

College Matriculations

2024

Augustana College, Binghamton University, California State University-Fullerton, Colgate University, Denison University (2), Florida International University, Howard University, Knox College, Marymount University, Northern Arizona University (3), St. Edward's University, University of Arizona, Washington and Lee University.

2021 - 2023 include:

Arizona State University, Averett University, Benedictine University (Mesa), Bradley University, California State University-Long Beach, Chadron College, College of Wooster, Colorado State University, Cottey College, Davidson University, Duquesne University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Prescott), Gonzaga University, Grand Canyon State University, Grinnell University, Hampshire College, Hendrix College, Howard University, Hult International Business School, Jacksonville University, Kennesaw State University, Knox College, Linfield University, Michigan State University, San Jose State College, Savannah College of Art and Design, Smith College, St. John's University (MN), Texas Tech University, Trinity College (Dublin), Tulane University, University of Arizona, University of California (Merced), University of Georgia, University of Massachusetts (Amherst), University of Richmond, University of South Florida, University of Texas (Dallas), University of Wisconsin, Warren Wilson College, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Wesleyan University.

Class of 2024 Acceptances at Other Colleges

Baylor University, California Lutheran University, Clark University, Clemson University, Colorado College, Colorado State University, DePauw University, Drew University, Drexel University, Elon University, Emory and Henry College, Furman University, Georgia State University, Gonzaga University, High Point University, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Hult International School of Business, Illinois Institute of Technology, Iona University, James Madison University, Lawrence University, Mary Baldwin University, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health, Mercer University, Nova Southeastern University, Penn State University, Reed College, Salve Regina University, Savannah School of Art and Design, Sewanee: School of the South, Shenandoah University, Simmons University, Simpson University, St. Francis College, St. John's College (Annapolis), Temple University, Texas State University, Texas Tech University, The University of Tampa, University of California-Riverside, University of California-Santa Cruz, University of Denver, University of Georgia, University of Houston, University of New Hampshire, University of Richmond, University of South Carolina, University of South Florida, University of the Pacific, Virginia Wesleyan University, Wentworth Institute of Technology, West Texas A&M, Wingate University.

Accreditation & Affiliations – Cognia, National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), The Best Schools (TBS), and National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).



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The Orme School is a co-ed, college-preparatory boarding school located in north-central Arizona for grades 8-12. Founded in 1929, The Orme School remains rooted in its history as a working cattle ranch through its equestrian and sustainability programs, while simultaneously preparing the next generation of leaders through rigorous academic and sports programs. Orme's commitment to its past and to the future is embodied by our motto: **Excellence. Tradition. Character.**

Community

The Orme School is a 300 acre campus located in the middle of a 26,000 acre working cattle ranch. From the first time our students drive down the 3 mile dirt road leading to the isolated campus, their character and resilience begin to grow. Whether it's feeding horses at 6:45 a.m., working after school in the garden, or traveling 4 hours to a basketball game, our students' involvement in the school community may not always be easy, but it is heartfelt and genuine.

At Orme, we believe that education is not a solitary activity, and that long-lasting and meaningful learning occurs best within the framework of a supportive family-like environment. At Orme, a student's roommate and suitemates, faculty adviser, and teachers become immediate family. Orme students are challenged through a demanding academic program, team and individual sports, and the rigor and fulfillment of living in a small, intimate community. Our graduates are competent, confident and well positioned to meet the challenges of college and the world beyond.

Special Programs

Advanced Placement (AP) – Advanced Placement courses offered at Orme may vary year-to-year to meet current student needs. Recent and current AP class offerings include: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Chemistry, Precalculus, Computer Science, Economics, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Physics, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Studio Art, U.S. Government, U.S. History, and World History. In 2022-2023 students took 62 AP Exams in 13 subject areas. In 2023-2024 students took 68 AP Exams in 10 subject areas.

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

Sustainability – Since the school's founding, sustainability has been at the core of life at Orme. Our 300-acre campus supports an incredibly biodiverse community of plants and wildlife, and students participate daily in a variety of opportunities that teach them how to contribute to and positively impact the environment and their community.

Orme Traditions/Experiential Learning

Outdoor Education/Caravan – Throughout the year, students have opportunities for after school and weekend outdoor adventures including mountain biking, climbing, kayaking, hiking, fishing, skiing, backpacking, camping, archeological digs and horseback riding. In the spring, is our traditional weeklong **Caravan**, when students participate in excursions combined with community service, traveling throughout the Southwestern states and Mexico.

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

Culture Credits – Off campus weekend trips include musical, theatrical and sporting events, museum visits, and lectures. Each student is required to participate in at least 2 per semester allowing for expansion of our 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 57th season in 2025. Visiting artists come to campus to live and work, offering a variety of workshops including glass blowing, painting, Latin dance, quilting, jewelry making, metal work, and ceramics. Performances, and a gallery of student and professional artist work are part of evening activities that are open to the public.

Horsemanship – Students can learn to ride, take care of horses, and trail ride throughout the Orme Ranch and Prescott National Forest. Student opportunities include cattle work, Western Equitation, Barrel Racing, Roping and Team Sorting. Students may bring personal horses to school with them.

Typical Course Offerings – During 7-period Rotational Schedule

SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

Sustainability Studies
 Geology/Archeology
 Chemistry
 Biology
 Forensics
 AP Environmental Science
 AP Chemistry
 AP Biology
 AP Physics C

3 Science credits required for graduation

One credit of Sustainability required for graduation

Pre-Algebra (no high school credit)
 Algebra I
 Geometry
 Algebra II/Trigonometry
 Finance
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 AP Statistics
 AP Precalculus
 AP Economics

4 Mathematics credits required for graduation

ENGLISH

English I
 English II
 English III
 English IV (Genres)
 AP English Literature
 AP English Language

4 English credits required for graduation

HISTORY

World Civilizations/Geography
 History & Geography of the Southwest
 United States History
 AP US History
 AP US Government
 AP World History

3 History credits required for graduation

LANGUAGE

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

3 Language credits required for graduation

FINE ARTS & EXPERIENTIAL ELECTIVES

Oil Painting
 Drawing and Painting
 Digital Graphic Design
 Ceramics
 Printmaking
 Advanced Graphic Design/Publications
 Guitar Lessons
 Piano
 Theatre
 Physical Training and Education
 Culinary Arts
 Computer Science

4 Elective credits required for graduation, including

2 Fine Arts credits.

Additional Requirements

Chores – Service to the Orme community is fulfilled by each student being assigned a Chores period as part of their regular schedule. Chore duties may include horse chores, gardening, teacher’s assistant, and facilities assistance.

College Counseling/Career Vision

Students are administered the Ball Aptitude Test, and the Strong Interest Inventory Test provided by the Career Vision company as the start of their College Counseling program. Seniors meet twice a week with the College Counselor in the first semester during their Chores period. In the second semester, all juniors meet twice a week with the Counselor.

Graduation Requirements – Total of 22 credits are required from the six academic subject areas for the 2024-25 school year, with an increase to 24 credits for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

Students take six courses per year and participate in a Chores period in a 7-period daily schedule which includes three 70-minute class days, and two 45-minute class days per week.

| 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 is recommended. |
| Fine Arts | 2.0 | Visual arts, music, theater. |
| Sustainability | 1.0 | Required for graduation. |

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

The Orme School accepts students 8th through 12th grade, forming a small, diverse and global college-bound community. Approximately 100 students from different countries, and religious and cultural backgrounds make up the student body. Students from Asia, Africa, and Europe, the Navajo Nation, and a variety of U.S. states were represented at Orme last year. The majority of students are United States citizens, with most coming from the state of Arizona. All students are welcome to participate in the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) in Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Wrestling, Corn Hole and Volleyball.

Standardized Testing

The Mean Total Score – Class of 2023

1212

Mean ERW Verbal (including students whose first language is not English)

603

Mean Mathematics Score (all students)

609