



OAK GROVE SCHOOL

FOUNDED BY J. KRISHNAMURTI

THE ART OF LIVING AND LEARNING
GRADES 9-12



Dear Student,

Oak Grove balances a rigorous college-prep program with self-knowledge and an emphasis on our shared responsibility to the greater world. We are a school with a community of students, teachers, and parents that asks questions and makes mistakes, but does so without fear; a school that gives you the space to be outside, to learn, to create, but also the space to be you. I welcome you to explore *The Arts of Living and Learning*, several overarching themes embedded in our school's culture, curriculum, classroom practice, and expectations of student learning.

Yours in learning,

Jodi Grass, Head of School



the art of Academia

**knowledge • academic standards
conventions • core subject areas**

Our engaging curriculum challenges students both in knowledge of content and in skill development. Project-based learning and small, discussion-based classes will ask you to explore topics deeply. Completion of our four-year course sequence meets and exceeds the requirements for entry into major colleges and universities.







the art of Aesthetics

**sensitivity & appreciation of beauty in all forms
finding the artist within • artistic expression**

Oak Grove encourages students to explore their passions and cultivate creative expression. Over your high school career, you can take up to 16 different elective courses, design your own independent study, and charter a unique club!

Electives include: Studio Art, Music, Photography, Digital Design, Woodworking, Game Design, Film Studies, Horticulture, Theater, Psychology, Ceramics, Dance, Yearbook, and Creative Writing.



The High School Student Council meets regularly to organize fun school activities, address school-wide issues, and suggest community service projects.

the art of Communication

speaking • writing • listening • collaboration

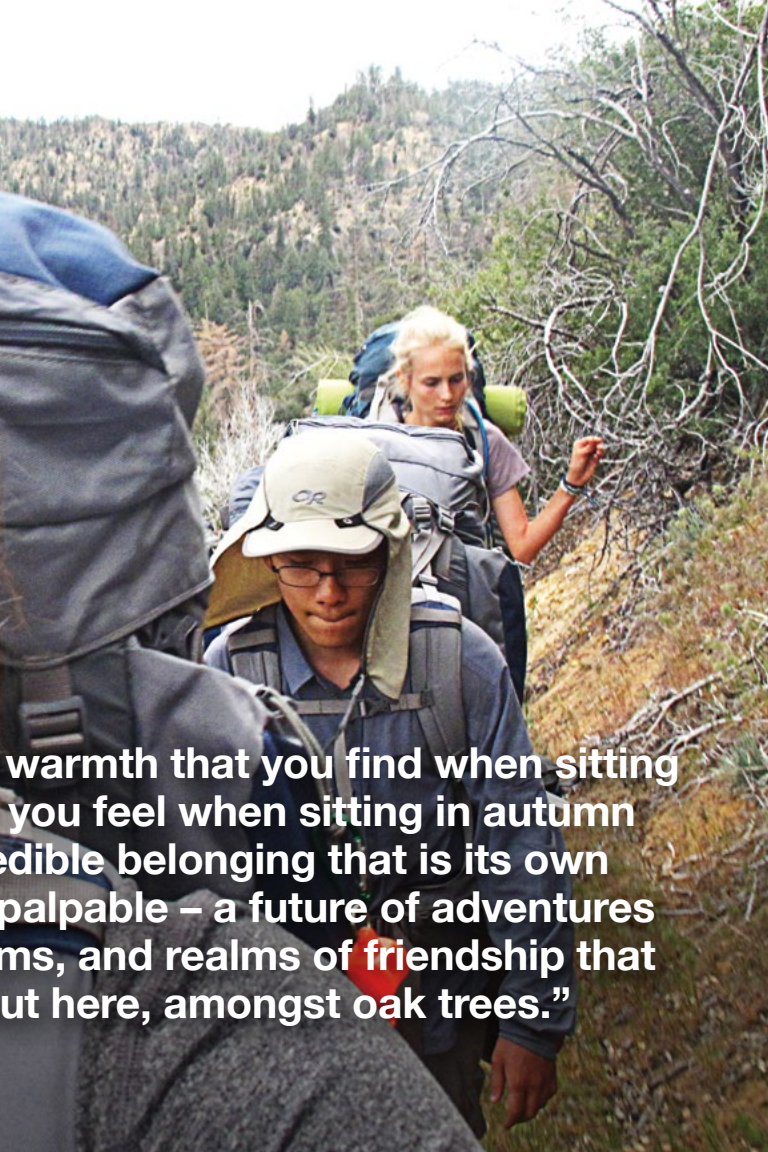
Good communication leads to new relationships and meaningful interactions. Through advisory dialogues, non-violent conflict resolution, mindfulness, anti-bias and empowerment workshops, students actively listen, write reflectively, and find their own voice.





“Oak Grove is warmth, the type of warmth you feel next to a bonfire. The warmth that comes from the sun and sunshine. There is a sense of increased happiness and a special style. The future is almost palpable when you are on hiking trails, smiles in classrooms, and the future would not be possible anywhere but here.”

- Bria Schraeder, Alumni

A photograph of two hikers on a trail. In the foreground, a person wearing a grey jacket, a light-colored baseball cap with a logo, and glasses is looking down. They are carrying a large grey backpack. Behind them, a woman with blonde hair tied back is also hiking, wearing a blue shirt and a blue backpack with green accents. The trail is surrounded by dry brush and trees, with a forested hillside in the background.

**warmth that you find when sitting
you feel when sitting in autumn
edible belonging that is its own
palpable – a future of adventures
ms, and realms of friendship that
ut here, amongst oak trees.”**



the art of Engagement

**attention • self-direction • self-motivation
self-regulation • learning how one learns
examining one's own thinking**

Through team sports and travel we explore the power of leadership, inclusiveness, cooperation, and independence. Our athletic program emphasizes intrinsic motivation, dedication, resilience, and focus.

Outdoor education and travel include backpacking through the Sespe Wilderness, Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce, and other national parks, canoeing down the Colorado River, and finally, the capstone four-week trip to India.



the art of Caring & Relationships

**self • others • local & global communities
environmental stewardship**

Sharing one campus with grades Preschool through twelve provides an opportunity to work with and mentor younger students.





Oak Grove's residential program brings the *Art of Living and Learning* to your home away from home. Our family-style boarding facility, Besant House, provides a warm and friendly atmosphere for both domestic and international high school students.

the art of Inquiry

observation • questioning
fact-finding • research • self-reflection

"There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning."

- J. Krishnamurti





ADMISSIONS STEPS

1 • APPLICATION AND TOURS

Campus tours are offered by our admissions team beginning in October and can be scheduled on our website. Our application can be found online and includes both a parent and student questionnaire section. A \$50 application fee is required upon submission. The deadline for priority consideration is February 1. Early application is strongly encouraged.

2 • RECOMMENDATIONS, TRANSCRIPTS, IMMUNIZATIONS

Teacher recommendations and transcripts are part of the application process. International applicants must submit a TOEFL score. SSAT scores for domestic students are recommended. Students must be in compliance with immunization requirements, and records are submitted upon enrollment.

3 • PARENT INTERVIEW AND STUDENT VISITS

Parents will meet with an Admissions Associate and/or Program Director to discuss their family's educational expectations and goals. When possible, applicants are invited to join their peers at school, engaging in classes and experiencing a typical day at Oak Grove. Alternatively, applicants may interview with faculty on a Saturday.

4 • DECISIONS

Admissions decisions are sent by mid-March. Late applications are processed on a space-available basis. Because we cannot make an offer of enrollment to every applicant, we maintain an active waitpool. Applications in the waitpool are non-prioritized and are considered based on our need to balance class groupings.

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION

Apply at **oakgroveschool.org/apply**

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