

OCSI

COLLEGE INFORMATION

College/Career US, Japan, & beyond

- **OCSI is a US accredited college preparatory school**
- **Our staff is here as a resource for college or career information for US, Japan or around the world.**
 - **Mrs. Lydie Holmes and Mr. Daniel Claxton are our main college counselors -- they have already been in contact with students.**
- **It is estimated that 65% of jobs in the US will require *some* level of college education.**
- **What you choose for your future is up to you and your family. Pray for wisdom and discernment for what's the right path & do the math.**

Four Year Educational Plan

ENGLISH	4
MATH (must include Algebra I, Geometry & Algebra II)	4
SOCIAL STUDIES (must include US History, Government & Economics)	3
SCIENCE (must include one lab Science)	3
PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH	1
FOREIGN LANGUAGE (must be of the same language)	2
FINE ARTS	1
BIBLE	4
ELECTIVES	2
Total Credits required to graduate	24

What's a good GPA for you?

- **Colleges take into account our SCHOOL PROFILE when assessing your GPA.**
- **Two students might have a GPA of 4.0 HOWEVER colleges will view the student who took more “rigorous” courses more qualified.**
- **Even if both earn an “A” they are NOT equal.**

Unweighted GPA Scale

A = 4.0

C = 2.0

A- = 3.7

C- = 1.7

B+ = 3.3

D+ = 1.3

B- = 3.0

D = 1.0

C+ = 2.3

F = 0.0

Different Types of Classes

- **College Prep (regular OCSI classes)**
- **AP Classes**

Advanced Placement

- College level courses taught in high school by a College Board approved instructor
- AP Syllabus for each subject matter must be approved by College Board
- AP Exam (standardized test) scores 1-5

****There is an extra cost to take the exam****

Weighted 5.0 Grading Scale

**Advanced Placement (AP) classes
are graded on a 5.0 grading scale:**

A = 5.0

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***** *Honors classes are weighted at 4.5* *****

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- Sophomore Year: **GPA 2.0 (C)**
- Junior Year: **GPA 3.0 (B)**
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Student #2

- GPA 3.0 (B)**
- GPA 3.6 (B+)**
- GPA 3.7 (A-)**
- GPA 3.7 (A-)**
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EST. 1957

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*Taken in Middle School for High School credit

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Bible 9 New Testament Survey	A+	4.0	1
Biology	A+	4.0	1
English 9	A+	4.0	1
Honors Geometry	A+	4.5+	1
Japanese 4	A+	4.0	1
PE/Health	A+	4.0	1
World History Civilizations	A+	4.0	1
Subtotal		4.071	7

10th, 2019-20 Year Total	Grade	GPA	Cr
AP World History*	A	5.0+	1
Honors Algebra 2	A+	4.5+	1
Bible 10 Old Testament Survey	A+	4.0	1
Chemistry	A+	4.0	1
Intro Computer Science	A+	4.0	1
Honors English 10 World Literature	A+	4.5+	1
Japanese 5	A	4.0	1
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*Taken online through Sevenstar Academy

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AP Biology	A+	5.0+	1
AP English Language and Composition	A+	5.0+	1
AP US History	A	5.0+	1
Media Design 1	A+	4.0	1
Bible 11 Apologetics	A+	4.0	1
Japanese 6	A+	4.0	1
Precalculus	A+	4.0	1
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Cumulative	GPA	Cr
Weighted	4.250	23
Unweighted	4.000	23
+ Weighted GPA, lower for Unweighted GPA		

End of Transcript

Expected to graduate June 3, 2022

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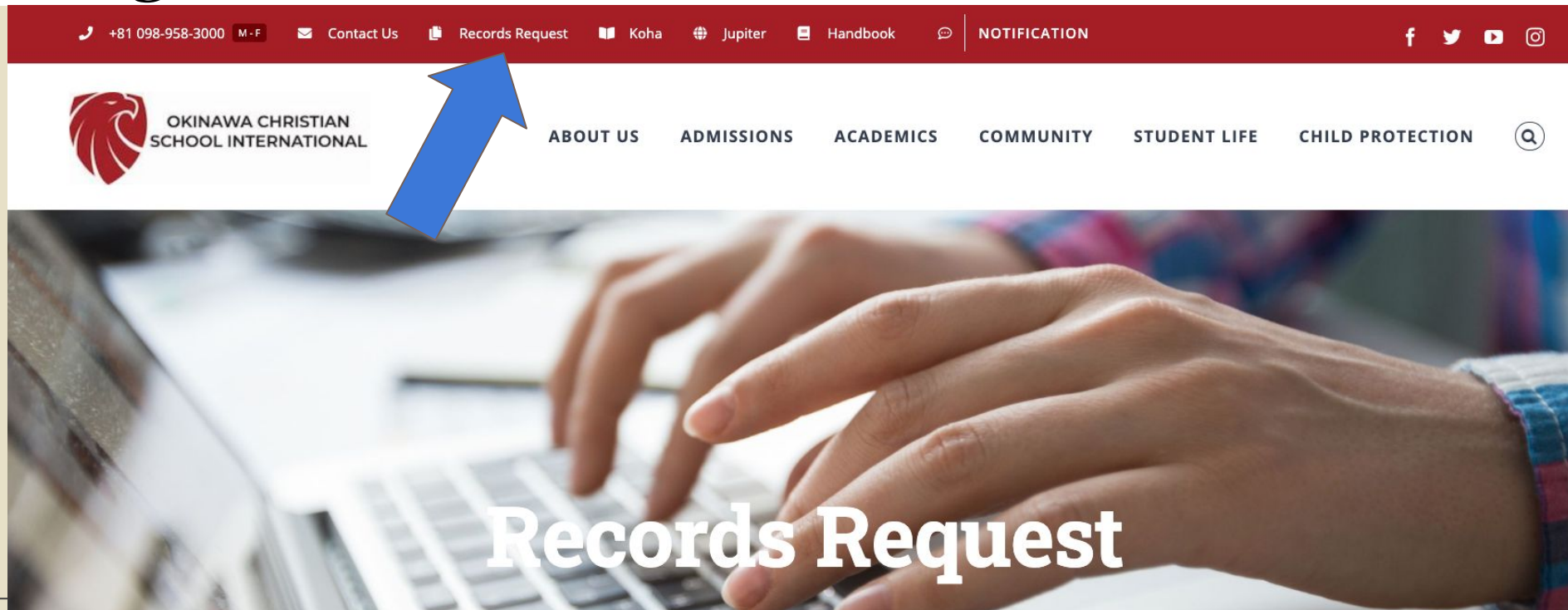
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What is in a TRANSCRIPT?

- **Record of academic accomplishments in high school**
- **Grades**
- **Determines if you are meeting graduation requirements**
- **Name of each course you took**
- **Shows difficulty of your classes**
- **Shows subjects you took the most classes in**
- **Shows when you took the classes**

How to get a TRANSCRIPT

- Current students can fill out a request at the Front Desk
- After graduating, Alumni can still get transcripts through “Parchment” -- from the OCSI Website.



What else do colleges look for?

- In addition to your **GPA**:
- Colleges want to see your potential. *Are you challenging yourself?*
- They also look for extracurricular things: Sports, Clubs, Volunteer opportunities outside of school are highly recommended
- College Essay - Opportunity for the school to “get to know you”
- As colleges receive hundreds or thousands of applications, a “small” thing like volunteering can be the difference between being accepted or not!



College Counseling

Mrs. Holmes

Cialfo

Cialfo

Online platform to assist with college selection process

Import student information such as PSAT scores, SAT, ACT, and academic history.

Assist in selecting universities that are right for the student

Parents of senior students have been given access, we have opened access for juniors, sophomores and freshman.

When Should I Take the SAT?

- **Best Time: Early or mid Junior Year**
 - Students can retake the SAT again during their Junior or Senior Year
- **Last Time: Senior Year October OR December**
 - US Schools start closing applications in November/January (Depending on Early or regular action) and most Japanese schools' last application period is January/February
- Of course, if your child is confident, they are encouraged to take it when they want to! (end of Sophomore year, etc.)

How can you help?

Freshman year:

- Extracurricular activities
- Career discussion
- Review High school courses
- Practice money management

Sophomore year:

- Research majors
- Review high school courses
- Extracurricular activities (NHS, Service club, student government)
- Find volunteer opportunities
- Research the locations that they will most likely be living.

How can you help continued

Junior year:

- Search universities
- Begin essay preparation
- Discuss reference options
- If possible, visit universities.
- SAT or ACT test
- AP courses

Senior year:

- SAT or ACT tests
- College application dates
- Fafsa or other financial aid applications (Niche and Unigo)
- Decide on major
- Enjoy their final year of high school!



SOFA Benefits

Mrs. Wintermute

College Prep Assistance

military.tutor.com

- SAT/ACT Prep
- AP Exam Prep
- Essay Review
- Career Exploration

modernstates.org

- AP Exam Prep
- CLEP Exam Prep

Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits

The BIG Questions:

- What benefits can my dependent children get?
- Am I eligible to transfer benefits?
- How do I transfer the benefit?
- What is the Yellow Ribbon Program?
- How does my child apply?
- What happens after my child applies?

To learn more:

- Visit your local Education Center
- Go to www.va.gov

Additional Resources

Military OneSource- www.militaryonesource.mil

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)- <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Scholarship search engines:

- www.fastweb.com
- search.militaryscholar.org
- www.scholarships.com

On-base resources:

- Education Centers
- Libraries
- Personal Financial Management Programs



Standardized Tests

Mr. Claxton

PSATs, SATs and ACTs

PSAT (Every October)

Mandatory for our students on an annual basis

The PSAT is a preparatory SAT, although slightly easier than the real SAT

PSAT Benefits

- Free practice SATs offered to 9-11 graders
- 11th graders with US citizenship are eligible for the **National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)**
- Scholarship is roughly 2500 USD
- There may be additional rewards for NMSQT recipients depending on the college (a good number of well-known schools provide full-rides)

SAT (Five times a Year)

- US and Japan Schools use the SAT for admissions
- All International Dates available @ OCSI (other than June)
- Register for the SAT as soon as possible
- OCSI is only a test center and is not in control of who gets to take the test; I cannot help if students fail to secure a spot
- Check College Board for registration deadlines
- It usually takes 2-4 weeks for SAT scores to be available
- From March 2023, all SATs will be digital

ACT (Twice a Year)

- All US Schools accept this test as well.
- OCSI currently offers the ACT twice a year (October & February)
- Register for the ACT as soon as possible
- OCSI is only a test center and is not in control of who gets to take the test; I cannot help if students fail to secure a spot
- ACT has a science and more geometry than algebra. Students can also write an optional essay for college's to consider.
- It usually takes 2 weeks for ACT scores to be available

