

School Profile 2009-2010

THE OUT-OF-DOOR ACADEMY est. 1924

A Cum Laude Society School

Grades PK-12
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THE OUT-OF-DOOR ACADEMY, founded in 1924, is the second oldest independent coeducational day school in Florida. We are a nonsectarian and nondiscriminatory college preparatory school occupying two campuses in the Sarasota suburbs. The Lower School (Pre-K - 6) is located on Siesta Key while our Upper School (7-12) is located in Lakewood Ranch. Current total enrollment is 600, with 220 students in grades 9-12. Our mission is to provide an environment in which students strive to achieve high academic goals and to build character through a balanced program of academics, athletics, and the arts.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

The Out-of-Door Academy is fully accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS) and the Florida Kindergarten Council (FKC). In addition, the school is a member of the Cum Laude Society, the Southern and National Associations for College Admission Counseling (SACAC and NACAC), the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), the Secondary School Admissions Test Board (SSATB), the National Association for Independent Schools (NAIS), the Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education (CSEE), the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and the National Honor Society (NHS).

FACULTY

The Out-of-Door Academy High School (9-12) is represented by 36 faculty, staff, and administrators. Forty seven percent hold Bachelor's degrees while fifty three percent hold advanced degrees (M.A. or higher). The student-to-teacher ratio is 11:1.

ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to participate in a variety of organized activities, with emphasis on service and enrichment. Current student organizations include Academic Olympics, Art Club, Community Service Club, Habitat for Humanity, Leadership, Literary Circle, Newspaper, Model United Nations, Robotics, Science/Environmental Club, Senior Video, Spirit Club, Sports Medicine, Student Council, Tri-M Music Honors Society, Thespian Society, Wellness, World Languages and Yearbook. The school supports 3 to 5 major drama productions every year, with a large percentage of the student body participating. In addition, the school offers musical opportunities in concert band, jazz band, and orchestra.

ATHLETICS

Athletics are an important part of a student's total experience at the Out-of-Door Academy. Competition in interscholastic sports offers lessons that cannot be learned in the academic arena. The Upper School's program stresses the development of physical skills, self-confidence, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The Out-of-Door Academy is a Class A school and a member of the Florida High School Athletics Association (FHSAA).

Varsity sports for girls include basketball, cheerleading, cross country, golf, sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and volleyball.

Varsity sports for boys include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, sailing, soccer, swimming, tennis, and track & field.

ACADEMICS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must successfully complete a minimum of 22.5 credits in grades 9-12 in order to graduate, distributed as follows:

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Social Science	3.5 credits*
<i>Including World History, American History, Issues in Contemporary Society</i>	
Science	3 credits*
<i>Including Biology, Chemistry, Physics</i>	
Foreign Language	3 credits*
<i>3 credits in a single language or 2 credits each in two different languages</i>	
Fine or Performing Arts	1.5 credits
Personal Fitness	.5 credits
Life Management Skills	.5 credits
Electives	2.5 credits

Students must also complete at least 40 hours of documented community service each year (9 –12).

OF THE CLASS OF 2010:

- 100% will study English in each of their 4 years
- 100% will study Math in each of their 4 years
- 95% will study Social Sciences in each of their 4 years
- 90% will study Science in each of their 4 years
- 90% will study a language in each of their 4 years

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Due to the small size and competitive nature of the Out-of-Door Academy, numerical rank is not reported.

A minimum of six courses per semester is required in grades 9–11; a minimum of five core courses is required in grade 12.

Students are only permitted to enroll in two Advanced Placement courses each year, beginning in grade 11. Students wishing to exceed this load must gain permission from the Division Head, department chairperson, and Academic Dean.

Academic Honors are awarded to students to reflect the highest standards of work:

- High Honors: No grade lower than A- in all work.
- Honors: No grade lower than B in all work.

GRADING SCALE

A.....	4.0	(93-100)
A-.....	3.75	(90-92)
B+.....	3.5	(87-89)
B.....	3.0	(83-86)
B-.....	2.75	(80-82)
C+.....	2.5	(77-79)
C.....	2.0	(73-76)
C-.....	1.75	(70-72)
D.....	1.0	(65-69)
F.....	0.0	(<65)

Honors = +.5
AP = +1.0

GPA DISTRIBUTION

Class of 2010 (54 Students)

Weighted GPA	Percentage
4.0+	18%
3.75-3.99	15%
3.50 – 3.74	7%
3.00 – 3.49	28%
2.75 – 2.99	15%
2.50 – 2.74	6%
2.0 – 2.49	9%
<2.0	2%

Middle 50%: 3.12-3.51
Mean: 3.39

HONORS & ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Current Honors and Advanced Placement courses of study:

ENGLISH
Honors World Literature
AP Language and Composition
AP Literature and Composition

FINE ARTS
AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP Studio Art: 2-D Design
AP Studio Art: Photography
AP Music Theory

FOREIGN LANGUAGE
Honors Spanish III/IV/V
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature
AP French Language
AP French Literature
AP Latin: Vergil

HISTORY
AP American History
AP European History
AP Government

MATHEMATICS
Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra II
Honors Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics

SCIENCE
Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics B
AP Computer Programming

STANDARDIZED TESTING

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM RESULTS

2009

A total of 54 students took 112 AP Exams in May, 2009.

Pass Rate: 54% scored 4,5
 85% scored 3,4,5

2008

A total of 48 students took 104 AP Exams in May, 2008.

Pass Rate: 51% scored 4,5
 75% scored 3,4,5

2007

A total of 48 students took 103 AP Exams in May, 2007.

Pass Rate: 55% scored 4,5
 85% scored 3,4,5

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

Class of 2010:

National Merit Semi-Finalists	1
National Merit Hispanic Semi-Finalists	2
National Merit Commended	7
National Merit Identified	16% of class

Class of 2009:

National Merit Semi-Finalists	0
National Merit Commended	5
National Merit Identified	10% of class

Class of 2008:

National Merit Semi-Finalists	1
National Merit Commended	5
National Merit Identified	16% of class

SAT I/II AVERAGES

Class of 2009:

SAT I
 Middle 50% Range.....1100-1300 (CR+M)
 Mean (CR+M).....1200
 Writing.....596
 SAT II
For exams with 4 or more students sitting
 Mean Math I.....628
 Math II.....695
 US History.....693

Class of 2008

SAT I
 Middle 50% Range.....1170-1330 (CR+M)
 Mean (CR+M).....1250
 Writing.....629
 SAT II
For exams with 4 or more students sitting
 Mean Math I.....668
 US History.....655
 Biology.....673

Class of 2007:

SAT I
 Middle 50% Range.....1133-1326 (CR+M)
 Mean (CR+M).....1240
 Writing.....614
 SAT II
For exams with 4 or more students sitting
 Mean Math I.....648
 Literature.....650
 US History.....673
 Chemistry.....698

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS DATA FOR THE CLASS OF 2009

100% of graduating class was admitted to a four-year college or university

100% of the graduating Class of 2009 was admitted to at least one Phi Beta Kappa college or university

91% of the Class of 2009 (40 out of 44 students) received over \$3,370,586 in unsolicited merit-based scholarships

COLLEGE CHOICES

Public Colleges/Universities.....27%	In-State Colleges/Universities.....30%
Private Colleges/Universities.....73%	Out-of-State Colleges/Universities.....70%

MATRICULATION BY REGION

North38%	West.....0%	International.....4%
South.....48%	Midwest.....10%	

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2002-2009

Note: The Out-of-Door Academy added an Upper School division (9-12) to the traditional PK-8 division in 1999. The Out-of-Door Academy will graduate its eleventh class in 2010. The following cumulative admissions results are for 2002-2009 class years.

Agnes Scott College	Florida Institute of Technology	Rice University	University of Maryland
American University	Florida State University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Massachusetts
Amherst College	Fordham University	Roger Williams University	University of Miami
Arizona State University	Franklin and Marshall College	Rollins College	University of Michigan
Auburn University	Furman University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Mississippi
Baldwin Wallace College	Georgia Tech University	Rutgers University	University of Nebraska
Bard College	Georgetown University	San Diego State University	University of North Carolina – Asheville
Barry University	George Washington University	Santa Clara University	University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
Bentley College	Gettysburg College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of North Carolina – Greensboro
Boston College	Grinnell College	Smith College	University of North Carolina – Wilmington
Boston University	Guilford College	Southern Methodist University	University of North Florida
Bowdoin College	Hamilton College	St. Lawrence University	University of Notre Dame
Brandeis University	Hartwick College	St. Mary's College (CA)	University of Oregon
Brown University	Haverford College	Skidmore College	University of Pennsylvania
Bucknell University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Stetson University	University of Pittsburgh
California Institute of the Arts	Indiana University	SUNY Purchase	University of Portland
Carleton College	Ithaca College	Swarthmore College	University of Redlands
Carnegie Mellon University	James Madison University	Syracuse University	University of Richmond
Case Western University	Kenyon College	Temple University	University of San Francisco
Catholic University	Kettering University	Trinity College	University of San Diego
Clemson University	Knox College	Trinity University	University of the South (Sewanee)
Colgate University	Lafayette College	Tufts University	University of South Carolina
College of Charleston	Lake Forest College	Tulane University	University of South Florida
College of the Holy Cross	Lawrence University	UC-Berkeley	University of Southern California
College of William and Mary	Lehigh University	UCLA	University of Stirling (U.K.)
Colorado College	Loyola College (MD)	UC-San Diego	University of Tampa
Colorado State University	Loyola Marymount University	Union College	University of Tennessee
Columbia University	Marquette University	United States Coast Guard Academy	University of Toronto
Corcoran College of Art	McGill University (Quebec)	United States Military Academy	University of Vermont
Cornell University	Merrimack College	United States Naval Academy	University of Virginia
Dartmouth College	Miami University	University of Alabama	University of Washington
Davidson College	Middlebury College	University of Arizona	University of Waterloo (Ontario)
Denison University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Arkansas	University of Wisconsin
DePaul University	New College (FL)	University of Central Florida	Ursinus College
DePauw University	New York University	University of Chicago	Vanderbilt University
Dickinson College	Northeastern University	University of Cincinnati	Vassar College
Drexel University	Northwestern University	University of Colorado	Villanova University
Duke University	Oberlin College	University of Connecticut	Virginia Tech University
Earlham College	Occidental College	University of Dayton	Wake Forest University
Eckerd College	Ohio State University	University of Delaware	Washington University
Edinburgh University (U.K.)	Parsons School of Design	University of Denver	Wellesley College
Elon University	Pepperdine University	University of Dundee (U.K.)	Wesleyan University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Evansville	West Virginia University
Emerson College	Pomona College	University of Florida	Wheaton College
Emory University	Pratt Institute	University of Glasgow (U.K.)	Whittier College
Eugene Lang College, New School University	Providence College	University of Georgia	Willamette University
Fairfield University	Purdue University	University of Hawaii-Manoa	Williams College
Fashion Institute of Technology	Queen's University (Ontario)	University of Illinois	Wittenberg University
Flagler College	Quinnipiac University	University of Kansas	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Florida Atlantic University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Kentucky	Xavier University
Florida Gulf Coast University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Louisville	
	Rhodes College	University of Manchester (U.K.)	

