

Oyster River High School

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Community & School

Oyster River High School is a cooperative high school serving the towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury. Durham (pop. 13,000), home of the University of New Hampshire, is primarily a residential university town, Lee (pop.4400) and Madbury (pop. 1600) are more rural. Residents of the district have high expectations for their schools and care about the quality of education. The high school includes 698 students in grades 9-12.

Mission Statement

Oyster River High School seeks to provide a nurturing community where the uniqueness of all its members is valued. In this spirit, we are committed to becoming educated, ethical, responsible citizens who are committed to contributing positively toward the betterment of our society and world.

Oyster River Philosophy

The philosophy of the Oyster River High School is that students will be challenged to meet high expectations within a context of caring. Faculty members make demands of students at the same time that they are supportive and encouraging. The Board policy of individualized instruction is taken very seriously. All students are challenged to meet their full potential in heterogeneously grouped classes. The result of this approach to education is that students excel in basic skills of self-discipline and teamwork. ORHS graduates have received a great deal of practice in thinking as well as in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. They leave school well prepared for further training and for full participation in the world of work.

Student Expectations

ACADEMIC

Students will develop literacy, critical thinking, problem-solving and communications skill across content areas to the best of their abilities.

CIVIC

Every student will be prepared to assume an active role as a responsible citizen who contributes to local, state, national and global communities.

SOCIAL

Students will learn to demonstrate respect for themselves, others and the environment so that every member feels accepted and valued by all. Students will explore skills and attitudes that will enable them to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

Curriculum

- Comprehensive program
- Strong college preparatory coursework
- Seven AP courses: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, United States History, French, Spanish, Physics
- Technology programs through regional centers
- Independent Study options
- Internships

Highest Level Offerings

Advanced Writing	Anatomy and Physiology
Advanced Sem. in Literature	Advanced Chemistry
American Studies	AP Physics
AP U.S. History	AP Calculus (AB)
AP French Language	AP Calculus (BC)
AP Spanish Language	AP Statistics

Class Rank

Students are ranked according to their cumulative grade point averages at the conclusion of the second, fourth, sixth, seventh, and eighth semesters.

Oyster River embraces the philosophy of heterogeneous grouping, and students are encouraged to select appropriately challenging courses. All courses weigh equally; no weighted GPA or rank is calculated. Both attempts at courses repeated during the academic year are included in ranking.

Graduation Requirements

4 credits English (Essentials of English, .5 writing, .5 literature, .5 communications course, 1.5 cr. electives)
3 credits Mathematics
2.5 credits Social Studies (World Cultures, U.S. History, .5 Citizen Education)
2 credits Science (1 cr. Physical Sci., 1 cr. Biological Sci.)
1.5 credits of Physical Education
.5 credit Health
.5 credit Fine Arts
.5 credit Economics
.5 credit Computer Science
7 credits Electives
22 total credits

NMSQT Recognition

	2010	2009	2008	2007
Finalists	0	3	0	2
Semi-Finalists	0	3	0	2
Commended	3	3	4	5

Credit and Grading System

One credit/unit is granted for satisfactory completions (D- or better) of classes that meet for 250 minutes per week for the entire school year. One half credit/unit is awarded for one semester courses. Report cards and transcripts reflect letter grades.

Grade Scale until 2007-2008			Grade Scale 2008-2009 and beyond		
Grade	%	G.P.	Grade	%	G.P.
A+	99-100	4.33	A+	98-100	4.33
A	95-98	4.00	A	93-97	4.00
A-	93-94	3.67	A-	90-92	3.67
B+	91-92	3.33	B+	87-89	3.33
B	87-90	3.00	B	83-86	3.00
B-	85-86	2.67	B-	80-82	2.67
C+	83-84	2.33	C+	77-79	2.33
C	79-82	2.00	C	73-76	2.00
C-	77-78	1.67	C-	70-72	1.67
D+	75-76	1.33	D+	69	1.33
D	71-74	1.00	D	66-68	1.00
D-	69-70	0.67	D-	65	0.67

College Acceptance

Class	4-Year 1-2-3 Yr. Work/Military/		
	College	College	Other
2009	72	12	16
2008	68	10	22
2007	71	11	18
2006	73	9	18

Standardized Test Data

Class	% Testing	Critical Reading Mean	Math mean	Writing Mean	ACT Comp.
2009	81	561	565	558	23.8
2008	92	548	556	546	24.7
2007	91	547	552	539	***

SAT Reasoning Score Distribution

Class of 2009
(125/164 students participating)

Score	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
700-800	8	10	7
600-690	30	30	30
500-590	38	31	36
400-490	20	22	22
300-390	4	6	5
200-290	0	1	0

2009 Advanced Placement Exam Results

Percentage of Students With Score of 3 or Higher

Calculus AB	95%
Calculus BC	100%
Chemistry	100%
English Lang. & Comp.	100%
English Lit. & Comp.	80%
French Language	41%
Physics B	100%
Spanish Language	70%
Statistics	88%
United States History	88%

Number of Students Testing = 58

Class of 2009 Acceptances

Adelphi University, Alfred University, American University, Amherst College, Anderson University, Assumption College, Berklee College of Music, Blackburn College, Boston University, Bowdoin College, Brandeis University, Bryant University, Bucknell University, Case Western Reserve University, Champlain College, Charleston Southern University, Clark University, Clarkson University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, Colby-Sawyer College, Colgate University, College of the Holy Cross, Colorado Mountain College, Alpine, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, Connecticut College, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Dickinson College, Drexel University, Eastern University, Elon University, Emerson College, Emmanuel College, Endicott College, Evergreen State College, Fairfield University, Franklin Pierce University, George Mason University, Global College at Long Island University, Goucher College, Great Bay Community College, Hartwick College, High Point University, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Hofstra University, Houghton College, Ithaca College, James Madison University, Johnson & Wales University, Johnson State College, Kansas State University, Keene State College, Kenyon College, Lakes Region Community College, Lehigh University, Lewis & Clark College, Marist College, Marymount Manhattan College, McGill University, Merrimack College, Mitchell Community College, Montana State University, Bozeman, Mount Allison University, Mount Holyoke College, New England College, New Hampshire Institute of Art, New York University, NHTI-Concord's Community College, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, Northeastern University, Norwich University, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Philadelphia University, Pitzer College, Plymouth State University, Pratt Institute, Pratt MWP, Principia College, Providence College, Purchase College, Quinnipiac University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rhode Island College, Rhode Island School of Design, Rochester Institute of Technology, Roger Williams University, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at New Brunswick, Sacred Heart University, Saint Anselm College, Saint Joseph's College-ME, Saint Michael's College, Santa Clara University, Savannah College of Art and Design, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Skidmore College, South Carolina State University, Southern New Hampshire University, Southern Vermont College, St. Lawrence University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Stonehill College, Suffolk University, Susquehanna University, Syracuse University, Taylor University, Temple University, The Catholic University of America, The College of Wooster, The Evergreen State College, The George Washington University, The University of Iowa, The University of Scranton, The University of Tampa, Tufts University, Tulane University, Union College, University of British Columbia, University of California at Santa Cruz, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Connecticut, University of Delaware, University of Maine, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, University of Miami, University of New England, University of New Hampshire, University of New Hampshire, Thompson School of Applied Science, University of New Haven, University of North Carolina at Asheville, University of Pittsburgh, University of Rhode Island, University of Rochester, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, University of Toronto, University of Vermont, Vassar College, Vermont Technical College, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Wake Forest University, Washington University in St. Louis, Wells College, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Western Colorado Community College, Western New England College, Western State College of Colorado, Westminster College, Wheaton College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute