



Bishop O'Dowd High School
A Catholic College Preparatory School

*Finding God
in All Things*

SCHOOL PROFILE 2018-2019

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 1,242. 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: 21% African American, 14% Asian/Pacific Islander, 42% Euro-American, 10% Hispanic/Latino and 13% other. More than 30% of O'Dowd students receive nearly \$3 million in financial aid annually.

FACULTY

O'Dowd's 95 faculty members commit to the highest quality, innovative teaching. More than 70 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 on-line 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: 58 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.

CLASS RANK AND GRADES

O'Dowd does not report exact 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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PERFORMANCE

SAT SCORES	O'Dowd	EBRW	Math	Total
	- Top 10%	734	765	1499
	- Total	620	590	1210
	Students Tested	249	249	249

SAT SUBJECT MEAN SCORES			
Biology - Ecology	643	Math Level II	674
Biology - Molecular	725	Physics	699
Chemistry	604	Spanish	624
Literature	648	U.S. History	706

ACT SCORES	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
O'Dowd	27.4	25.3	28	25.3	26.6
National	20.2	20.5	21.3	20.7	20.8
Students Tested	166	166	166	166	166

Bishop O'Dowd High School students passed the AP exam at a rate of 79%. On average, students take 730 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 2018 had 1 National Merit Program Finalist, 9 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 2018

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

American University	George Mason University	Nazareth College	St. Edward's University	University of Massachusetts
Amherst College	Georgia Institute of Technology	New York University	St. Lawrence University	Dartmouth
Arizona State University	Gonzaga University	Newcastle University	Stanford University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Athens Technical College	Grambling State University	Norfolk State University	Suffolk University	University of Miami
Austin College	Hampton University	North Park University	Swarthmore College	University of Michigan
Azusa Pacific University	Hawaii Pacific University	Northeastern University	Syracuse University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Baldwin Wallace University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Northern Arizona University	Tabor College	University of Mississippi
Barnard College	Hofstra University	Northwestern University	Temple University	University of Missouri
Barrett, The Honors College	Holy Names University	Notre Dame de Namur University	Texas A&M University	Kansas City
Bennett College	Holy Names University	Occidental College	Texas Christian University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Bentley University	Howard University	Oregon State University	Texas Southern University	University of Nevada, Reno
Boston College	Hult International Business School - London	Otterbein University	The American Musical and Dramatic Academy	University of New Hampshire at Durham
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Hult International Business School - San Francisco	Pace University, New York City	The College of Saint Rose	University of New Mexico
Boston University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Pennsylvania State University	The College of Wooster	University of North Georgia
Brandeis University	Indiana University at Ithaca College	Pepperdine University	The Evergreen State College	University of Oregon
Bryn Mawr College	James Madison University	Pitzer College	The George Washington University	University of Pittsburgh
Bucknell University	Johns Hopkins University	Point Loma Nazarene University	The King's College	University of Portland
California College of the Arts (San Francisco)	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	Point Park University	The University of Arizona	University of Puget Sound
California Lutheran University	Kalamazoo College	Portland State University	The University of Montana, Missoula	University of Redlands
Case Western Reserve University	Kansas Wesleyan University	Pratt Institute	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	University of Rochester
Chapman University	Kenyon College	Princeton University	The University of Nottingham	University of San Diego
Clark Atlanta University	La Salle University	Purdue University	The University of Oklahoma	University of San Francisco
Clark University	Laney College	Reed College	The University of Texas, Austin	University of Southern California
Clarkson University	Lehigh University	Regis University	Trinity College	University of Sussex
Clemson University	Lewis & Clark College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Trinity College Dublin - Columbia	University of the Pacific
College of William and Mary	Long Island University, Post	Rider University	Trinity University	University of Toronto
Colorado School of Mines	Louisiana State University	Robert Morris University Illinois	Tufts University	University of Utah
Colorado State University	Loyola Marymount University	Rochester Institute of Technology	Tulane University	University of Victoria
Columbia College Chicago	Loyola University Chicago	Roosevelt University	Tuskegee University	University of Washington
Cornell University	Loyola University Maryland	Rutgers University- New Brunswick	University of British Columbia	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Denison University	Loyola University New Orleans	SAE Expression College - Emeryville	University of Chicago	University of Wyoming
DePaul University	Macalester College	Saint John's University (NY)	University of Colorado at Boulder	University of York
Dillard University	Marquette University	Saint Louis University	University of Connecticut	Villanova University
Dominican University of California	Maryville University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Denver	Wake Forest University
Drexel University	McGill University	Santa Barbara City College	University of Evansville	Washington State University
Duke University	Menlo College	Santa Clara University	University of Florida	Washington University in St. Louis
Durham University	Miami University, Oxford	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Wesleyan University
Eastern Washington University	Michigan State University	Scripps College	University of Idaho	Western Michigan University
Elon University	Millikin University	Seattle Pacific University	University of Illinois at Chicago	Whitman College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott	Missouri University of Science and Technology	Seattle University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Whittier College
Emerson College	Missouri Valley College	Seton Hall University	University of Leeds	Willamette University
Emory University	Montana State University, Bozeman	Sierra Nevada College	University of Maryland, College Park	Xavier University
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Los Angeles	Morehouse College	Smith College		Xavier University of Louisiana
Florida A&M University	Morgan State University	Southampton Solent University		
Fordham University		Southern Methodist University		
Furman University		Southern Oregon University		
		Spelman College		