

Ocean Grove Charter School

School Profile 2021-2022

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Our Students

40% of our Seniors have taken or are currently enrolled in at least one college course while in high school

19% qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch

14% Spoke a language other than English as their first language

Ethnicity

White: 50%
Hispanic: 27%
Asian: 13%
Two or more races: 10%

Academics

Average SAT Composite:
Insignificant sample size last year due to COVID.

Grade Point Averages

Highest GPA:
• Weighted: 4.49
• Unweighted: 4.0
Average GPA: 3.29
Median GPA: 3.43
Lowest GPA: .61

Post-Secondary Plans

Last year's seniors:
4-Yr. University: 13.3%
2-Yr. College/CTE: 61%
Military/Workforce: 25.7

Our Community

Since August 2005, Ocean Grove Charter School has served California students in grades K-12 residing in five counties across California: Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Monterey, San Mateo and San Benito. Most students reside in Santa Clara County, which is located in Northern Central California and is primarily an urban-based community, although the school also serves suburban and agricultural communities.

Ocean Grove Charter School, OGCS, is an independent study program. It is accredited through 2024 by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). It is sponsored by San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, located in Ben Lomond, CA, a small mountain community. Ocean Grove Charter School operates a learning center in the regional community of Boulder Creek.

Our School

- Serves approximately 2712 students from transitional Kindergarten -12th grade
- There are 598 high school students
- This year's graduating class has 119 students
- 100% of our teachers are fully credentialed
- We are currently accredited through 2024
- Recently NCAA Approved

Ocean Grove Charter School serves students from Transitional Kindergarten through grade 12. Our high school is an independent study program accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The high school program is an independent study program in which students have a wide variety of curriculum choices overseen by credentialed teachers. Students may choose to take courses using our own curriculum and highly qualified teachers, online classes, and classes from community college. Students have access to single subject credentialed teachers in all core subjects as well as individual tutoring and a range of enrichment opportunities. All students may meet annually with a guidance coordinator to work with them on a four-year plan to ensure that they are college and career ready.

The school organization is a multi-layered system that includes a Parent Council (decision-making body), a Chief Academic Officer, an advisory council, a Curriculum Director, Guidance Coordinators, and a Special Education Director; all of whom coordinate educational resource support to parents and students. The structure allows resources to be deployed in accordance with the family and student needs and wants for curriculum.

Our Mission

We believe that the selection of educational plans and opportunities is the right of parents and students with the support of their Education Specialists. We foster new ideas in all levels of the learning organization. We believe in giving students, parents and teachers the freedom to make responsible and effective decisions and implement educational plans, by providing them with multiple tools, resources and programs.

Graduation Requirements

210 credits required for graduation

Each semester is worth 5 credits with 10 credits for the year

Graduation requirements include:

- 30 credits (3 years) Reading/Writing;
- 20 credits (2 years) Mathematics;
- 30 credits (3 years) Social Studies
- 20 credits (2 years) Science
- 50 credits of Life Skills including 2 years PE
- 60 elective credits including 1 year of a Visual or Performing Art, Language Other than English or Career and Technical Education course

Grading

A=90-100%

B=80-89%

C=70-79%

D=60-69%

F= below 59%

Regular Grading Scale

Our school used a 4.0 grading scale:

A=4.0

B=3.0

C=2.0

D=1.0

Weighted Grading Scale is as follows for AP, honors courses, and college courses:

A=5.0

B=4.0

C=3.0

D=1.0 (no boost included)

Ranking

We do not rank our students.

COVID-19 and Wildfire Considerations

Due to Ocean Grove's distance education format, student performance and achievement has been minimally impacted. For the 2020-2021, students were able to continue working at the typical pace. For students who were emotionally or physically impacted by COVID-19, the Pass/Fail option was offered as a final grade in lieu of a letter grade.

Another way that COVID-19 impacted our school is that we have received many students whose schools switched to distance education. Because we are well-known for our success with this model, many families transferred to our school.

Many of our students were also negatively impacted by wildfires over the last two school years. Great efforts were made to replace educational resources and teachers worked to get students caught up as soon as possible. Due to our model, students were able to complete their work even when evacuated.

The Curriculum

Our students may take courses through approved syllabi or from online vendors. Our current a-g list offers 12 honors courses and 25 AP courses. However, our students must take the AP classes from online course providers.

Students are given the option of taking different levels of coursework; general level courses, "a-g" college preparatory courses, honors courses, and AP courses. Our "a-g" and AP courses have been approved by the University of California system and are taught by subject-specific Highly Qualified Teachers. The "a-g" courses are designated on the student's transcript with an "a-g" label. The AP courses are designated on the student's transcript with an "AP" label. Approximately half of our students take some a-g approved classes and 15% complete the a-g pattern to be eligible for the University of California.

AP and Honors Courses

- Twenty-five Advanced Placement courses are offered on our AP Ledger
- Multiple honors courses (both online and classroom based) are offered.

Levels of Coursework

- Basic level-struggling students
- Grade level courses
- a-g College Preparatory courses
- AP/Honors/Concurrent Enrollment courses

Our "a-g" and "a-g Honors" courses have been approved by the University of California system as meeting both the rigor and the content expected to prepare students for CSU/UC success and are taught by subject-specific Highly Qualified Teachers. Honors courses are designated with the "Honors" label. Our current a-g list can be found at:

<https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist/institution/2292>.