



Bishop O'Dowd High School
A Catholic College Preparatory School

*Finding God
in All Things*

SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018

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 1,235. 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. Guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we educate our diverse student body to build a more just, joyful and sustainable world. 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: 23% African American, 12% Asian/Pacific Islander, 43% Euro-American, 10% Hispanic/Latino and 12% other. More than 30% of O'Dowd students receive nearly \$3 million in financial aid annually.

FACULTY

O'Dowd's 89 faculty members commit to the highest quality, innovative teaching. More than 65 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 21 AP courses and an additional 10 honors courses in six subjects: mathematics, English, world languages, chemistry, 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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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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PERFORMANCE

SAT SCORES	O'Dowd	EBRW	Math	Total
- Top 10%	740	758	1498	
- Total	614	593	1207	
California	537	530	1067	
Students Tested	258	258	258	

SAT SUBJECT MEAN SCORES					
Biology E	661	French	730	Spanish	618
Biology M	690	Literature	652	U.S. History	674
Chemistry	583	Math IIC	668		
Chinese	790	Physics	691		

ACT SCORES	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
O'Dowd	26.1	24.5	27	24.7	25.7
California	22.5	22.7	23.1	22.2	22.8
Students Tested	181	181	181	181	181

Bishop O'Dowd High School students passed the AP exam at a rate of 78%. On average, students take 700 AP exams each year.

AP tests are offered in these subject areas:

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

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

The Class of 2017 had 14 National Merit Commended Scholars and 2 National Hispanic Recognition Program 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 2017

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

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

Alabama A&M University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Norfolk State University	South Carolina State University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Alabama State University	University	Northeastern University	Southern Methodist University	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Alcorn State University	Emerson College	Northeastern University	Southern Oregon University	University of Miami
Allegheny College	Emory University	Northern Arizona University	Southern University and A&M College	University of Michigan
American University	Fisk University	Northwestern University	Spelman College	University of Minnesota, Duluth
Arizona State University	Florida Memorial University	Norwich University	St. John's University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Art Center College of Design	Fordham University	Notre Dame de Namur University	Stanford University	University of Mississippi
Auburn University	Fresno Pacific University	NYU Shanghai	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Azusa Pacific University	George Mason University	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	Stony Brook University	University of Nevada, Reno
Babson College	Georgetown University	Occidental College	Swarthmore College	University of New Hampshire at Durham
Barry University	Gettysburg College	Ohio Wesleyan University	Syracuse University	University of New Mexico
Baylor University	Gonzaga University	Oregon Institute of Technology	Talladega College	University of Northern Colorado
Belmont University	Grambling State University	Oregon State University	Temple University	University of Notre Dame
Benedict College	Hampton University	Pace University, New York City	The American College in Spain	University of Oregon
Bennett College	Hawaii Pacific University	Pacific University	The Catholic University of America	University of Pennsylvania
Biola University	Hiram College	Paine College	The College of Wooster	University of Portland
Birmingham-Southern College	Hofstra University	Paul Quinn College	The Evergreen State College	University of Puget Sound
Boise State University	Holy Names University	Pennsylvania State University	The George Washington University	University of Redlands
Boston College	Howard University	Pepperdine University	The New School	University of Rhode Island
Boston University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Philander Smith College	The Ohio State University	University of San Diego
Bowie State University	Indiana University South Bend	Pitzer College	The University of Alabama	University of San Francisco
Brooklyn College of the CUNY	Johns Hopkins University	Pomona College	The University of Georgia	University of South Carolina
Brown University	Johnson & Wales University	Portland State University	The University of Iowa	University of Southern California
California College of the Arts	Kalamazoo College	Prairie View A&M University	The University of Montana, Missoula	University of the Pacific
California Institute of the Arts	Knox College	Pratt Institute	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	University of Utah
California Lutheran University	Langston University	Princeton University	The University of Tampa	University of Vermont
Carnegie Mellon University	Lawrence University	Providence College	Trinity College Dublin	University of Virginia
Case Western Reserve University	Lewis & Clark College	Purdue University	Tulane University	University of Washington
Chapman University	Lincoln University	Quest University Canada	Tuskegee University	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Chatham University	Livingstone College	Quinnipiac University	Union College	Ursinus College
City College of New York CUNY	Long Island University	Reed College	United States Military Academy - Army	Vanderbilt University
Claflin University	Los Angeles College of Music	Regis University	United States Naval Academy	Villanova University
Claremont McKenna College	Louisiana State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Universidad Panamericana	Virginia State University
Clark Atlanta University	Loyola Marymount University	Rhodes College	University of British Columbia	Virginia Union University
Clark University	Loyola University Chicago	Rice University	University of Chicago	Washington State University
Clarkson University	Loyola University Maryland	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Cincinnati	Washington University in St. Louis
Clemson University	Loyola University New Orleans	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Colorado at Boulder	Wesleyan University
Colby College	Macalester College	Saint Joseph's University	University of Colorado at Denver	West Virginia University
College of Mount Saint Vincent	Manhattan College	Saint Louis University	University of Colorado Colorado Springs	Western Washington University
College of the Holy Cross	Marquette University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Connecticut	Whitman College
Colorado State University	Marymount Manhattan College	San Francisco Art Institute	University of Dayton	Whittier College
Columbia University	McDaniel College	Santa Clara University	University of Denver	Wiley College
Concordia University - Montreal	Menlo College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Florida	Willamette University
Connecticut College	Miami University, Oxford	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Williams College
Corban University	Michigan State University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Illinois at Urbana	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Cornell University	Mills College	School of Visual Arts	University of Kansas	Xavier University
Creighton University	Mississippi Valley State University	Scripps College	University of Maine	Xavier University of Louisiana
Delaware State University	Montana State University, Bozeman	Seattle University		Yale University
Denison University	Morehouse College	Simon Fraser University		
DePaul University	Morgan State University	Skidmore College		
Dillard University	Morris College			
Dominican University of California	New York Film Academy			
Drexel University	New York University			
Duke University				
Elon University				