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**2018-2019 School Profile:**

The Orcutt Academy Charter School is a grade K-12 dependent charter school. The high school (grades 9-12) is situated in the semi-rural community of Orcutt, California, an unincorporated area immediately south of Santa Maria, California. The K-8 is located in the town of Casmalia, approximately five miles from the high school. The Orcutt Academy is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

The Orcutt Academy is chartered and operated by the Board of Trustees of the Orcutt Union School District, allowing the students and staff access to the district's powerful educational resources. Students take the same statewide assessments and the school is subject to the same accountability measures as other public schools and districts. The school opened its doors in August of 2008 and graduated its first senior class in June of 2012.

**OAHS Staff:** OAHS currently has one full-time principal, one full-time Dean, two full-time counselors, 25 full-time teachers, 6 part-time teachers, and 11 classified staff. All OAHS teachers are credentialed and meet NCLB Highly Qualified requirements.

**Student Population:** 605  
 Seniors: 145 Sophomores: 160  
 Juniors: 136 Freshmen: 164

**Composition of School Year/School Day:** The school year includes 180 days and is divided into two 90 day semesters. The high school follows a modified block schedule of three 6-period days (57 minute class periods) and two 3-period block days (94 minute class periods). The students attend a 31-minute advisory period on each block day (Spartan Seminar).

**Graduation Requirements:** In order to graduate from Orcutt Academy High School, students must complete the following requirements: **A)** 240 total credits divided between Subject requirements and Electives, and **B)** Competency requirements (passing the CAHSEE). Five units of credit are awarded for each semester course completed with a passing grade.

English	40	(4 years)
Health	5	(1 semester)
Mathematics (Algebra 1+)	30	(3 years)
Physical Education	20	(2 years)
Science	30	(3 years)
History	30	(3 years)
Fine Arts or LOTE	10	(1 year)
Elective Units (including College Prep. & Career Tech)	75	
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Total Number of Credits (required for graduation)	240	

**Curriculum:** Orcutt Academy High School (OAHS) offers a college-preparatory curriculum, including Advanced Placement courses and College Now opportunities for juniors and seniors through Allan Hancock College. Courses currently offered are:

- English 9-12, Honors English 9 & 10, AP Language and Composition, AP Literature and Composition
- Algebra I & II, Geometry, AP Statistics, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus A/B, AP Calculus B/C
- World History, US History, Government/Economics, Concurrent Enrollment History 101, 102, 107, 108, AP Government
- Geology, AP Physics C, Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy
- Art 1, 2, & 3; Photography 1, AP Art 2D, AP Art Drawing, Choir, Drama
- Spanish 1, 2, 3, & 4; Honors Spanish 2 & 3, AP Spanish, Chinese 1, 2, & 3, AP Chinese
- College Prep. Electives: Economics, Journalism, Creative Writing, Concurrent Enrollment Business/Economics, Early Child Development, Video Production
- **(All of the above courses have been approved by the UC system.)**
- Other Electives: Physical Education, Accounting & Finance, Yearbook, Leadership, Literacy through Film, Health, Professional Development.

**The Grading System:** The chart below displays the grading system for unweighted courses and weighted courses -- Honors (H) and Advanced Placement (AP). Unweighted courses are graded on a traditional 4.0 grade point average. Honors and AP courses are graded on a weighted 5.0 scale.

Grade	Assignment Minimum %	Unweighted Grade Value	Honors /Advanced Placement Weighted Grade
A+	97%	4.0	5.00
A	93%	4.0	5.00
A-	90%	4.0	4.75
B+	87%	3.0	4.25
B	83%	3.0	4.00
B-	80%	3.0	3.75
C+	77%	2.0	3.25
C	73%	2.0	3.00
C-	70%	2.0	2.75
D+	67%	1.0	1.00
D	63%	1.0	1.00
D-	60%	1.0	1.00
F	1%	0	0.00
Incomplete	0%		

**Testing Results for 2017 - 2018:**

- AP: 81 students scored a 3 or higher
- 12 AP Scholars
- 5 AP Scholars with Honors
- 4 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 1 AP National Scholar

**Class Ranking:**

- All courses are included in cumulative GPA on which class ranking is based
- Foreign exchange students are not included in class ranking
- GPA is calculated on a 4.0 grading scale
- Weighted GPA is based on a 5.0 grading scale