



2015-2016 SCHOOL PROFILE

OVERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Optional School for the Creative and Performing Arts

Established 1959

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SCHOOL

Founded in 1959, Watkins Overton High School graduated its first class in 1962. In 1975, Overton was designated as an Optional or magnet school for the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA).

Students entering the CAPA Academy enroll through an application and audition process. Located in the Colonial Acres neighborhood, the school is open to students throughout Shelby County. In addition to its excellent academic and CAPA programs, Overton boasts 38 student clubs and organizations (including several national service organizations and honor societies) and a comprehensive athletic program.

Both the academic and CAPA programs have produced numerous distinguished graduates over the years, including Josey Scott (lead singer of Saliva), Elise Neal (actress), Alexis Grace Middleton (singer, American Idol contestant), Kameron Whalum (from Bruno Mars and the Hooligans), and the late singer O'Landa Draper.

National Affiliations
Magnet Schools of America
Arts Schools Network
College Board
AdvancED
Very Special Arts

FACULTY

Overton's administration and faculty consists of a principal, a vice principal, two assistant principals,

69 full-time teachers (including Exceptional Education and ESL), and one itinerant teacher. The average teacher-to-pupil ratio is 22.5:1 for Academic and Optional courses, and 20:1 for Career and Technology.

The support staff consists of two librarians/media specialists, a PLC coach, an instructional facilitator, three professional guidance counselors, five secretaries, an in-school suspension monitor (ISS), two hall monitors, a study hall monitor, and five paraprofessionals. Overton also receives part-time assistance from a school psychologist, an occupational therapist, a speech pathologist, a social worker, and two nurses.

One hundred percent of our teachers hold a Bachelor's Degree and a Tennessee State Teaching Certificate/ License. Additionally, many faculty members hold advanced degrees in either content area or education. Our excellent, dedicated faculty includes several teachers who have over 20 years of experience. Overton was the home of distinguished vocal music teacher Lulah McEwen Hedgeman.

CAPA ACADEMY

One of the most unique aspects of Overton High School is the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Optional School Program. The CAPA Academy provides artistically inclined students with the opportunity to pursue intensive studies in vocal music, instrumental music, music theory, dance, drama, visual art, digital design, and creative writing, while meeting state requirements for graduation and college prerequisites. To be consid-

ered for the CAPA Optional School Program, a student must meet certain grade, conduct, and test requirements; complete an application; and submit an audition piece or performance. The CAPA Program consists of the following Honors course offerings:

- **Dance** - Dance I-IV
- **Visual Art** – Photography, Visual Art I-III/IV, Visual Design I-III, Advanced Placement (AP) Painting and Drawing, 2-D Visual Design, and 3-D Visual Design
- **Instrumental Music** – Orchestra I-IV, Senior Band I-IV, Guitar, Jazz Band I-IV, Symphonic Band I-IV, Class Piano I-IV, Theory and Harmony, and AP Music Theory
- **Vocal Music** – Chamber Singers, Vocal Music I-IV
- **Theatre** – Theater Arts I-IV, Technical Theater
Creative Writing – Creative Writing I-II
Broadcasting

There are approximately 338 students enrolled in the CAPA Program,

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| • Visual/Digital Art | • Creative Writing |
| • Band | • Dance |
| • Broadcasting | • Drama |
| • Choir | • Orchestra |
| • Piano | • Guitar |

Overton is also home to Overton Ovation, a commercial music ensemble. The ensemble performs in a variety of venues throughout Shelby County.

All staff and specialized programs at Overton are affiliated with state, regional, and national associations.

CURRICULUM OFFERINGS

The courses offered at Overton High School have been selected to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to meet Tennessee graduation requirements.

Course offerings include the following:

English - English I-IV, and English as a Second Language (ESL)

Mathematics - Algebra I-II, Unified Geometry, Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry, Bridge Math, Algebra IA, Geometry IA

Science – Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Anatomy & Physiology

- **Social Studies** – World History/Geography, U.S. History, U.S. Government, and Economics
- **PE/Health** – Lifetime Wellness, Physical Education
- **Personal Finance**
- **World Languages** – Spanish I-II and French I-II
- **Fine Art** – General Music, General Music/Music Video, Class Piano I-IV, Guitar I-II, Orchestra I-IV, Senior Band I-IV, Vocal Music I-IV, Visual Art I-IV, Dance I-IV, Theater Arts I-IV, Photography, and Tech Theater
- **Online Learning** – various course offerings via SCS Virtual School
- **Dual Enrollment** - various course offerings
Elective courses offered include the following:

English – Journalism, Honors Journalism Newspaper, Etymology, Mythology and Creative Writing

Computer Science – Personal Computing

Social Studies – Facing History and Ourselves and Contemporary Issues

JROTC – AJROTC I-IV

CTE – Broadcasting I-III, Nutrition Across the Lifespan, Nutrition Science/Diet, and Intro to Human Studies

In addition to the courses offered at Overton, students have the option to attend Careers & Technology courses at Sheffield Career and Technology Center.

HONORS CURRICULUM

Overton offers a diverse honors program to provide a challenging and rigorous academic environment.

Honors classes are available in all core subjects for students who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Our Honors classes include:

- **English** – English – Creative Learning in a Unique Environment (CLUE), English I-IV, Pre-AP English II
- **Social Studies** – World History/Geography, U.S. History, Facing History and Ourselves, and Contemporary Issues
- **Spanish** – Spanish I-III, French II
- **Mathematics** – Algebra I-II, Unified Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus
- **Science** – Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science, Anatomy & Physiology, Physics

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available in the following subjects:

- **English** – English Language and Composition and English Literature and Composition
- **Science** – Biology, Chemistry
- **Mathematics** – DC Elementary Calculus, DC College Algebra
- **Social Studies** – U.S. History, Human Geography, World History, DC Facing History and DC African American History
- **Fine Arts** – 2D Drawing, 2D Studio Art, 3D Studio Art, and Music Theory

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Overton offers Comprehensive Development Classes (CDC), Instructional Resource Classes (full inclusion), and consultation services for the inclusion of special needs students into a standard classroom setting. Instruction and consultation services are offered to our intellectually gifted students in CLUE English I (Students must meet eligibility requirements to enroll in CLUE.). After-school tutoring is available for all of the core subjects, End of Course/TN Ready preparation, and ACT test preparation.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT and DEMOGRAPHICS

Overton High School currently serves 1,234 students, as of October 2015. Student enrollment data shows the following grade-level distribution:

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| • 9th Grade
364 students | • 11th Grade
286 students |
| • 10th Grade
304 students | • 12th Grade
290 students |

Overton High School is a School-Wide Title I school.

Overton High School is a Very Special Arts (VSA) Tennessee Sanctioned School.

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PARTNERS

Ortho Memphis - Provides services through athletic trainers to keep athletes healthy

Lenny's Sub Shop # 9 - Provides financial support for the arts, athletics and culinary arts program

Fox 13 - Offers facility tours to classes

Highpoint Church of Memphis - Provides volunteer and financial support for arts, academics, athletics, and more

John Michael Bailey, Attorney at Law - Provides financial support for athletics and Community Advocacy Scholarship

The Memphis and Shelby County Music Commission - Provides Student Ambassadors and master classes for students

The Museum of American Soul Music - Offers students reduced-rate museum tickets and tours

The Orpheum Theatre - Provides technical and financial support for the Spring High School Musical

The University of Memphis-College of Communication and Fine Arts
Offers semi-permanent loan of resources and equipment, master classes for students, university performance and event tickets, and collaborative events

SunTrust Bank - Guest Speakers and Mentors

Ticketmaster - Offers special event tickets and supplies

City G.E.A.R. - Offers support to school athletic organizations and special school events

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERINGS

2015 - \$52,839,205

2014 - \$34,858,951

2013 - \$18,725,043

2012 - \$14,159,652

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

Overton High School regularly hosts opportunities on campus for parents and students to meet with representatives from colleges, universities, technical schools, and military institutions in an effort to assist students with post-high school educational opportunities. Recent Overton graduates have enrolled in the following institutions of higher learning:

Academy of Art University	Johnson & Wales University	Taladega College
Agnes Scott College	Lane College	Tennessee State University
Alabama A&M University	LeMoyne-Owen College	Tennessee Technology Center of Memphis
Alabama State University	Lincoln College of Technology	Tennessee Temple University
Alcorn State University	Long Island University - Brooklyn Campus	Texas Southern University
Arkansas State University	Louisiana State University	The Art Institute of Tennessee – Nashville
Art Institute of Atlanta	Lynn University	The University of the Arts-Philadelphia
Auburn University	Maryville College	Tusculum College
Austin Peay State University	Memphis College of Art	Union University
Ball State University	Mercer University	University of Alabama
Baptist College of Health Sciences	Middle Tennessee State University	University of Arkansas
Belmont University	Mississippi State University	University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Bethel University	Mississippi Valley State University	University of Cincinnati
Bethune-Cookman University	Morehouse College	University of Florida
Bluffton University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Louisville
Bryan College	Murray State University	University of Memphis
Bryant University	Nashville Auto-Diesel College	University of Miami
Central Arkansas University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Minnesota
Christian Brothers University	Oakwood University	University of Mississippi
Clark Atlanta University	Oberlin College's Conservatory of Music	University of Missouri-Columbia
Colorado College	Oglethorpe University	University of Missouri-St. Louis
Columbia College Chicago	Paul Mitchell the School	University of North Carolina-Charlotte
Community College of the Air Force	Philander Smith College	University of Northern Iowa
Concordia College	Purdue University	University of Southern California
Cumberland University	Rhodes College	University of Southern Mississippi
Delta State University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Tampa
DePauw University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Tennessee-Chattanooga
East Tennessee State University	Rust College	University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Eastern Oklahoma State College	Saint Louis University	University of Tennessee-Martin
Emory College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Vanderbilt University
Fisk University	Shawnee Community College	Webster University
Freed-Hardeman University	Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	Western Kentucky University
Georgetown University	Southwest Tennessee Community College	Wiley College
Full Sail University	St. John's University	Xavier University of Louisiana
Georgetown University	St. Louis University	