



# Corvallis High School 2009-2010 Profile

*Tradition of Excellence; Preparation for the Future – since 1910*

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*At Corvallis High School, we strive to create an environment that nurtures self-esteem, responsibility, sensitivity and life-long learning. Corvallis High School provides students with opportunities and support to acquire academic and life skills for success in our highly competitive global economy. CHS offers a balanced and challenging educational program insuring that our graduates possess the knowledge and skills to live productive and satisfying lives.*

## Accreditation

Accredited by the NW Association of Schools & Colleges  
Silver Award given by US News & World Report

## Community\*

Corvallis, a medium-sized city located in Oregon's Willamette Valley, is home to Oregon State University. The surrounding area's economy is based on timber and agriculture, but in addition to OSU (the county's largest employer) Corvallis has a large number of high-tech employers, including Hewlett-Packard and international engineering firm CH2M-Hill. The educational background of Corvallis's population is unusually high. With the city's culture is dominated by the university and high-tech businesses, public schools in Corvallis enjoy a supportive and involved community.

Corvallis School District serves 7,000 students in grades K-12. The district has seven elementary schools (K-6), two middle schools (6-8), two combined elementary/middle schools (K-8), two high schools (9-12).

*\*Source: 2000 US Census Data*

Residents aged 25 or older:	Corvallis	Oregon	USA
with at least high school diploma	93%	85.1%	80.4%
with bachelor's degree or higher	53.1%	25.1%	24.4%

## Student body

CHS 2009-2010 enrollment is 1276; 25% are Talented and Gifted and 6.5% are English Language Learners.

## Parent/Community involvement

Parents and other volunteers play an important role in contributing to student success at Corvallis High. Under professional direction, Beyond CHS, the school's college and career center, is staffed largely by volunteers. Parents and community resources often participate in classrooms and programs to enrich the learning experience. The Spartan athletics program, with a long-standing tradition of excellence, is strongly supported by volunteers.

## Academics, staff and curriculum

Corvallis High School is distinctive because we have many award-winning teachers and students and a culturally diverse student body. Numerous CHS graduates continue to teach, work, and learn at their alma mater, attesting to its positive and energizing environment. CHS is a place where all are welcome; students find a great balance of challenge and support.

Corvallis High also offers Advanced Placement courses in 11 areas, 5 honor classes, as well as courses that earn students college credit through agreements with Linn-Benton Community College. English composition is an integral part of requirements at each grade level. A variety of work-based learning opportunities allow students to see the connections between school and the world of work.

Corvallis High School employs 64 certified classroom teachers, 4 counselors and 29 support staff.

The school year is 38 weeks long, divided into 2 semesters. Daily classes are a modified block schedule – 1.0 credit semester classes meet every day for 95 minutes, .50 credit split block classes meet for 95 minutes every other day.

## Grading and class standing

High School Graduation requirements	credits
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	2
Social Studies	3
Applied/Fine Arts/Second Language	2
Physical Education	1
Health	1
Career Development	.5
Electives	7.5

.5 credit = ½ year of course work  
1 credit = 1 year of course work

GPA: standard 4-point scale, unweighted

Class of 2009	Grade distribution
top 10%	4.00 – 3.89
top 25%	3.88 – 3.64
top 50%	3.63 – 3.08

point scale	grade	points
90-100	A	4.0
80-89	B	3.0
70-79	C	2.0
60-69	D	1.0
0-59	F	0
60-100	P	
0-59	NP	

## Testing

2009 SAT mean scores	Corvallis	Oregon	USA
<b>critical reading</b>	<b>588</b>	523	501
<b>math</b>	<b>591</b>	525	525
<b>writing</b>	<b>564</b>	494	499

National Merit Scholars	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Semifinalists	7	7	6	7	5	8
Commended	7	10	12	11	16	12

2009 ACT Averages	#tested	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
<b>Corvallis</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>
Oregon	11,560	20.5	21.5	21.9	21.1	21.4

In 2009 CHS students received 4 National AP Scholar Awards, 18 AP Scholar with Distinction, 14 AP Scholar with Honors, and 19 AP Scholar awards.

AP Tests	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
# students	147	165	160	133	169
# tests	273	270	200	200	261
%scoring 3 or higher	84%	82%	75%	81%	78%
% scoring 5	32%	32%	30%	24%	26%

### AP classes offered:

Biology	Environmental Science
Calculus	French
Chemistry	German
English Language & Composition	Physics
English Literature & Composition	Statistics
	U.S. History

Follow up on what CHS graduates do the first year after graduating high school:

Class of	2009	2008	2007
4-year college or university	60%	60%	59%
community college	30%	25%	26%
vocational/technical	3%	9%	4%

### Colleges that Accepted Members of the CHS Class of 2007 – 2009

American University	Gonzaga University	Portland State University	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Arizona State University	Grinnell College	Prescott College	University of Maryland
Arizona State University, Barrett Honors College	Hampshire College	Princeton University	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Baylor University	Harvard	Purdue University	University of Miami
Boise State University	Harvey Mudd College	Reed College	University of Michigan
Boston College	Haverford College	Rice University	University of NC at Charlotte
Boston University	Humboldt State University	Rockford College	University of Nevada, Reno
Brigham Young University	Illinois Wesleyan University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Oregon
Brigham Young University, Idaho	Indiana University at Bloomington	Rutgers University	University of Oregon, Clark Honors College
Brockport	Kalamazoo College	San Jose State University	University of Pittsburgh
Brown University	Knox College	Santa Clara University	University of Puget Sound
Butler University, Indianapolis	Lane Community College	Scripps College	University of Redlands
California College of the Arts	Lehigh University	Seattle Pacific University	University of Richmond
California Lutheran University	Lewis & Clark College	Seattle University	University of Rochester
Carleton College	Linfield College	Skidmore College	University of South Carolina
Carnegie Mellon University	Linn Benton Community College	Smith College	University of Southern California
Carroll College	Lynchburg College	Stanford University	University of Tennessee., Knoxville
Chemeketa Community College	Macalester College	Santa Barbara City College	University of Texas, Austin
Colorado College	Maryland Institute, College of Art	Swarthmore College	University of Utah
Colorado State University	McGill University	Syracuse University	University of Victoria
Connecticut College	Michigan State University	Texas A&M University	University of Washington
Cornell University	Montana State University	Tufts University	University of Western Ontario
DePaul University	New York University	United States Air Force Academy	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Drew University	Northern Arizona University	University of Arizona	University of Wyoming
Duke University	Northwestern University	University of California, Berkeley	Villanova University
Emerson College	Occidental College	University of California, Davis	Washington State University
Evergreen State College	Ohio State University	University of California, Santa Cruz	Washington University, St. Louis
Fort Lewis College	Oregon Institute of Technology	University of Chicago	Western Washington University
Franklin & Marshall College	Oregon State University	University of Colorado	Whitman College
Full Sail University	Pacific Lutheran University	University of Delaware	Willamette University
Goucher College	Pacific University	University of Florida	
Georgetown University	Pepperdine University	University of Hawaii, Manoa	
Gettysburg College	Pitzer College		
	Pomona College		