

EDUCATION

FAST FACTS



Public Schools

- ◆ In 2009, Oakland County public and non-public high schools averaged a 21.5 composite score on the American College Test (ACT), compared to the state's 19.6, and the nation's 21.1*.
- ◆ There are 28 public school districts in Oakland County that served over 189,600 students in 2008-09 school year. The five largest districts are: Walled Lake (15,779 students); Rochester (14,953 students); Troy (12,221 students); Farmington (12,165 students); and Waterford (11,497 students).
- ◆ The districts with the highest per pupil instructional spending in 2008-09 were: Bloomfield Hills (\$8,827); Southfield (\$8,042); Birmingham (\$7,447); Hazel Park (\$7,227); and Clawson (\$7,153). The average per pupil instructional expenditure in Oakland County was over \$6,100.
- ◆ Oakland County has 20 recognized public school academies serving over 9,600 students. According to Newsweek, the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills was rated number 22 in the nation of the top 100 U.S. high schools; sixteen other Oakland County public high schools from nine different school districts were also listed as being in the top 6% of high schools in the country.
- ◆ All 28 public school districts in the county provide preschool programs including Head Start, Michigan School Readiness, Early Childhood Special Education, and/or tuition-funded preschool. Twenty-seven Oakland County school districts provide child care or latchkey services.
- ◆ Beginning in Fall 2006 Oakland County launched the Mandarin Chinese language program in four school districts. Today, nineteen school districts and three consortium schools in Oakland County offer Mandarin Chinese language programs.

Private Schools

- ◆ There are 109 private or parochial schools servicing over 25,800 students in Oakland County.
- ◆ The five largest K-12 private schools in 2008-09 were: Cranbrook Schools; Detroit Country Day; Southfield Christian; Oakland Christian; and Roeper City & Country with a combined enrollment of over 4,800 students.
- ◆ Fifty-three percent of the cities, villages, and townships in Oakland County have private or parochial schools located within their boundaries.

*State and nation scores from ACT Inc.; Oakland County scores from Michigan Department of Education

Source: ACT Inc., Michigan Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Newsweek, 2008-09 Oakland Schools Summaries & Surveys, Individual school districts

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