



# COLLEGE ADMISSION PROFILE 2016-2017

**Bishop O'Dowd High School**  
A Catholic College Preparatory School

*Finding God  
in All Things*

## ABOUT

### 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 1,200.

### MISSION

Bishop O'Dowd High School educates students of diverse cultures and learning styles to become leaders of influence who are: loving, open to growth, spiritual, intellectually developed, skillful and committed to justice and peace. The school affirms the teachings, moral values, and ethical standards of the Catholic Church.

### STUDENTS

The O'Dowd community represents the multi-cultural and socio-economically diverse population of the San Francisco Bay Area, contributing to the richness of the O'Dowd experience. The current composition is: 22% African American, 12% Asian/Pacific Islander, 43% European-American, 9% Hispanic/Latino, and 14% other.

### FACULTY

O'Dowd's 98 faculty members commit to the highest quality teaching. More than 61 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:

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

O'Dowd offers 20 AP courses and an additional 11 Honors courses in six subjects: chemistry, English, geo-history, mathematics, physics, and world languages. In order to take more than two honors and AP courses, students must request permission.

### CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

Student-run clubs, events and activities build leadership skills and support a diverse range of student interests. These include: 15 sports and 25 teams with 58 competition levels, 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.

### NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNITION

O'Dowd is accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). WASC awarded Bishop O'Dowd High School the maximum six-year accreditation in 2014. O'Dowd is also a member of the National Association of Independent Schools and the National Catholic Education Association.

### CLASS RANK AND GRADES

O'Dowd does not report class rank. Grade point averages are reported on a 4.0 scale. Advanced Placement and some Honors courses receive one additional grade point for grades A through C-.

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### Charism

Finding God in All Things calls us to:  
Community in Diversity  
Strength of Character  
Academic Excellence  
Kinship with Creation  
Social Justice  
Joy

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# PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2016

number of graduates: 260 number attending college: 250 gap year: 3 undecided: 7

## PERFORMANCE

SAT SCORES	O'Dowd	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	SAT SUBJECT MEAN SCORES			
	-Top 10%	710	690	690	Biology E	619	Math IIC	658
	-Total	574	562	565	Biology M	642	Physics	666
	California	491	500	485	Chemistry	564	Spanish	627
	Students Tested	216	216	216	Literature	667	U.S. History	662

ACT SCORES	English	Math	Reading	Science Composite	
O'Dowd	25.6	23.6	26.1	24.6	25.1
California	22.1	22.7	22.9	22.1	22.6
Students Tested	183	183	183	183	183

**Bishop O'Dowd High School students passed the AP exam at a rate of 78%. On average, students take 691 AP exams each year. AP tests are offered in these subject areas:**

Biology	Computer Science A	Government & Politics/Comparative	Physics*	Studio Art - 2D
Calculus AB	Computer Science Principles	Government & Politics/U.S.	Psychology	Studio Art - 3D
Calculus BC	English Literature and Comp	Human Geography	Spanish Language & Culture	U.S. History
Chemistry	Environmental Science	Macro Economics	Statistics	
Chinese*	French Language	Music Theory*	Studio Art - Drawing	*test only

## NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

The Class of 2016 had 10 National Merit Commended Scholars.

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT

98% of O'Dowd students who applied to four-year colleges over the last five years were accepted.

## COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2016

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

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES: Channel Islands, Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos, Sonoma

ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY	FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE	PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
ALLEGHENY COLLEGE	GONZAGA UNIVERSITY	PITZER COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF DENVER
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	GOUCHER COLLEGE	PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY	GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
ASSUMPTION COLLEGE	HAMPTON UNIVERSITY	PRATT INSTITUTE	UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	PURDUE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE
BARRETT, THE HONORS COLLEGE	HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
BARRY UNIVERSITY	HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY	ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY	HOLY NAMES UNIVERSITY	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-NEW BRUNSWICK	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
BELMONT UNIVERSITY	HOWARD UNIVERSITY	SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC	INDIANA TECH	SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, TWIN CITIES
BETHANY COLLEGE	INDIANA UNIVERSITY AT BLOOMINGTON	SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS
BETHEL COLLEGE-KS	ITHACA COLLEGE	SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO
BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY	JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY (DENVER)	SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY	JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY (PROVIDENCE)	SANTA MONICA COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
BOSTON COLLEGE	JUNIATA COLLEGE	SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO
BOSTON UNIVERSITY	LA ROCHE COLLEGE	SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN	SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO
BUTLER UNIVERSITY	LANGSTON UNIVERSITY	SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY
CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY	LASELL COLLEGE	SETON HILL UNIVERSITY	SKIDMORE COLLEGE
CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY	LEHIGH UNIVERSITY	SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY	SPELMAN COLLEGE
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY	LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE	ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY	STANFORD UNIVERSITY
CENTRAL SAINT MARTINS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN	LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY	STONEHILL COLLEGE	STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY	SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY	Texas Christian University
CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE	LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO	Texas College	Texas Southern University
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY	LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND	THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA	THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER
CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE	LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS	THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	THE NEW SCHOOL - ALL DIVISIONS
CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE	MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY	THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY	MARYMOUNT CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY	THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA	THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
CLARKSON UNIVERSITY	MENLO COLLEGE	THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MISSOULA	THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL
COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY	MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD	TUFTS UNIVERSITY	TULANE UNIVERSITY
COLORADO COLLEGE	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES	MILLS COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY	MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BILLINGS		
COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO	MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BOZEMAN		
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	MONTANA TECH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA		
DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY	MOREHOUSE COLLEGE		
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE	MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE		
DENISON UNIVERSITY	MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY (CHALON)		
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY	NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER		
DILLARD UNIVERSITY	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY		
DIXIE COLLEGE	NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY		
DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA	NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY		
DREXEL UNIVERSITY	NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE		
DUKE UNIVERSITY	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY		
ELMS COLLEGE	NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR UNIVERSITY		
ELON UNIVERSITY	OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE		
EMERSON COLLEGE	OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY		
FISK UNIVERSITY	OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY		
FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	PACE UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY		
FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY	PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY		
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY	PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY		
	PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY		