



SCHOOL PROFILE 2022-2023

2017-2022 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS INCLUDE

Adelphi University	Hollins University	Hult International Business School	Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)
Allegheny College	Howard University	Occidental College	Tulane University
Arizona State University	Hult International Business School	Oklahoma City Community College	Union College
Augustana College	IE University Segovia	Pierce College	University of Arizona
Austin Peay State University	IED Barcelona Design School (Spain)	Prescott College	University of California, Merced
Baylor University	Kennesaw State University	Purdue University	University of California, Davis
Beloit College	Kings College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California, Santa Cruz
Benedictine University, Mesa	Knox College	Rhodes College	University of Denver
Bryn Mawr	Lake Forest College	Riga Technical University (Latvia)	University of Georgia
California State University, Long Beach	Lassen College	Roanoke College	University of Illinois, Chicago
Case Western Reserve	Long Island University	Royal Melbourne Institute of Tech (Vietnam)	University of Kentucky
Cazenovia College	Luther College	Sacramento City College	University of La Verne
College of Wooster	Madison Area Technical College	Saint Francis College	Univ. of Maryland, Baltimore County
Colorado State University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Saint John's College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Columbus College of Art & Design	Michigan State University	Saint Mary's University of MN	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Davidson College	Milwaukee School of Engineering	San Francisco State University	University of Nebraska, Lincoln
DePauw University	Minnesota State University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Portland
Drexel University	Monmouth College	Southern Utah University	University of Richmond
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Montana State University	St. John's University	University of South Florida
Georgia State University	Mount Mary University	Stetson University	University of Texas, Austin
Goucher College	New Mexico State University	Stony Brook University	University of Texas, Dallas
Grand Canyon University	North Dakota State University	SUNY, Binghamton	Washington University, St. Louis
Hampshire College	Northern Arizona University	SUNY, Plattsburgh	Wentworth Institute of Technology
High Point University	Oberlin College	Temple University	Western Washington University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Howard University	Texas Tech University	

CLASS OF 2022 ACCEPTANCES AT OTHER COLLEGES

Alfred University	Creighton University	New Mexico University	The University of Texas at Arlington
Allegheny College	George Mason University	Northern Arizona University	The University of Texas at Dallas
Bennington College	Goucher College	Northern Virginia Community College	Towson University
Bentley University	High Point University	Pace University	Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
California Poly State Univ., SLO	Loyola Marymount University	Rochester Institute of Technology	Univ. of Maryland, College Park
California Poly State Univ., Pomona	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	San Diego State University	University of Portland
California State Univ., Channel Island	McDaniel College	Sarah Lawrence College	Vermont Technical College
California State Univ., Dominguez	Mercy College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Washington College
Clemson University	Michigan State University	Stevens Institute of Technology	Westfield State University
College of Southern Maryland	Missouri Univ. Science & Technology	SUNY, Buffalo	Wheaton College
Colorado School of Mines	Montgomery Community College	SUNY, College of Technology at Delhi	Whittier College
Colorado State Univ., Ft. Collins	Muhlenberg College	Texas A & M University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Cornell College	New Jersey Institute of Technology	The Ohio State University	

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Accreditation & Affiliations – Cognia, North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), The College Board, The Best Schools (TBS) and National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).

Mission Statement – Established in 1929, The Orme School is a unique, college-preparatory, co-educational boarding and day school for grades 8 through 12, set on 300 acres in rural Arizona. Our mission is to develop sound character, scholastic growth, and intellectual curiosity, as well as to enable students to succeed at the college of their choice and in life. Our community is structured, supportive, and diverse. We awaken untapped potential, encourage inner resourcefulness, integrity, respect and accountability for self and others. Our challenging curriculum features a combination of classroom instruction, hands-on learning, and both environmental and aesthetic awareness. From the academic program to residential and community life, the guiding principles of **Excellence, Tradition, and Character** are applied to every facet of an Orme education.

Special Programs and Orme Traditions

Advanced Placement (AP) – Advanced Placement courses offered at The Orme School in recent years have included Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Physics, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Studio Art, United States Government, and United States History. Students took 89 AP Exams in 10 subject areas in 2021, and 96 AP Exams in 16 subject areas in 2022.

Caravan – Outdoor adventures, or Caravans, are a core tradition, building confidence, character and leadership skills. Experiential and outdoor educational goals are achieved throughout the year with after school, weekend and weeklong outdoor adventures including mountain biking, climbing, kayaking, hiking, fishing, skiing, backpacking, camping, surfing, archeological digs and horseback riding. A mini Caravan in the fall bonds new and returning students, and a weeklong spring Caravan offers excursions throughout the Southwestern states and Mexico, often visiting State and National Parks.

The Orme Games – A new tradition and annual 2-day event during which students and faculty participate in teams in outdoor challenges, including the very popular Tough Mudder Race.

Culture Credits – Off campus weekend musical, theatrical and sporting events, museum visits, talks on geology, philosophy or literature constitute a Culture Credit. Hikes, rodeos, camp outs and art fairs also qualify. Students must reflect on their experiences with their Advisor to receive credit. Exploration of all that the Southwest has to offer, and in keeping with our Mission, Culture Credits allow for expansion of our combination of traditional and progressive curriculum beyond the classroom.

Dorothy Swain Lewis Fine Arts Festival – Orme's unique Fine Arts Festival is a week-long experiential and creative art event, which will celebrate its 55th season in 2023. Nationally respected artists come to campus to live and work, offering a variety of workshops including glass blowing, drawing, dance, African drumming, creative writing, jewelry making, metal work, and ceramics. Dramatic productions, musical and singing performances, and a gallery of student and artist work are part of the evening and concluding Saturday activities that are open to the public.

ESL (English as a Second Language) – The ESL Program at The Orme School has been in existence for several decades and is based on up-to-date research and a sequential curriculum. Non-ESL courses with ESL support occur in the first year.

Horsemanship – Students can learn to ride, take care of horses and trail ride throughout the Orme Ranch and Prescott National Forest. Students work as cowhands on the Orme Ranch during roundups. Our Horsemanship Team participates in English and Western competitions, including Gymkhanas, Hunter/Jumper, Barrel Racing, Roping and Team Sorting.

Academic Resource Center – Students of all grade levels and abilities have access to the Resource Center, which provides appropriate accommodations, tutoring, writing and ESL support, as well as study and time management skills and techniques.

STEM – Our Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Program offers opportunities for critical thinking, collaboration, and hands-on or project-based learning experiences. Whether it is taking technology-based computer science, physics courses, one of our several AP mathematics and science classes, or participating after school in robotics or engineering, we strive to prepare our students to become shaped and increasingly integrated into an interdisciplinary world.

Sustainability – Since the school's founding, sustainability has always been at the core of life at Orme. Our beautiful 300-acre campus supports an incredibly biodiverse community of plants and wildlife, in addition to the vibrant community of people. From taking sustainability-focused courses, to spending a chores period in the garden or kitchen for our Farm-to-Table program, or simply sorting food waste into the compost bins in Founders, students participate daily in a variety of opportunities that teach them how to contribute to and positively impact the environment and their community.

Graduation Requirements – Total of 20 credits are required from the six academic subject areas.

Students take six courses per year and participate in a chore period in a 7-period daily schedule.

Subjects	Credits	Notes
English	4.0	May include ESL instruction.
Mathematics	4.0	Must include Algebra II.
History	3.0	Must include U.S. History.
Science	3.0	Two lab sciences required; three preferred.
Foreign Language	3.0	The same language recommended.
Electives	2.0	Combination of STEAM and Humanities preferred.
Chores	1.0	Required each year while in attendance at Orme.

Additional Requirements

Students are required to participate each year in Caravans (fall and spring), Weekend Culture Credits and the Fine Arts Festival.

Grading System

A standard numerical system of marking appears below with corresponding letter grades and 4.0 GPA equivalents and AP GPA 5.0 scale equivalents. GPA scores are based only on grades obtained while attending The Orme School. The School does not rank. A passing grade is considered a 70 or C-. Non-passing grades (60 – 69) contribute to the student’s GPA, but students do not receive credit for grades of 69 or below.

Numerical	Letter	GPA Average	AP GPA Averages
97 - 100	A+	4.00	5.00
93 - 96	A	4.00	5.00
90 - 92	A-	3.70	4.70
87 - 89	B+	3.30	4.30
83 - 86	B	3.00	4.00
80 - 82	B-	2.70	3.70
77 - 79	C+	2.30	3.30
73 - 76	C	2.00	3.00
70 - 72	C-	1.70	2.70
67 - 69	D+	1.30	2.30
60 - 66	D	1.00	2.00
59 and below	F	0.00	0.00

Academic Recognition

High Honor Roll – Students on High Honors must have all grades of 93 or above.

Honor Roll – Students on Honor Roll must have all grades of 87 and above.

The Orme School is a member of the National Honor Society (NHS). All students must sign an Honor Code pledge each year.

Student Profile

Students are admitted into The Orme School as 8th graders through a Post Graduate year, forming a small, diverse and global college-bound community. Approximately 120 students from all inhabited continents, and religious and cultural backgrounds make up the student body. Sixteen countries, 1 Native American tribe, and 16 states were represented at Orme last year. The majority of students are United States citizens, and most of them come from the state of Arizona. All students are welcome to participate in the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) in Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field and Volleyball. Students also enjoy Coffee Houses, recitals, and Debate and Mathletes Teams.

Standardized Testing

SAT Average	1188
The middle 50% of the SAT Reasoning Test for the Class of 2022 is:	1096 – 1133
Mean ERW Verbal (including students whose first language is not English):	555
Mean Mathematics Score (all students):	632

TYPICAL COURSE OFFERINGS – DURING 7-PERIOD ROTATIONAL SCHEDULE

STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math)

- Sustainability Studies
- Integrated Science
- Earth Science
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Environmental Science
- Physics
- AP Chemistry
- AP Biology
- AP Physics C
- AP Physics 1

3 Science credits required for graduation

- Pre-Algebra (no high school credit)
- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II/Trigonometry
- Finance
- Pre-Calculus
- Advanced Computer Science
- Computer Science
- Statistics
- Linear Algebra
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

4 Mathematics credits required for graduation

HUMANITIES

- English I
- English II
- English III
- English IV
- AP English Literature
- AP English Language

4 English credits required for graduation

- ESL Regional World Studies
- History & Geography of the Southwest
- United States History
- U.S. and Global Citizenship
- AP United States Government
- AP United States History
- AP Art History

3 History credits required for graduation

- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Spanish III
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP Spanish Language

3 Language credits required for graduation

- Basic ESL Reading
- Basic ESL Writing
- Intermediate ESL Reading
- Intermediate ESL Writing
- Advanced ESL Reading

May count as English credits

EXPERIENTIAL ELECTIVES

- Digital Music Composition
- 2D Arts
- 3D Arts
- Culinary Arts
- Digital Graphic Design
- Engineering
- Photography
- Guitar Lessons
- AP Studio Art (Core academic class)
- Piano
- Voice
- Metalsmithing
- Ceramics
- Printmaking
- Intro to Horsemanship
- Beginner Riding
- Horse Training
- Physical Training and Education
- Theatre Production

4 Elective credits required for graduation

Sustainability Period/Chores or College Counseling
Required each year of attendance at Orme