just a short drive west of Washington, D.C. and 5 minutes east of Dulles International Airport. The school is located in Fairfax County, a suburban county of 1.1 million and just outside the incorporated area of Herndon, a town of about 22,000.

The school is adjacent to Arrowbrook Centre Park, a county facility with basketball and tennis courts and an Astroturf soccer field as well as the 2 acre Arrowbrook Nature Preserve. It is near Worldgate Centre and walking distance from the Village Center at Dulles and the new Washington area metrorail Herndon Station.

SCHOOL: Oak Hill is a comprehensive Christian school enrolling 150 students from preschool through high school. The school opened in the fall of 1997 and graduated its first senior class in the spring of 2009. The school is a member of the Association of Classical & Christian Schools (ACCS), Moscow, Idaho.

FACILITIES: The school is located in 14,000 square feet of a beautiful building that was once the home of Nysmith School. It includes 13 classrooms, one of which serves as a science lab, a 2,000 square foot gym, a library and a play yard. Physical Education classes meet at Arrowbrook Centre Park and at Worldgate Athletic Club.

STRATEGIC PLAN: The school's strategic plan includes increasing enrollment to 300 students in order to promote economy and diversity.

CALENDAR: 175 school days per year; 4 quarter grading system.

UPPER SCHOOL: 11 teachers (7 full-time, 4 part-time); 7 with advanced degrees.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES:	Latin Club	Piano Lessons
	Chess Club	Tennis Lessons
	Student Council	Board Game Nights
	5K	Movie and Discussion Nights
	Talent Show	Choir
	Student Led Orchestra	Spanish Club, After School Spanish Classes

DISTINCTIVES: **The Omnibus curriculum** is an interdisciplinary approach to literature and history instruction, treating three historical periods in chronological order twice through the junior high and high school years. The curriculum emphasizes the reading of primary sources, development of public speaking skills, and writing. Juniors and seniors are required to engage in a year long thesis writing process, culminating in defending the thesis before a panel. Oak Hill students earning a B+ or higher in this writing intensive program have successfully taken the AP English Language and Composition examination; 100% of the exams were scored 3 or higher. Students not participating in the Omnibus are offered an opportunity to study history and English using traditional textbooks. The school also offers an ESL track in the areas of history, reading and English for new students coming from overseas.

Music reading and composition is a required annual course for all students. Courses utilize Kodály method and emphasize reading and analyzing music in major and minor keys as well as other modes, notating music, creative composition, analysis of melodic and rhythmic patterns, singing with good intonation and vocal technique, singing in harmony, as well as reading and performing more complex rhythms and melodies.

All Oak Hill students are required to study Latin during their enrollment. Students have participated in the Phaedrus Latin Contest sponsored by New Saint Andrews College.

The school offers science courses through **Biology, Chemistry and Physics**. Higher level math courses include **Trigonometry and Calculus**. While our core curriculum is designed to prepare a student for more than a particular exam, courses to specifically prepare a student for an AP math or science exam, AP Calculus, AP Physics, or AP Microeconomics or Statistics, can be and have been made available to students with an interest.

GRADING: Grades are not weighted for purposes of computing GPA.

2014-2015 School Year and Following

Letter Grade	Numerical Value	Quality Points
A+	98-100	4.0
A	93-97	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	63-66	1.0
D-	60-62	.07
F	0-59	0.0

CUMULATIVE HONORS: First Honor Roll: 3.6 - 4.0
Second Honor Roll: 3.0 - 3.5

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS Classes of 2009-2017

Chestnut Hill College	Pensacola Christian College
George Mason University	Shenandoah Conservatory of Music
Grove City College	Temple University
James Madison University	University of California, Davis
Johns Hopkins, Peabody Conservatory	University of California, Irvine
Johns Hopkins, Whiting School of Engineering	University of Mary Washington
Liberty University	University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Mary Baldwin College	University of Richmond
Miami University of Ohio	University of Virginia
Michigan State University	University of Washington, Seattle
New Saint Andrews College	Virginia Tech
Northern Virginia Community College	

**PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES
MATRICULATING TO 4-YEAR
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES**

Classes of 2009-2017
80% (+20% starting at local community college)