

School Profile 2008-2009

THE OUT-OF-DOOR ACADEMY est. 1924

A Cum Laude Society School

Grades 7-12
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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 620, 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 32 faculty, staff, and administrators. Thirty four percent hold Bachelor's degrees while sixty-six percent hold advanced degrees (M.A. or higher). The student-to-teacher ratio is 10:1.

ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to participate in a variety of organized activities, with emphasis on service and enrichment. Current student organizations include Art Club, Community Service Club, Drama Club, Film Making, Forensics, Habitat for Humanity, Newspaper, Relay-for-Life, SADD, Science/Environmental Club, Student Council, Tri-M Music Honors Society, and Yearbook. The school supports 3 to 5 major drama productions every year, with a large percentage of the student body participating.

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 I/II, 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 20 hours of documented community service each year (9 – 12).

OF THE CLASS OF 2009:

100% will study English in each of their 4 years
 100% will study Math in each of their 4 years
 100% will study Social Sciences in each of their 4 years
 75% will study Science in each of their 4 years
 68% 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 may be 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 2009 (46 Students)

Weighted GPA	Percentage
4.0+	10%
3.75-3.99	13%
3.50 – 3.74	26%
3.00 – 3.49	24%
2.75 – 2.99	5%
2.50 – 2.74	11%
2.0 – 2.49	11%
<2.0	0

Middle 50%: 2.88-3.75
 Mean: 3.36

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

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Honors Spanish III
 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 Statistics

SCIENCE

Honors Biology
 Honors Chemistry
 Honors Physics
 AP Biology
 AP Chemistry
 AP Physics B

STANDARDIZED TESTING

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM RESULTS

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

2006

A total of 51 students took 101 AP Exams in May, 2006.

Pass Rate: 46% scored 4,5
 87% scored 3,4,5

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

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

Class of 2007:

National Merit Semi-Finalists	1
National Merit Commended	6
National Merit Identified	15% of class

SAT I/II AVERAGES

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

Class of 2006:

SAT I
Middle 50% Range.....1168-1296(V+M)
Mean (V+M).....1228
Writing.....600
SAT II
For exams with 4 or more students sitting
Mean Math I.....641
 Math II.....777
 US History.....656

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS DATA FOR THE CLASS OF 2008

100% of graduating class will matriculate to a college or university

95% of the graduating Class of 2008 was admitted to at least one Phi Beta Kappa college or university

75% of the Class of 2008 (28 out of 38 students) received over \$2,100,000 in unsolicited merit-based scholarships

COLLEGE CHOICES

Public Colleges/Universities.....13%
Private Colleges/Universities.....87%

In-State Colleges/Universities.....36%
Out-of-State Colleges/Universities.....64%

MATRICULATION BY REGION

North29%
South.....56%

West.....3%
Midwest.....6%

International.....6%

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2002-2008

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 tenth class in 2009. The following cumulative admissions results are for 2002-2008 class years.

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

