



# 2019-2020 SCHOOL PROFILE

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## Background

Founded by William I. Koch, Oxbridge Academy opened in September of 2011 and over the last eight years has earned a reputation for excellence. As a progressive and student-centered school, we've created a curriculum and learning environment that is integrated, adaptable, and relevant. Our graduates are prepared for any and all post-secondary pursuits and armed with a well-rounded educational foundation capable of producing extraordinary leaders and world changers. Our academic approach focuses on diverse and rigorous educational experiences enhanced by an interdisciplinary and project-based philosophy that enables comprehensive study through the integration of creative thinking skills and the exploration of real world problems. The average class has thirteen students, the student to faculty ratio is nine to one, and all students are provided laptop computers. Operating on a rotating block schedule, Oxbridge Academy is a member of the Florida Council of Independent Schools and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the National Association for College Admission Counseling, and the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling.

## Mission & Vision

To inspire wisdom through learning in an environment that fosters inquiry, collaboration, innovation, and personal discovery. Oxbridge graduates' inspired love of learning will guide them to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future in life, business, and world citizenship.

## Students

Oxbridge Academy admits students of exceptional quality and character while embracing all forms of diversity. The Class of 2020 has 120 members. Our approximately 500 high school students reside in sixty-one different zip codes. Seventy percent are white, nine percent are Hispanic, five percent are black, four percent are Asian, and twelve percent self-identify as multi-racial or multi-cultural.

## Grading Philosophy & Curriculum

Oxbridge Academy students are graded on the traditional 100-point scale, only final course grades appear on our transcript, and students are not ranked.

Oxbridge Academy Grading System		
Number	Meaning	Letter
90 - 100	Excellent	A
80 - 89	Good	B
70 - 79	Satisfactory	C
60 - 69	Minimum to Pass	D
≤ 59	Failure	F
Additional Transcript Items		
Pass: P	Withdraw Pass: WP	Withdraw Fail: WF
		Loss of Credit: L

Oxbridge Academy offers courses at the **Regular**, **Honors**, and **Honors Seminar** levels. Honors Seminar courses are equivalent to or go beyond the standards of the Advanced Placement® curriculum. Honors Seminar courses in any academic discipline are our most rigorous courses offered and are generally only available to juniors and seniors who have first thrived in courses offered at the Honors level. Honors Seminar courses that were and are available to members of the Class of 2020 include:

English	Math	Science	History, Economics, Psychology	Languages
Comp. Lit at Cambridge Univ.	Calculus B	Biology	Revolution	Chinese 5
English 3: British Literature	AI/Computational Modeling 1/2	Chemistry: Toxicology	European History	French Cult. & Lit. A & B
English 4: Great Books	Multivariable Calculus	Physics: Mechanics	Comparative Gov. and Politics	
Debate 4			History & Philosophy of Science	
			Micro & Macro Economics	
			Abnormal Psychology 1 & 2	

Independent Study courses are graded pass-fail. We also award high school credit to students completing and passing Dual Enrollment college coursework or coursework completed through Florida Virtual School, though grades from such courses are not included in our GPAs. Students must earn 26 credits in order to earn an Oxbridge diploma.

## ACT and SAT Middle 50 Percent Ranges

Class of 2019: **ACT** 23 – 30    **SAT** 1040 – 1320    Class of 2020 (as of July 1, 2019):    **ACT** 20 – 27    **SAT** 1070 – 1260

## Signature Programs

Oxbridge Academy students have the opportunity to dive deep into select interest areas through our Signature Programs, which ignite students' passions, strengthen their skills, and provide valuable learning experiences that hone their skills for college and the world of work. Five Oxbridge Signature Programs of particular note are:

**Cambridge Scholars** Each year fifteen students who demonstrate academic excellence and an exceptional work ethic are selected through a competitive process to take part in an immersive educational experience that includes a two-week stay at Cambridge University. Students spend the semester at home preparing for the trip by reading and researching that year's topic. During spring break, the students travel to Cambridge where they participate in lectures and discussions, visit landmarks, write a college-level paper, and defend their essays before Cambridge professors.

**College & Career Readiness Curriculum** Oxbridge Academy's four-year College and Career Readiness Curriculum is organized into six core themes: Self-Discovery, Success Skills, Support Networks, College Planning, Career Planning, and Financial Planning. The curriculum is delivered in an online format, which is both engaging for students and an important way in which they can become comfortable thriving in an online learning environment. The curriculum augments the in-person academic advising, career guidance, and college counseling students and their parents receive from our college counseling team over the course of students' four years at Oxbridge Academy.

**Independent Research & Study** Oxbridge Academy students have the unique opportunity to explore individual research. In classrooms throughout our campus, students pursue various topics of interest in science, humanities, mathematics, and English. Under the guidance of their teachers, students are tasked with complete responsibility for the project from beginning to end. Students must call and schedule appointments with outside experts, collect, tally, and interpret their data, and develop their conclusions.

**Novel Writing** All Oxbridge Academy freshmen are challenged to write a 30,000-word novel during the month of November as part of the National Novel Writing Month initiative. As a result of this project - one of the school's most popular - over 500 students have written a combined total of more than thirteen million words. Freshmen learn much more than how to write strong sentences and compelling storylines; they also improve their overall communication skills and learn how to manage their time to tackle a thought-provoking and complex extended project. While freshmen are not required to publish their novels, many do so before going on to write more novels.

**Aviation** Oxbridge students have the chance to explore aviation and aeronautics through elective courses, extra-curricular clubs, and a full-motion Redbird MCX Flight Simulator. This program gives students a strong foundation in aviation in order to assess the industry as a career path, build their resumes, gain training hours, and improve confidence. One of only seventy schools in the world that implement the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Associations (AOPA) high school aviation science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) curriculum, the Oxbridge Academy Aviation program combines math, science, geography, government, and economics coursework with knowhow delivered in the form of industry expert lecturers, field trips, and a partnership with SunQuest Aviation, where students receive discounted rates on flight training.

## College Matriculations for Oxbridge Academy's Class of 2018 & Class of 2019

64% of graduates from Oxbridge Academy in 2018 and 2019 chose to attend college outside of Florida; 36% chose to remain in Florida. 96% percent of these graduates attend four-year colleges. Both the Class of 2018 and the Class of 2019 earned over \$10,000,000 in scholarship offers, in addition to money earned by Oxbridge graduates through the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Below are Oxbridge Academy graduates' college matriculations over the last two years.

Alvernia University	1
American University	3
Arizona State University	1
Belmont University	1
Bentley University	1
Boston College	2
Boston University	1
Bowdoin College	1
Brown University	1
Bryant University	2
Bucknell University	1
Butler University	1
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	1
Carnegie Mellon University	1
Central Michigan University	1
Chapman University	1
Colgate University	1
College of Charleston	5
College of the Holy Cross	1
Columbia University	2
Concordia University Chicago	1
Cornell University	1
Davidson College	1
Drexel University	1
Duke University	3
Eastern Michigan University	1
Elon University	5
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	1
Emory University	1
Flagler College	1
Florida A&M University	1
Florida Atlantic University	8
Florida Gulf Coast University	3
Florida Institute of Technology	2
Florida International University	2
Florida Southern College	1
Florida State University	12
Georgia Institute of Technology	5
Georgia State University	1
Gulf Coast State College	1
Hamilton College	1

High Point University	3
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	2
Howard University	1
Indian River State College	2
Indiana University at Bloomington	1
Istituto Marangoni Miami	1
Ithaca College	1
John Cabot University	1
Johnson & Wales University	1
Keiser University	2
Lafayette College	1
Liberty University	1
Loyola University Maryland	1
Manhattan School of Music	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1
Messiah College	1
Middlebury College	1
New York University	2
Northeastern University	1
Northwestern University	1
Ohio University	1
Palm Beach Atlantic University	5
Palm Beach State College	1
Pennsylvania State University	5
Princeton University	1
Providence College	1
Queens University of Charlotte	1
Regent's University London	1
Rice University	1
Rollins College	6
Roosevelt University	1
Saint Joseph's University	1
San Diego State University	2
Sewanee: University of the South	1
Skidmore College	3
Southeastern University	1
Southern Methodist University	3
St. John's University	1
Stanford University	1
The American University of Paris	1
The George Washington University	1

The New School	1
The Ohio State University	3
The University of Alabama	2
The University of Arizona	1
The University of Tampa	5
The University of Texas, Austin	1
Towson University	1
Tulane University	4
University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)	1
UCLA	1
University of Central Florida	8
University of Colorado at Boulder	3
University of Connecticut	1
University of Florida	17
University of Georgia	1
University of Kansas	2
University of Louisville	1
University of Maryland	1
University of Massachusetts	1
University of Miami	7
University of Michigan	4
University of Minnesota	1
University of Mississippi	6
University of North Florida	2
University of Notre Dame	4
University of Pennsylvania	3
University of Pittsburgh	1
University of Richmond	2
University of South Carolina	1
University of South Florida	1
University of Southern California	3
University of Tennessee	1
University of Vermont	1
University of Wisconsin, Madison	1
Vanderbilt University	2
Vassar College	1
Villanova University	5
Virginia Military Institute	1
Wake Forest University	1
Washington College	1
Washington University in St. Louis	1
Yale University	1