



Bishop O'Dowd High School
A Catholic College Preparatory School

*Finding God
in All Things*

SCHOOL PROFILE 2015-2016

SCHOOL

Founded in 1951, Bishop O'Dowd High School (O'Dowd) is a fully accredited, Catholic college preparatory school with a challenging academic program. In a culturally rich community, O'Dowd develops healthy young people by providing them with deep and broad opportunities to grow academically, spiritually, socially and across interest areas. The present enrollment is 1,175.

Applicants at the ninth and tenth grade levels are required to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) for entrance and placement.

MISSION

Bishop O'Dowd High School is owned and operated by the Diocese of Oakland and strives to develop young men and women of competence, conscience, and compassion through an integrated academic, spiritual, and extra-curricular program. We seek to develop leaders of influence who are loving, open to growth, religious, intellectually competent, and skilled leaders committed to justice and peace. The core values as outlined in our charism reinforce our continual desire to deepen our Catholic identity.

STUDENTS

The O'Dowd community represents the multi-cultural and socioeconomically diverse population of the San Francisco Bay Area, contributing to the richness of the O'Dowd experience. The current composition is: 22% African American, 14% Asian, 42% Euro-American, 14% Latino and 10% other. More than 30% of O'Dowd students receive nearly \$3 million in financial aid annually.

FACULTY

O'Dowd's 84 faculty members commit to the highest quality, innovative teaching. More than 60 faculty members hold advanced degrees. Subject expertise and a dedication to effective implementation and pedagogy are defining characteristics of an O'Dowd educator.

CURRICULUM

Delivered experientially and through interactive classroom activities, seminars, college-style lectures and online courses, O'Dowd offers a broad and deep college-preparatory curriculum. Traditional forms of learning integrate with the use of state of the art technology. These required courses combine with electives, totaling 240 credits, for graduation:

Religion	4 years	Science	2 years
English	4 years	World Languages	2 years
Social Studies	3 years	Physical Education	2 years
Mathematics	3 years	Fine Arts	1 year

O'Dowd offers sixteen AP courses and an additional eleven honors courses in six subjects: mathematics, English, world languages, chemistry, physics, and history. In order to take more than two honors or AP courses, students must request permission.

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Student-run clubs, events and activities build leadership skills and support a diverse range of student interests. These include: 61 competitive teams across 15 sports, 45+ student-led clubs, four musical groups and a theater arts program. Students extend their service learning participation beyond the 100-hour requirement through Campus Ministry community volunteer programs and retreat programs.

ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

O'Dowd is fully accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. O'Dowd is a member of the National Catholic Education Association and the National Association of Independent Schools.

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PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2015

number of graduates: 295

number attending college: 286 gap year: 3 undecided: 6

SAT SCORES	O'Dowd	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	SAT SUBJECT MEAN SCORES			
	-Top 50	664	687	684	Biology	645	Math IIC	655
	-Total	564	562	556	Chemistry	584	Spanish	605
	California	495	506	491	Literature	659	U.S. History	656
	Students Tested	278	278	278	Physics	630		

ACT SCORES		English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
O'Dowd		25.1	23.8	25.4	23.8	24.7
California		22.1	22.7	22.6	22	22.5
Students Tested		205	205	205	205	205

Advanced Placement Exams: Bishop O'Dowd High School students passed the AP exam at a rate of 76%. On average, students take 650 AP exams each year. AP tests are offered in these subject areas:

Biology	Computer Science A	Government & Politics/Comparative	Music Theory*	Statistics
Calculus BC	English Literature and Comp	Government & Politics/U.S.	Physics*	Studio Art
Chemistry	Environmental Science	Human Geography	Psychology	U.S. History
Chinese*	French Language & Culture	Macro Economics	Spanish Language & Culture	*test only

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

In 2015, 98% of the 284 students who applied to four-year colleges were accepted.

COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2015

UNIVERSITIES OF CALIFORNIA: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES: California Maritime Academy, Channel Islands, Chico, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Humboldt, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, Sonoma

ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY	GEORGETOWN	PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ALLEGHENY COLLEGE	GETTYSBURG	PACIFIC NORTHWEST COLLEGE OF ART	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	GONZAGA	PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
ARIZONA STATE	GOUCHER	PENN STATE	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO,
ART INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA	GRINNELL	PEPPERDINE	BOULDER
AUBURN UNIVERSITY	GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE	PITZER	UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
BARD COLLEGE	HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE	POMONA	UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
BARRY UNIVERSITY	HAMPTON UNIVERSITY	PORTLAND STATE	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS,
BATES	HARTWICK COLLEGE	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
BELOIT COLLEGE	HARVARD	PRINCETON	UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
BOISE STATE	HAWAII PACIFIC	PURCHASE COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
BOSTON COLLEGE	HOFSTRA	PURDUE	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON UNIVERSITY	HOLY NAMES	QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY	BOSTON
BOWDOIN	HOPE COLLEGE	REED COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
BRADLEY	HOWARD UNIVERSITY	ROANOKE COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
BROWN	INDIANA UNIVERSITY	ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF MINNISOTA,
BUCKNELL	ITHACA	ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF	TWIN CITIES
CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN	JOHNS HOPKINS	TECHNOLOGY	UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
UNIVERSITY	JUNIATA COLLEGE	RUTGERS	UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY,	KALAMAZOO COLLEGE	SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
ENGLAND	LASALLE UNIVERSITY	SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA	UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN
CARLETON	LEHIGH UNIVERSITY	SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY	COLORADO
CARNEGIE MELLON	LEWIS & CLARK	SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY	LINFIELD COLLEGE	SARAH LAWRENCE	UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
CHAPMAN	LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY	SCRIPPS COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
CHESTNUT HILL	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
CLARK	LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND
CLARK ATLANTA	LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS	SIENA COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND
COGSWELL POLYTECH	LYNCHBURG COLLEGE	SMITH	UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS
COLBY	MANHATTAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC	SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO
COLGATE	MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE	SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO
COLORADO COLLEGE	MARIST	SPELMAN	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
COLORADO STATE	MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY	ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY	CALIFORNIA
COLUMBIA	MASSACHUSETTS	ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE	MENLO COLLEGE	ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
CORNELL UNIVERSITY	MIDDLEBURY	ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY	MILLS COLLEGE	ST. MARTIN'S UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
DARTMOUTH	MONTANA STATE	STANFORD	VANDERBILT
DENISON	MOREHOUSE COLLEGE	STETSON UNIVERSITY	VASSAR
DEPAUL	MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	SWARTHMORE COLLEGE	VILLANOVA
DOMINICAN	MOUNT HOLYOKE	SYRACUSE	VIRGINIA TECH
DREXEL	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY	WASHINGTON STATE
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN
EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	NORTHEASTERN	TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	ST. LOUIS
ELON UNIVERSITY	NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY	TRINITY	WELLESLEY
EMERSON COLLEGE	NORTHWESTERN	TUFTS	WHITMAN
EMORY UNIVERSITY	NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR	TULANE	WHITTIER
EUGENE LANG COLLEGE	OBERLIN	UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY	WILLAMETTE
THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE	OCCIDENTAL	UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY	THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY
FLORIDA STATE	OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	UNITY COLLEGE	WOOSTER
FORDHAM	OREGON STATE	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	XAVIER UNIVERSITY
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	PACE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA	YALE