



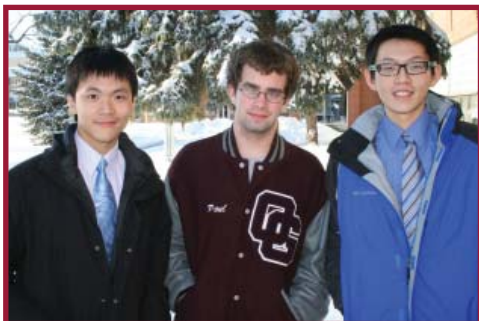
OAK GROVE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

The mission of Oak Grove Lutheran School is to express God's love by nurturing students for academic achievement, lifelong Christian commitment and loving service throughout the world.

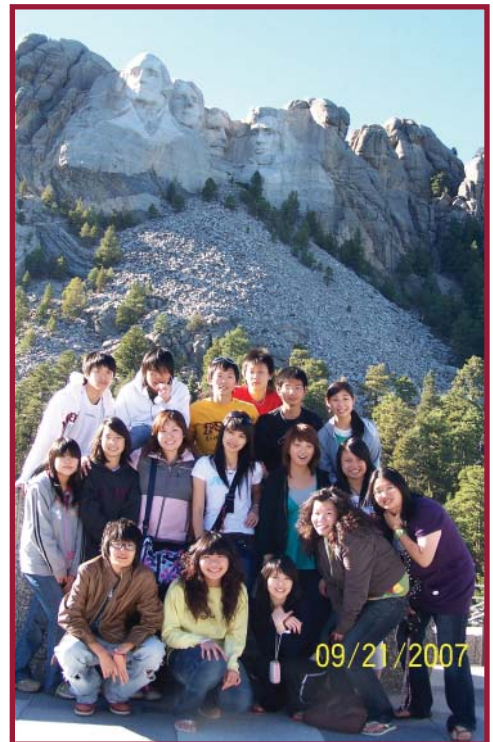
Oak Grove Lutheran School is a private school founded in 1906, affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Oak Grove Lutheran School provides a vibrant and thriving academic experience for students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 in Fargo, ND, where Christian values are added to the classroom. Small class sizes, chapel services, volunteer opportunities, and numerous co-curricular activities allow for students to grow in faith and body, while striving to reach their full academic potential. An emphasis on mission and service instills lifelong passion as students engage in worthwhile efforts. Oak Grove's administrators, faculty and staff care deeply and work hard to instill the confidence for each student to reach his or her academic goals.

Oak Grove's high school enrolls approximately 190 students annually; class sizes are limited to ensure a quality classroom experience and individual attention. Oak Grove's graduating class sizes are typically between 50-60 students, creating the small school feel in the thriving Fargo community.



Oak Grove's International Program enrolls 20 students annually from a variety of countries around the world, including Russia, Norway, Germany, China, Taiwan, Korea, and Japan. Students are fully immersed

into the American way of life, living with host families and attending class with other Oak Grove students. An International Coordinator assists students with host family arrangements, daily academic needs, academic support and basic communication assistance. Orientation for students is planned each school year to help students adjust to Oak Grove Lutheran School, the metro area, and life in the United States. Through the International Program, students take multiple trips each school year to learn about and experience attractions in the region. International students can attend Oak Grove for one year or for all four years of high school. Many international students remain in the Fargo-Moorhead area or within the United States to attend college.



"I have been at Oak Grove for two years. This year is going to be my third and last year of high school. At this school, I've had lots of special experiences that I never had before. There are so many activities to join to have fun! At the same time, we can meet and get to know more new friends. Because Oak Grove has international students from many different countries, I learn more cultures! One benefit of this is I can go visit my friends around the world! Oak Grove's teachers are really nice and patient. This is one of my reasons why I want to stay here and study from them! I will still continue my studies at college here to get a higher academic degree. I recommend Oak Grove to anyone who is interested!"

- Ya-chiao (Joanne) Yang, class of 2010

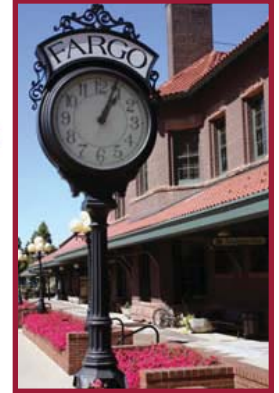


LOCATION

Oak Grove Lutheran School is located in Fargo, North Dakota, with the campus resting amidst a beautiful park setting along the Red River. Fargo is located directly next to Moorhead, MN; the Fargo-Moorhead area has a population of 186,500 people — a medium sized city with a community feel.

Fargo is a safe, peaceful community with top rated colleges, universities and excellent medical facilities. Oak Grove is within minutes of public libraries, parks, shopping centers, theatres, and several colleges and universities. The area has more than 350 restaurants, hundreds of brand-name retail stores, 32 movie screens, a zoo, museums, concerts by the biggest names in music, and minor league professional sports teams. The area is known for its friendly people with good, Midwestern values. Fargo is also home to the Hector International Airport, which is just minutes from Oak Grove. Students can fly directly into Fargo (FAR) where they will be met by Oak Grove's International Coordinator.

The climate allows for all four seasons in which most people enjoy thoroughly through outdoor activities. Fargo is just a short drive from snow skiing, Minnesota lakes, state parks and more. It is also only a 3-hour drive to Minneapolis/St. Paul, where the Mall of America is located, as well as professional sports teams, fine dining, great shopping and more.



For more information on the Fargo-Moorhead area, visit www.fmchamber.com or www.fargomoorhead.org.



FACILITIES

Oak Grove's campus covers 5.3 acres in north Fargo. The campus is comprised of five major buildings – Arvid Benson Hall, Scheels Center for the Performing Arts, Eid Center, Jackson Hall, and the Darwin Gorder Gymnasium. Benson Hall is a two-story building consisting of classrooms that primarily house the high school program and includes the library and technology center. Built in 2007, Scheels Center is a performing arts venue that houses the school's fine arts program. Eid Center is a multipurpose area used for activities and events, as well as the dining hall. Jackson Hall predominately houses the middle school program, as well as student services and central administration offices. Renovated in 2008, Darwin Gorder Gymnasium is a facility for athletics and physical education classes. It is also connected to the Ellig Center for Health & Wellness, a center that includes a weight room, cardio room and dance studio. Oak Grove's campus also includes a football field and borders a city park.

HOUSING

Oak Grove arranges friendly and welcoming host families for students accepted from other countries. Oak Grove does not have dormitories. The host family provides students with room and board (a home and meals), and a loving atmosphere. They are also there to answer questions students have about life in the USA. Caring and nurturing host families provide an American experience for students, and assist in the English language acquisition process.



ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Oak Grove has a fully-accredited academic program and has maintained NCA-CASI accreditation with high standards for excellence since 1926. Oak Grove students consistently score higher than national averages in achievement tests and more than 96% of graduates pursue degrees in higher education. The academic program includes Advanced Placement (AP) classes and dual-credit opportunities with Concordia College. The school also offers distant learning opportunities through on-line courses with Lutheran High School of Orange County, California, as well as access to the Skills & Technology Consortium. Oak Grove offers state of the art technology to its students, giving all high school students a Gateway M285 tablet computer with Windows Vista® for integrated classroom and home use. The school's strong academic program prepares students for entry into colleges and universities across the United States.



COURSES OFFERED

Oak Grove is widely recognized for the strength and quality of its academic program. The academic program requires 24 credits for graduation (4 English, 2 Mathematics, 2 Science, 3½ Social Sciences, 1 Physical Education, ½ Religion per year, ½ Health, ½ Computer and 8 electives.) Oak Grove offers a wide variety of classes, including: English, AP English Lit., Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, Statistics, Personal Finance, Science, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, Physics, Environmental Science, Advanced Biology, Civics, World History, U.S. History, Economics, World Affairs, Close Up, Geography/World Culture, Christian Studies, Physical Education, Weight Training, Health & Wellness, Computer, Band, Chapel Choir, Concert Choir, Voice Lessons, AP Music Theory, Spanish, German, Art-Painting, Art-Ceramics, Accounting, Marketing, Business Management, Novels—Classics, Novels—Great Authors, Drama, Yearbook, Psychology, Sociology, ND Studies (Online), Fit & Fast Foods, LIFE, Sewing for Fun, First Aid & CPR, Senior Project, JETS, Volunteer Service, and School to Work.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Oak Grove, multiple opportunities exist for student participation in a wide range of extra-curricular activities and athletics. All students are encouraged to take an active role in the school community and find their own special niche. There's something for everyone at Oak Grove, from music to athletics, theatre arts to leadership. Our athletic teams find success in competition and our music groups win performance awards and tour the area and nation annually.

Travel opportunities abound at Oak Grove, such as GAPP, Close Up, mission trips and more. Athletic opportunities at Oak Grove include boys' football, girls' and boys' basketball, girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' track, boys' and girls' golf. Oak Grove partners with other area schools to form teams for swimming, hockey, tennis, soccer, boys' baseball, girls' softball, and cross country. The school boasts many musical groups and opportunities, a Speech team and a thriving theatre arts program. Students also have the opportunity to join organizations, including: Peer Ministry, Chess Club, Leo Club, National Honor Society, SADD, Student Council, Teen Tech Tutors, impACT, and Student Ambassadors.

International students are strongly encouraged to participate in activities outside the classroom. The purpose of participating in such activities is to enrich

the student's cultural experience, integrate foreign students with American students, build friendships, and foster a teamwork mentality. It has been found that participating in such activities will also increase the English language acquisition process.





FACULTY

Oak Grove has a proven reputation for academic quality and successful education provided by a caring and committed teaching staff. The average classroom consists of 17 students (K-12) and Oak Grove's overall student-to-teacher ratio is 12:1. All faculty members are North Dakota certified educators, many with higher level of degrees. Above all, Oak Grove's nurturing faculty members are committed to relational ministry with all students they teach and mentor.

OAK GROVE QUICK FACTS

- Location of School: Fargo, North Dakota
- Type of School: Private, co-educational day school
- Grades Offered for International Students: 9-12
- Religious Affiliation: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- ACT Score (Average): 23
- Number of Students: 190, grades 9-12
- Number of International Students: 20
- Student:Teacher Ratio: 12:1
- Average class size: 17 students
- Are Uniforms Required?: No
- Nearest Major City: Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota
- Is ESL offered?: Yes, on a limited basis
- Nearest airport: Fargo, North Dakota (FAR)



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APPLICATION PROCESS

International students interested in applying for admission at Oak Grove Lutheran School can download an application and all other forms at <http://www.oakgrovelutheran.com/admissions/international.php>.

Completed application and application materials can be sent to:

Oak Grove Lutheran School
124 North Terrace
Fargo, ND 58102 USA

Students MUST undertake the following to be considered for admission into Oak Grove's International Program:

- Provide SLEP test documentation and score
- Complete Oak Grove Lutheran School's International Student Application Form, Health Physical Form, and Computer Release Contract Form
- Provide official academic transcripts for the past 3 years, both in native language and an officially translated English copy, and complete Oak Grove's Grade and Attendance Forms
- Provide certificate of health and immunization history both in native language and an officially translated English copy
- Provide a minimum of 2 teacher recommendations
- Provide proof of international medical insurance (this also can be obtained upon arrival in the U.S.)
- Provide application fee
- Complete a webcam interview with Oak Grove Administration

For more information regarding admission, please contact Terry Haus, Director of Admissions, at terry.haus@oakgrovelutheran.com or 001.701.373.7114.

For more information, including the *International Program Student and Host Family Handbook*, visit www.oakgrovelutheran.com/admissions.