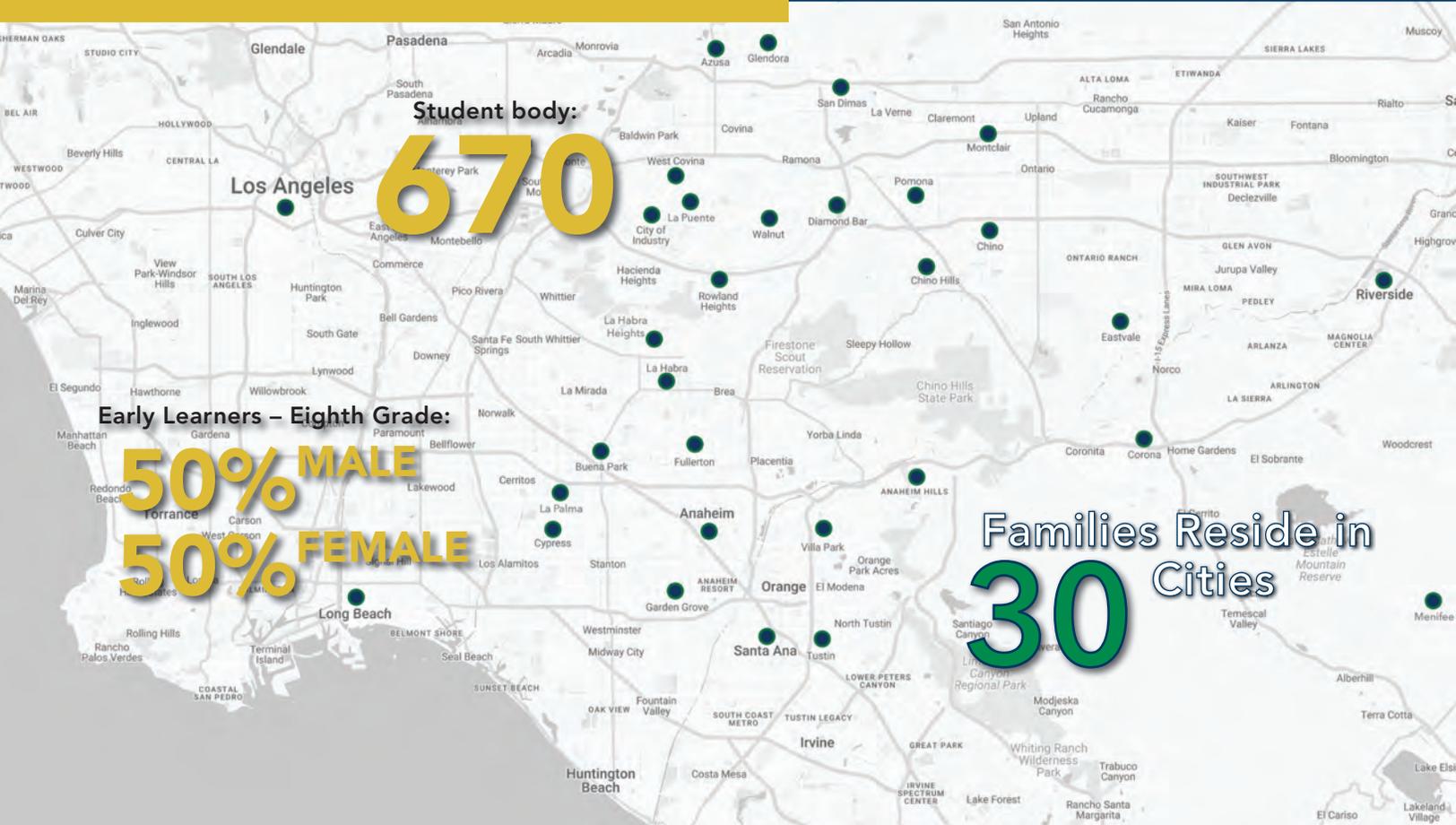




ANNUAL REPORT

2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

DEMOGRAPHICS



SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Named **EDITOR'S CHOICE** for Top Single Location Private School in Orange County by Parenting OC Magazine

Earned **A+ RATING** on Niche, reflecting outstanding feedback from our families

Athletic Director Tamara Edwards and Kindergarten Teacher Cindy Snyder recognized as **TOP TEACHERS** by Parenting OC Magazine

Named American Heart Association Heart of Gold **TOP 25** School

One of only THREE private schools in California to be named a Green Ribbon School by the Department of Education.



SCHOOL INVESTMENTS



NEW PLAYGROUNDS

installed on Yard I and Yard II in partnership with PAL



Phase one

LIGHTING AND NEW AUDIO SYSTEM

installation in gym completed in partnership with PAL

NEW FLOORING

in select areas



AND MORE:

Expansion of Orchestra Room

Internet was upgraded in Building III

Library was updated and relocated

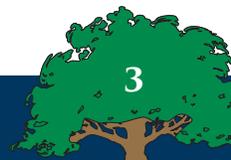
New social-emotional learning curriculum introduced in Middle School

New science & social studies curriculum implemented in 5th Grade

New math curriculum integrated in Junior Kindergarten-2nd Grade

New roofing installed on Building I

Enhanced campus-wide phone system implemented



HIGHLIGHTS

OCSEF - Orange County Science and Engineering Fair

- Riyan R. – 2nd Place in Microbiology/Cell Biology
- Jasper K. – 3rd Place in Fluids/Aerodynamics
- Kai K. – 3rd Place in Chemistry
- Kiara S. – Honorable Mention in Applied Mechanics/Structures/Manufacturing
- Gio V. – Honorable Mention in Behavioral Sciences



Sports Program

DSL Boys Basketball

The DSL Boys Basketball team secured the championship after another extraordinary season.



Sage Hill Math Invitational



- 2nd place in Engineering Challenge: Kai K., Amber W., Ryan C., Michelle H.
- 1st place - 6th grade team: Victor C., Ryan K., Monty H., Chris T.
- 3rd place - 7th/8th grade team: Brian L., Benny X., Jingwei G., Na Rui G.
- Countdown Round 1st Place: Ryan K.



World Strides Heritage Festival

- 2nd Year Band – Silver Rating
- Concert Band (6th Grade) – Silver Rating
- Wind Ensemble (7th & 8th Grade) – Gold Rating
- 2nd Year Orchestra – Gold Rating
- Middle School Orchestra – Gold Rating, 1st Place in Division, Adjudicator’s Award (scores over 95%), and awarded Top Orchestra of the weekend!
- Maestro Awards – Nathan C. (8th) and Ryan K. (6th)



Musical Theatre

- Over 120 HOPE performers lit up the Curtis Theatre stage as they brought The Wizard of Oz to life!

Orange County Debate League National Championship

- Distinguished Speaker Honors for Sophia B., Madelynn L., and Ethan C.



Art Samples



JUNIOR K/KINDERGARTEN

“Primary Color Bats”
(Construction Paper Collage)



1ST GRADE

“Little Blue Hippo with Papyrus”
(Mixed Media in Watercolor)



2ND GRADE

“Fantastical Landscape”
(Mixed Media)



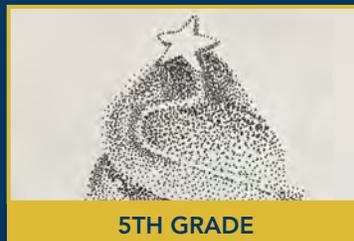
3RD GRADE

“Cezanne Still-Life”
(Oil Pastel)



4TH GRADE

“Warm & Cool Geometric Hippo”
(Canson Paper)



5TH GRADE

“Stripling Cupcake”
(Ink on Canson Paper)



6TH-7TH COMBO CLASS

Middle School Visual Art Elective
- Ceramics





CHARACTER EDUCATION

Heritage Oak is known in the community for its dedication to encouraging and rewarding positive character traits.

Please see the sample of our 2024-25 character education efforts to the right and on the next page.



- Daily formal greetings in all classrooms
- Digital Citizenship incorporated into the curriculum to raise awareness regarding bullying and cyberbullying
- Assemblies where student character was recognized
- Cotillion classes beginning in second grade (instruction in dining, etiquette, interview skills, and formal dancing)
- Third Grade Royal Ball – Culminating the study of Grimm’s Fairy Tales
- Thanksgiving Feasts
- Virtues discussed weekly in the classroom
- National Junior Honor Society service organization in Middle School
- Middle School students worked with humanitarian agencies which encouraged them to give back to the less fortunate
- Second Step Social Emotional Learning Program in JK-5th Grade
- Impacter Social Emotional Learning Program in Middle School





- The Kindness Crew and Husky Heroes organized multiple kindness challenges and raised funds to promote kind acts throughout the campus and community.
- Participated in National Bullying Prevention Month to support the fight against bullying and cyberbullying
- Students painted kindness rocks to distribute around campus and the local area
- Participated in Mental Health Awareness month and raised funds for CHOC's Pediatric Mental Health Unit
- Over 2,000 Acts of Kindness performed by students schoolwide
- Students created seasonal cards for the community
- Held canned food drive for Canning Hunger, collected toys for the LAPD Toy Drive, and donated clothing items to Working Wardrobes
- Supported pediatric cancer research, the American Lung Association, and Children's Hospital of Orange County



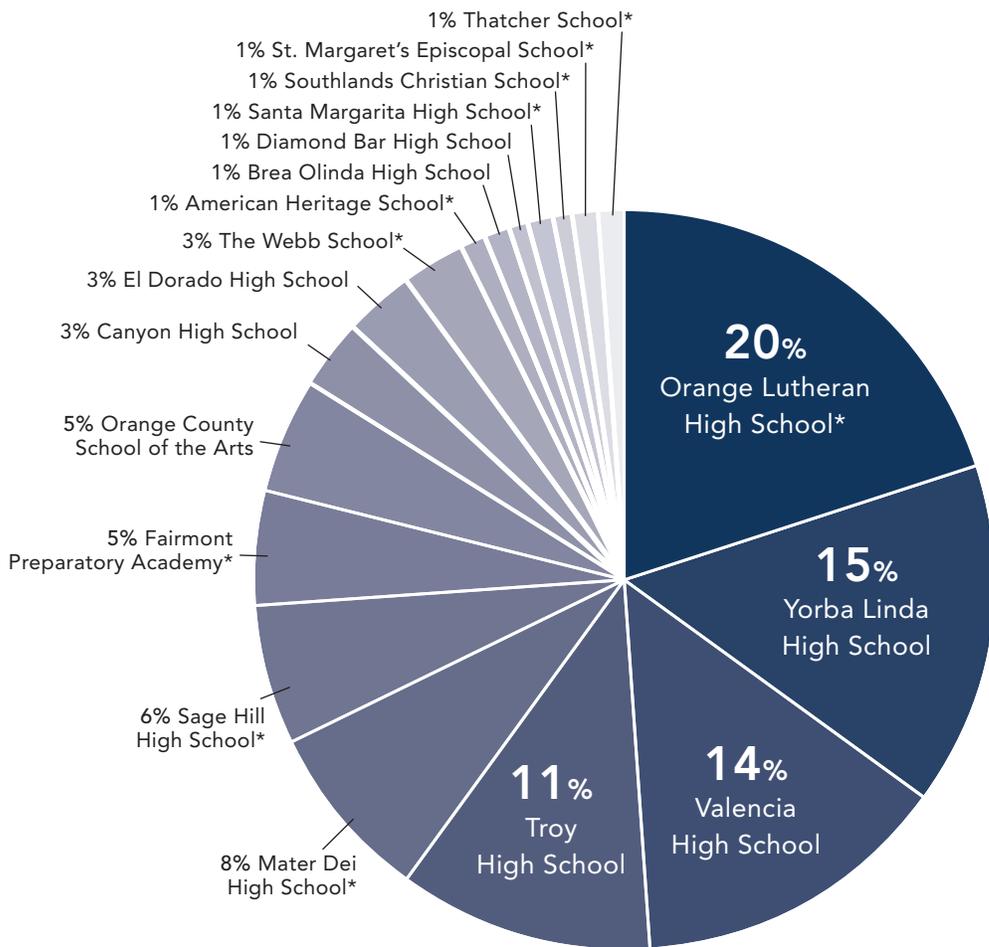
SMART START

Heritage Oak's Smart Start program allowed students who matured physically and did not require a nap to extend their learning each afternoon and explore the world around them. Students became knowledgeable as they studied the seven continents, geography, various cultures, and explored and integrated their own ideas and critical-thinking skills.





GRADUATING CLASS



*Private school

100%

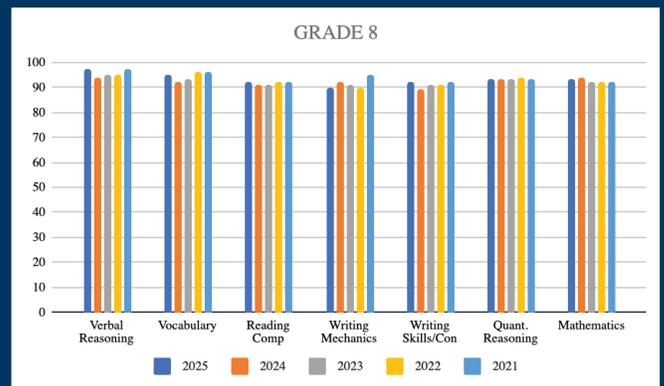
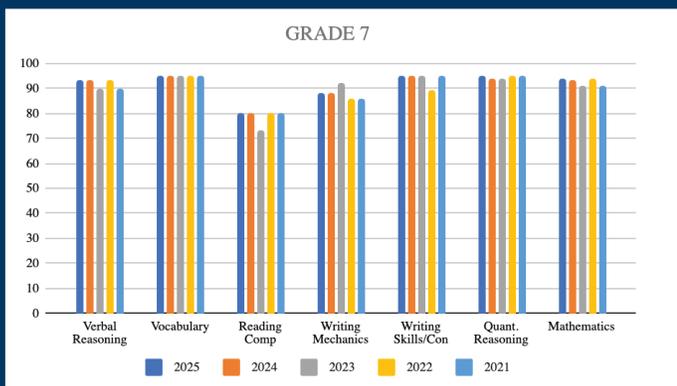
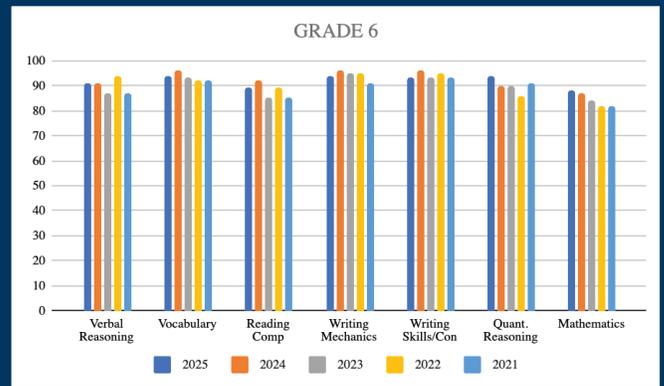
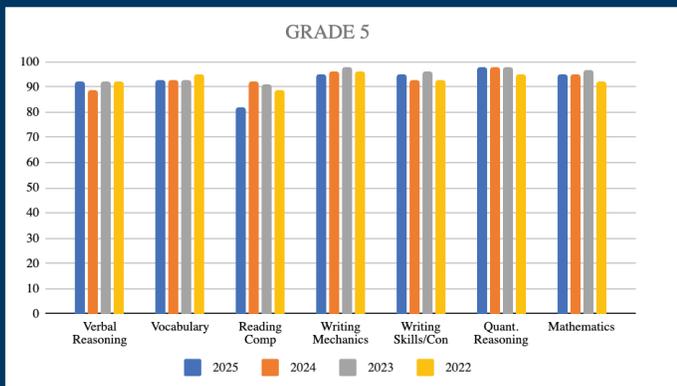
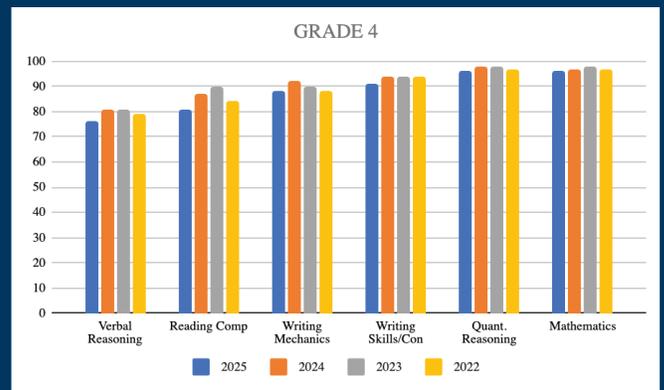
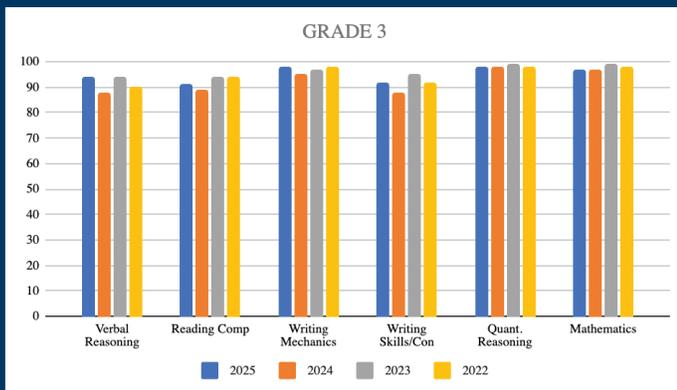
of Graduating 8th Graders were accepted to their high schools of choice. The schools listed reflect the institutions students attended in fall 2025.



TEST SCORES

THE COMPREHENSIVE TESTING PROGRAM (CTP)

Developed by the Educational Records Bureau (ERB) from the most elite boarding schools in the world, this norm-referenced test is used in only 10% of schools in the United States and is generally considered to be the “gold standard” in the world of high-achieving academic institutions. Unlike traditional standardized tests that measure content knowledge, the CTP focuses mainly on critical thinking as it evaluates students in areas such as reasoning, inference, analysis, and problem solving. In comparing ERB standards and the Heritage Oak curriculum to the public school Common Core standards, we have determined that the majority of concepts in our Language Arts and Math programs map to the grade level ahead.



HERITAGE OAK'S CLASS OF 2021: REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY AHEAD

Over the summer, the Class of 2021 returned one last time before heading off to college. From navigating challenges in the classroom to discovering new passions, many of these students shared how their time at Heritage Oak helped shape the skills, confidence, and curiosity that will guide them into the future.



Kevin M., Attending Yale University,

"Heritage Oak gave me the discipline and drive to make my dreams a reality."

Jennalyn U., Attending UC San Diego,

"Heritage Oak gave me lifelong friends and prepared me very well for high school."

Alexandria S., Attending Cal Poly Pomona,

"Heritage Oak taught me how to make strong connections with those around me."

Lucas K., Attending the University of Michigan,

"Heritage Oak taught me time management and prepared me for harder (AP/Honors) classes."

Aidan T., Attending UCLA,

"I learned the importance of being true to yourself and being real to others."

Ana Sofia G., Attending Brown University,

"Heritage Oak gave me unforgettable memories and challenges that shaped me into the person I am today."

Lauren U., Attending UC San Diego,

"Heritage Oak made me have such a good work ethic and gave me amazing friends!"

Austin W., Attending Pepperdine University,

"Heritage Oak surrounded me with awesome people and taught me to have discipline."

PARENT TESTIMONIALS

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Our child has been at HOPE since PreK and is thriving under the dedicated instruction of teachers and wonderful staff. We chose HOPE for a variety of reasons and were particularly impressed not only by the academic program, but the emphasis on character traits, social graces, manners (cotillion), music, and opportunities to perform through assemblies, school play, concerts, etc. The focus on developing a well-rounded child is evident in every aspect of the school.

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- Niche, 2024



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We love the size of the school. It's not too big so every staff and faculty knows each child. They also offer in-school tutoring and piano lessons. My son also joins the reading club and we've noticed his reading skills have improved significantly within one semester

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- Yelp, 2024



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Our son started at Heritage Oak in 2011, followed by his sisters in 2012 and 2017. From the moment we toured the school, we knew it was the right choice for us. We loved the warm and welcoming environment and the school's focus on developing well-rounded students. The academics are challenging and provide a good basis for high school. The music program is wonderful. We have enjoyed the progress all 3 of our children have made since starting violin in 1st grade! We love that Heritage Oak includes cotillion as part of the curriculum, and agree that it is important to know these basic social skills and graces. The yearly school play has also been a great experience for our kids, helping boost their confidence by performing on stage. The teachers have provided a very caring and nurturing environment for our kids to learn and excel. It's no surprise that several have won distinguished teaching awards. Overall, we have had an excellent experience, and would highly recommend Heritage Oak!

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- Niche, 2024





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