

OAKRIDGE INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (FAQ)

Is the TOEFL or Language test required for entrance into Oakridge?

We do not require language tests for admission. Students must have a basic understanding of the English language and benefit greatly with a total immersion approach. Before enrollment, we of course, carefully review academic records and teacher referrals which provide insight into study habits and behavior.

Do you offer any kind of English Learning assistance? We offer an English Language Development course for our international students. Differentiated instruction is provided depending on language level.

Do you offer individual tutoring? We require two hours of English tutoring a week after school for every international student new to our school. We have instructors certified in ESL, ELL and TOEFL learning or students may choose their own tutor. There is an additional cost for the after-school tutoring which is paid directly to the teacher.

How many classes does my student have in Middle School? (Grades 5 – 8) Students have eight classes a day. They are Science, Mathematics, English (Language Arts), History, Spanish, Technology, Study Hall and Physical Education. Honors courses are offered in Mathematics, Science and English with an advanced curriculum in Math and Language Arts.

What high schools do the students attend after Oakridge? Our graduating 8th grade students attend many of the local high schools including Orange Lutheran, Crean Lutheran, Servite, Troy Tech and others. Many of our students test directly into the honors and AP courses in their chosen schools.

Do you have a lunch program? We work with www.Choicelunch.com. Lunches may be ordered online and delivered to the school.

What programs do you specialize in? For over 35 years we have focused on creating an excellent program and curriculum for our students. We continually evaluate all aspects of our platform in order to offer the students the highest quality education available. Oakridge students consistently score in the top 10% of the national norms in reading, math, language arts and science. We offer advanced academics, including middle school honors courses, foreign languages (Spanish and Mandarin) and a strong phonics-based language arts program. Our STEM/STEAM program integrates curriculum across all grade levels engaging students as they interpret science and technology through engineering, arts and mathematics.

The enrichment programs offered are taught by experts in their field with many of our art students receiving regional awards. The music instruction includes instrumental as well as theory and performance and our technology department offers a "double platform" base utilizing both Mac and PC. We strive to offer our students an un-paralleled education giving them every advantage possible in an ever-increasing competitive world.

Is there an application deadline? We accept applications on a rolling basis throughout the school year. Applications received earlier will be given first consideration.

How long does it take to receive an I-20 from Oakridge? Once all application materials and fees are received, we will begin the review process. Most admission decisions will be available within two to three weeks of application submission.

How many International students do you have? About 5% of our students are studying on an F1 visa. Most International students are from China, Korea and Vietnam.

Are you a religious school? Oakridge is a Judeo-Christian based private school. We do not have a religion requirement and our students have the choice of a character building or Bible class one day a week. We also pray a standard prayer at before lunch to give thanks for our food. Ex: "God is great, God is good, let us thank him for our food." The Oakridge student body encompasses all faiths and we do not proselytize.

Do you require uniforms? Students are required to wear uniforms Monday through Thursday. Friday is free dress day. Student attire on free dress days must be within the Oakridge dress code guidelines. Please visit <https://www.dennisuniform.com/schools/AN00KP> - to order the shirts. If preferred, students may shop directly from the store located near the school in Yorba Linda, CA.