



The O'Neal School Profile for 2025-2026

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The O'Neal School is a small town, independent, co-educational day school for students in pre-kindergarten (age 3) through grade 12. Located in the Sandhills of North Carolina, the 40-acre campus includes Upper, Middle, and Lower School classroom buildings with a library, innovation center, theater, music, and art rooms, two gymnasiums, indoor swimming pool, six tennis courts, and athletic fields. O'Neal draws students of varied socio-economic backgrounds from 20 towns in and around rural parts of Moore County. Since its founding in 1971, O'Neal has adhered to a non-discriminatory policy in admissions and the administration of all school programs.

Mission Statement:

O'Neal is a college preparatory school dedicated to the development of academic excellence, strength of character, and physical and mental well-being of its students in an environment where integrity, self-discipline, and consideration for others are fundamental.

Accreditation

O'Neal is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS).

The Upper School

Enrollment: 81 Class of 2026: 21
Number of Faculty Members: 20

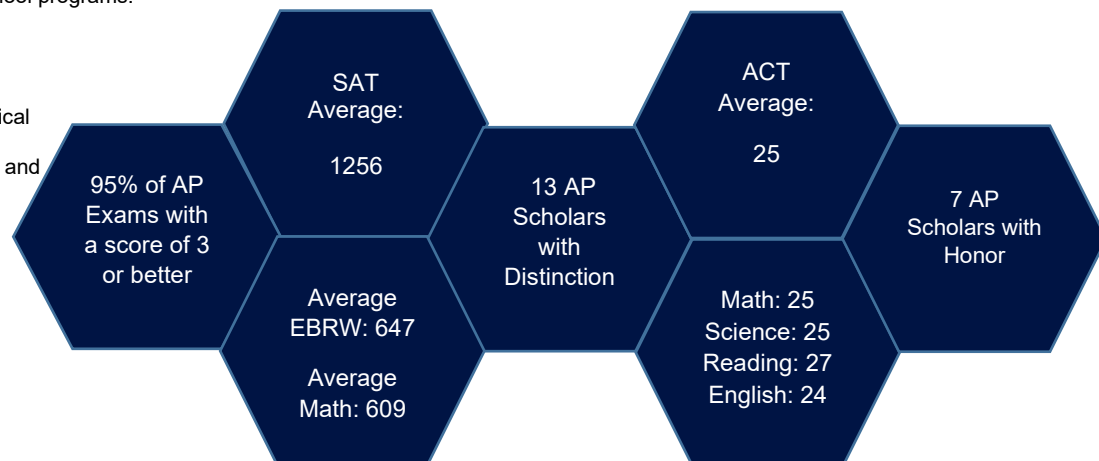
AP Courses Offered

English Language	US History
English Literature	US Government and Politics
Calculus AB & BC	European History
Statistics	Art History
Chemistry	Environmental Science
Biology	2-D Art and Design
Pre-Calculus	3-D Art and Design
World History	Computer Science Principles

Sandhills Community College

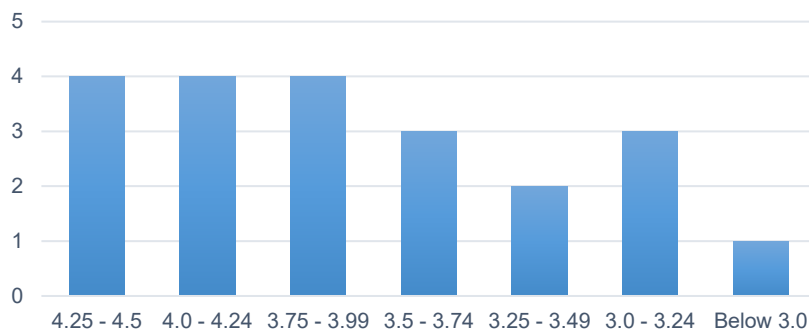
Beginning in Fall 2025, O'Neal Dual Enrollment Courses are completed through a partnership with Sandhills Community College (SCC). Upperclassmen are able to take General Psychology (Fall) and Public Speaking (Spring) for both elective and college credit.

Grading Scale		
A+	97-100	4.25
A	93-96	4.00
A-	90-92	3.75
B+	87-89	3.5
B	83-86	3.25
B-	80-82	3.00
C+	77-79	2.75
C	73-76	2.5
C-	70-72	2.25
D+	67-69	2.00
D	63-66	1.5
D-	60-62	1.00
Any AP, Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, SSRP Program, and Dual Enrollment courses are weighted by adding 1.0 to the quality point for that course.		



*SAT and ACT data is the one year average for August 2024 – August 2025
*AP data is based on the 2024-25 academic year.

Class of 2026 Cumulative Weighted GPA Profile



Class Rank and GPA - Given a selective admissions policy, a college preparatory curriculum, and small graduating class, all courses are taught at an extremely high academic level, but our courses are not designated as honors vs regular. Advanced World Language is taught at a faster pace. Classes are graded as yearlong except for a select few semester courses. All graded courses are included in GPA calculation. **O'Neal does not rank students.**

Disclosure Policy - When requested, O'Neal will disclose to colleges any significant academic or behavioral infractions occurring during a student's time at the school. Students are expected to respond truthfully to any questions asked of them regarding disciplinary action during their time in high school.

Honor Code - O'Neal is governed by an Honor Code and a student-elected Honor Council. Students are required to sign the honor code yearly.

Upper School Graduation Requirements - The O'Neal School requires successful completion of at least 22 credits between grades 9-12.

English - 4 credits	World Language - 2 credits	Math - 4 credits	Fine Arts - 1 credit
Science - 3 credits	Physical Education - 1 credit	History - 3 credits	Electives - 4 credits

The O'Neal School Graduation Requirements

****Please see complete course catalog located here: <https://www.onealschool.org/academics/upper-school>**

English - 4 credits

- English 9
- English 10
- English 11 or AP Language/Composition
- English 12 or AP Literature/Composition

Mathematics - 4 credits

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- One course beyond Algebra 2

All courses for math graduation requirements must be taken in the Upper School. Math taken in middle school will not count for graduation.

Science - 3 credits - All Year Long and All Lab Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics or Conceptual Physics

History/Social Studies - 3 credits

- World History
- U.S. Government or AP US Government
- US History or AP US History

World Language - 2 credits

- 2 years of either French or Spanish (3 credits or more highly recommended).

All courses for world language graduation requirements must be taken in the Upper School. World Language taken in middle school will not count for graduation.

Physical Education - 1 credit

- Pass/Fail credit awarded for participation in sports.

Arts - 1 credit

Electives - 4 credits

- Elective credit can be earned by taking ANY course that is over and above 18 graduation requirements

**Beginning in Fall 2025, 9th graders may take AP Computer Science Principles. They generally do not take other AP courses until grade 10.*

Community Service: Students must complete 9 hours of community service per year. 36 total hours are required to graduate.

One Schoolhouse: O'Neal joined the One Schoolhouse Consortium 20-21. Students may take one elective course through One Schoolhouse. In general, all graduation requirements should be completed at The O'Neal School.

Signature Scholars Research Program (SSRP) - SSRP is a student centered, inquiry-based competitive research program for advanced upperclassmen. It offers a two-year course of study involving Research Methodology and Philosophy and Focalized Research wherein students write a capstone research paper and present in a symposium at the end of the school year.

Notable facts:

- Awards to date: 3 UNC Morehead Cain Scholars; 1 Washington & Lee Johnson Scholar; 1 UNC Charlotte Levine Scholar; 1 NC State Park Scholar
- North Carolina Governors School Recipients: 2018: 1; 2019: 1; 2020: 2; 2021: 2; 2022: 1
- North Carolina School of Math and Science Admissions: 2018: 1; 2019: 1; 2020: 4; 2022: 1; 2023: 2
- 2025 AP Exams - AP Scholars: 9; AP Scholars with Honor: 7; AP Scholars with Distinction: 13
- National Merit Scholarship: 1 Finalist and 1 Winner in the Class of 2024
- Mary and Elliot Wood Foundation Scholarship Winners: 2021: 1; 2022: 1; 2023: 1; 2024: 2; 2025: 2
- Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation: 2 semi-finalists in the Class of 2025
- 80% of Upper School students at O'Neal participate in athletics
- 7 All-State athletes in the 2024-25 school year
- O'Neal is part of the Sandhills Athletic Conference (SAC) and North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association (NCISAA) state athletic association
- JV/Varsity Sports offered: Volleyball, Cross Country, Soccer, Tennis, Cheerleading, Swimming, Basketball, Golf, Baseball, and Track and Field
- Ranked #1 Athletic program among Division 2A schools in the North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association (NCISAA) in 2019, 2021 & 2023. Runners Up in 2022. Moving to Division 1A in the 2026-27 school year

Moore County NC Demographics:

- 2023 population: 102,840; Median Age: 43
- School Enrolled Population Enrolled in Kindergarten to 12th Grade: 68.3%
- Population of those 25 years or older with a bachelor's degree or higher: 40.2%
- Median Household Income: \$85,002; Unemployment rate 3.5%; Poverty Rate 11.8%
- Urban/Rural Representation - Urban 49.3%, Rural - 50.7%
- Population of Veterans: 16.7%; Population of Active Duty Service Members ages 16 or older: 7.7%
- Moore County is the 31st largest county in North Carolina by population. The largest towns in the county are Pinehurst, Southern Pines, and Aberdeen.
- Moore County is 75.9% White, 9.57% Black, 7.58% Hispanic, 4.71% Multiracial, 1.24% Asian, and 1% Native American

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES | Classes of 2020 - 2025

The five-year acceptances list below represents the diverse paths our graduates have taken in recent years (asterisks (*) indicate the Class of 2025 matriculations).

Allegheny College
American Musical & Dramatic University
American University*
Appalachian State University*
Arizona State University
Auburn University*
Augusta University
Averett University
Bard College
Barnard College*
Barton College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berry College
Boston College
Boston University
Brevard College*
Bridgewater College
Brown University
Bucknell University
Campbell University
Case Western Reserve University
Catawba College
Cedarville University
Chowan University
Christopher Newport University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
College of Charleston
College of William & Mary
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Davidson College
Drexel University
East Carolina University**
Eckerd College
Elizabeth State University
Elon University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Flagler College
Florida A & M University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
George Mason University
Georgia Southern University
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Greensboro College
Guilford College
Hampden-Sydney College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Hollins University
Hood College
Indiana University at Bloomington
James Madison University
John Cabot University, Rome

Johns Hopkins University
Kent State University
Kenyon College
Lees McRae College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Liberty University
Limestone University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Marist College
Mary Baldwin University
Marymount Manhattan College
Methodist University
Miami University of Ohio
Michigan State University
Mississippi College
Mississippi State University
Montana State University, Bozeman
Montreat College
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
New York University
Nichols College
North Carolina A & T University
North Carolina State University*****
North Carolina Wesleyan College
Northeastern University
Oberlin College and Conservatory*
Oglethorpe University
Ohio University
Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
Old Dominion University
Oxford College of Emory
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University*
Point Park University
Purdue University, West Lafayette*
Queens University of Charlotte
Randolph Macon College
Regent University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Ringling College of Art & Design
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University, New Brunswick
Saint Augustine University
Samford College
Sandhills Community College**
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of Visual Arts
Seattle Pacific University
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: University of the South
Smith College*
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
St John's University, NY
St Lawrence University
Stetson University
Stevenson University
Suffolk University
Sweet Briar College*

Syracuse University
Temple University, Japan Campus*
Tennessee Tech University
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
The Citadel Military College of SC
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Military Academy at West Point
University of Aberdeen, Scotland
University of Alabama
University of Alabama Huntsville
University of Arizona
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Indiana
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Lynchburg
University of Mary Washington
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri*
University of Missouri, Kansas City
University of Mount Olive
University of North Carolina Asheville
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of North Georgia
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Toledo
University of Vermont*
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wisconsin River Falls
Ursinus College
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University*
Washington College
Washington & Lee University
Washington State University
Western Carolina University*
Western New England University
Wheaton College
William Peace University
Wingate University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute