

# Oakbrook Preparatory School Profile 2016-2017

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Built on a foundation of Christian faith, Oakbrook Preparatory School educates students to be independent learners in a changing world.

## BACKGROUND

Rosemary Moore founded the Village School in 1992 based on the work of the British educator Charlotte Mason. Mrs. Moore desired to create a school where students would engage directly with nature and the classics in literature, art, and music. Since its founding, the school has grown to become Oakbrook Prep, a rigorous college preparatory school with an international emphasis on a beautiful 38 acre campus in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Oakbrook families represent more than 40 countries by birth or nationality. Students participate in international travel, missions, and exchange programs with Germany, China, and Spanish-speaking countries.

## ACCREDITATION

Oakbrook is accredited by AdvancEd, Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, and the South Carolina Association of Independent Schools.

## SERVICE

Community service and servant leadership are built into the curriculum from K-12. Oakbrook students serve on a regular basis locally, nationally, and internationally.

## GLOBAL SCHOLARS

The Global Scholars Institute (GSI) at Oakbrook is an advanced track that prepares students with a global perspective for rigorous college level study. Students completing the GSI track will be eligible to earn the prestigious AP International Diploma.

## CORE VALUES

Oakbrook promotes the following five core values: academic excellence, creativity, community, cultural diversity, and character.

## CURRICULUM

The curriculum pace at Oakbrook is accelerated. Students are one year ahead in several subjects. Students typically begin earning high school credits in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and may begin taking AP classes in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

### *Honors level offerings:*

English I, II, III; Spanish and German; Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, Biology, Physical Science, Pre-Calculus, Geometry, Algebra, Concert Band, Advanced Dance, Global Studies II

### *Advanced Placement offerings:\**

English Literature, English Language, Spanish Language, German Language, Statistics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Biology, Physics 1, US History, World History, US Government & Politics, Psychology, Human Geography, AP Capstone Seminar, AP Capstone Research, Microeconomics, Studio Art, Art History, and Music Theory.

\*Students are encouraged to take no more than 1 AP class freshman year, 2 AP classes sophomore year, 4 AP classes junior year, and 4 AP classes senior year.

## SENIOR PROJECT AP CAPSTONE SEMINAR™

Every senior is required to complete a Senior Project that involves independent research, project management, mentorship, and service. Students may choose the traditional senior project during Senior year or they may choose the AP Capstone™ beginning Junior year. AP Capstone develops inquiry and research skills applied to topics of global relevance. Over the past 5 years Senior Projects have included establishing international mission trips, writing a book, creating events for underserved populations, building computers, and composing original music.

## HONOR CODE

Students are taught to be responsible citizens where self-discipline is promoted over a discipline policy. Each year students sign the honor code and pledge to honor academic and personal integrity and uphold the values of honesty, integrity, respect, and responsibility.

## ENROLLMENT

2016-17 enrollment at Oakbrook is 456 K3-12 students

Seniors 41  
 Juniors 38  
 Sophomores 47  
 Freshmen 39

Total school population is limited in order to maintain rigorous academic standards in the context of a close-knit school community that welcomes students of diverse racial, cultural, and religious backgrounds.

## ATHLETICS

Oakbrook participates in the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class AA league. Sports include: **Fall**- Cross Country, Football, Girl's Golf, Swimming, Volleyball

**Winter**- Basketball

**Spring**- Baseball, Boy's Golf, Soccer

Since 2010, Oakbrook athletes have won more than 10 team state championships, 1 national championship, and multiple individual state championships.

## CLASS OF 2016

The class of 2016 was comprised of 34 students, 90% of whom matriculated to four year universities. The diversity of this class included 3% students of color and 97% Caucasian students. The 29 graduates were offered more than 3 million dollars in scholarships, and 3 were South Carolina Palmetto Fellows.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Courses	Units	
English/Language Arts	4	
Mathematics	4	
Science	4	
US History & Constitution	1	
Economics	1	
US Government	0.5	
Other Social Studies	1	
Physical Education	1	
World Language	2	
Computer Science	1	
Christian Education	1	
Senior Project	1	
Fine Arts	1	
Other Electives	5	*26.5 total

### Oakbrook follows the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale

Numeric Average	Letter Grade	C.P.	Honors	AP
90-100	A	5.00 - 4.00	5.50 - 4.50	6.00 - 5.00
80-89	B	3.90 - 3.00	4.40 - 3.50	4.90 - 4.00
70-79	C	2.90 - 2.00	3.40 - 2.50	3.90 - 3.00
60-69	D	1.90 - 1.10	2.40 - 1.60	2.90 - 2.10
0-59	F	1.00	1.50	2.00

## TESTING

Class of 2016 1 National Merit Scholar

### 2016 Advanced Placement (AP) Results

Total Number of Students Testing = 102  
 Total Number of Exams Taken = 214  
 AP International Scholar= 1  
 AP Scholars with Distinction = 11  
 AP Scholars with Honor = 4  
 AP Scholars = 17  
 AP Capstone= 5

2016 Test Scores*	Mid 50% Range	Mean
SAT Reading	550-658	592
SAT Math	490-613	548
Writing	500-680	566
ACT	27	

\*Students completing a minimum of 3 years of upper school at Oakbrook

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

The classes of 2010-2016 were accepted to the following colleges and universities\*:

Anderson University	Liberty University
Appalachian State University	Limestone College
Auburn University	Lipscomb University
Arizona State University	Loyola University
Berry College	Mississippi State
Brigham Young University	New York Film Academy
Brown University	North Greenville University
California State University	Oregon State University
Carson-Newman University	Presbyterian College
Charleston Southern	Princeton University
Clemson Calhoun Honors	Purdue University
Clemson University	Ringling College of Art/Design
Coastal Carolina University	Rutgers University
Coker College	Samford University
College of Charleston	San Diego State
Columbia University	Sewanee University
Converse College	Southern Adventist University
Cornell University	Southern Wesleyan University
Davidson College	Sweetbriar College
Duke University	Tulane University
Eckerd College	UNC, Charlotte
Elon University	University of Chicago
Erskine College	University of Colorado
Flagler College	University of Delaware
Furman University	University of South Carolina
Gardner-Webb University	University of San Diego
Gordon College	Vanderbilt University
High Point University	Wake Forest University
Hollins University	Wheaton College
Kent University, UK	Winthrop College
Lenoir-Rhyne University	Wofford College
University of Notre Dame	University of St. Andrews

\*Due to the strong international and service focus at Oakbrook Preparatory School, it is common for some graduates to choose a gap year after graduation to study, work, or serve internationally.