

General information about...

# Oneida Baptist Institute



## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Oneida Baptist Institute is to provide a Christian living, learning and working environment in which each of its students, Christian or non-Christian, is diligently challenged to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in order to acquire an "Education for Time and Eternity."

## LOCATION AND PURPOSE

Oneida Baptist Institute was founded in 1899. Located in the eastern Kentucky hills, the main campus is 50 acres with approximately 700 additional acres used for farming and staff housing. We are 17 miles from the county seat of Manchester, and 110 miles from the city of Lexington.

The purpose of Oneida Baptist Institute is to provide young people with a high quality Christian education. OBI accepts boarding students in grades 6-12 and day students K-12. We minister to our students in four major areas: academics, co-curriculars, work and worship.

## ACADEMICS

Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of students with ability levels ranging from below-average to exceptional. We have a unique Learning Center for students with low reading and/or math skills. We provide English as a Second Language for international students, plus honors classes and advanced placement courses for sophomores, juniors and seniors with above-average ability. We are beginning dual credit courses with some colleges and universities. Boarding students are required to attend a supervised study hall each evening, Monday-Thursday. Students who make the honor roll are acknowledged in chapel and excused from study hall as long as they maintain honor roll status.

Oneida students graduate with a standard diploma or advanced diploma. About 80% of our graduates go on to institutions of higher learning.

Middle school students study lan-

guage arts, literature, Bible, history, math, science, health and P.E.

High school students are required to take four years of English and math; three years of social studies and science; one year of health/physical education, Bible, fine arts (music/art appreciation); and two quarters of computer literacy. Their electives may include: band, choir, agriculture, drama, stagecraft, art, Spanish, child development, clothing, adult living, commercial art, yearbook, and Career Placement.

Career Placement allows seniors to gain on-campus work-related skills and experience in many areas.

The school year is divided into four nine-week quarters. There are breaks in the fall and spring of each year, plus Christmas and Thanksgiving breaks.

Oneida Baptist Institute has private school accreditation through the National Non-Public School Commission (NNPSC), the Kentucky Non-Public School Commission (KyNPSC) and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

## ACADEMIC FACILITIES

Our campus includes 11 buildings utilized for classroom space. There is also a library equipped with several computers for research; a middle school computer classroom with 20 computers; a high school computer lab with 16 computers; a high school computer classroom with 20 computers; a commercial art sign lab with 7 computers; a chapel; a state-of-the-art digital piano lab; a band/choir room; a chemistry and biology lab; a family and consumer science lab; and an art lab. OBI's superior agriculture program has facilities to accommodate classroom instruction and hands-on training, including a fully operational farm.

## COLLEGE PREPARATION

Students who plan to attend college are enrolled in the pre-college curriculum which would best prepare them academically. The ACT is given on our campus

four times a year. For a fee, students are provided transportation to area testing centers to take the SAT and the TOEFL as needed.

Some Kentucky colleges and universities recently attended by OBI graduates include: University of the Cumberlands, Centre College, Transylvania, Alice Lloyd, Berea, Campbellsville, Eastern Kentucky, Georgetown College, Lindsey Wilson, Morehead State, Northern Kentucky, Western Kentucky, Murray State, Union College, the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. Out-of-state colleges and universities recently attended by graduates include: Richland, Auburn, Miami (Ohio), the University of Michigan, Vanderbilt, Bowling Green University, Penn State, Baylor, St. John's University, the University of Seattle and the University of Tampa.

## FACULTY AND STAFF

Oneida has 135 full-time faculty and staff. Approximately 40 are teachers or Learning Center aides. Our faculty are mission-minded and view their positions as ministry opportunities. Since most live on campus, they can spend informal time with students at meals, school events, and worship services, providing personal support and role modeling. Many teachers double as coaches and club sponsors.

## CO-CURRICULAR AND ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

At OBI, our belief that each individual has certain strengths and weaknesses predicates our objective to develop the God-given potential in every student. We encourage involvement in athletics and other co-curriculars to help our young people become well rounded in education and experience.

We offer a wide range of athletic possibilities including: volleyball, cheerleading and softball for girls; baseball for boys; cross country, basketball, swimming, tennis, track/field, golf, and soccer

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for boys and girls.

Athletic facilities include: two gymnasiums, softball and baseball fields, an indoor swimming pool, a track, a soccer field and tennis courts.

Christian coaches teach the principles of sportsmanship and teamwork. We do not cut players because of limited ability. Anyone who is willing to practice and contribute in a positive way may join a team. Students must meet certain academic requirements, however, to be eligible to participate in sports.

Activities in addition to course electives and athletics include: drama, band, FFA, Student Council, National Honor Society, Academic Team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Baptist Campus Ministry.

Annual events include the Fall Festival, Yearbook Queen pageant, Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas party, Valentine's social, fall and spring plays, FFA banquet, senior banquet, Spring Fling and alumni Homecoming.

## **WORSHIP**

Chapel services are required each school day. Students are also required to attend Sunday morning worship and, on Sunday nights, are encouraged to attend one of a variety of campus worship activities. Other worship activities include Bible study, discussion groups, Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM), special events, and prayer services.

## **WORK**

The student work program is an important tradition at Oneida. Students are required to work at designated jobs. These jobs help young people develop a sense of responsibility and provide them with valuable work experience.

## **DAILY LIFE**

Atypical school day consists of seven 50-minute class periods and a 25-minute chapel service. The day begins at 7:50 A.M. and ends at 3:05 P.M. Students busy themselves after school with co-curricular activities and work program duties.

We have a supervised free time each weekday evening and twice daily on weekends. At these times various options are available to students, including the gym, swimming pool, campus grill, sporting events, pool room, athletic field and basketball goals. Bedcheck for dormitory students is 10:00 P.M. on school

nights and 11:00 P.M. on weekends.

## **STUDENT BODY AND CONDUCT**

Approximately 250 boarding and 100 day students attend OBI each year. Our student population is approximately 50% male and 50% female. The average student body has students from 25 different states and 25 other countries.

OBI students are expected to demonstrate honesty, responsibility, respect for authority, respect for the property and rights of others and adherence to school rules. School discipline is handled by our principal(s). The dean of students is responsible for dormitory discipline.

## **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Oneida has a summer program with both academic and work program opportunities. High school students during summer school may take up to four quarters of study in a five-week period. Middle school students have math and language arts classes in the summer. Some young people find it easier to adjust to boarding school during the summer school program.

## **BOARDING AND GENERAL FACILITIES**

OBI has two dormitories on campus. The girls live in Burns Hall, which also houses our kitchen, dining hall, and campus grill. There is currently one dormitory for boys -- Marvin Wheeler Hall. All students have access to laundry facilities and all dorms are air-conditioned.

Dormitory life is supervised by houseparents, who are assisted by hall monitors on each floor. The dorms have special accommodations for students who are ill and need to be on bedrest. OBI's Student Healthcare Coordinator is available during the school day and dispenses medications in the girls' dormitory Monday-Friday.

We also have EMT's on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our transportation staff assists the Student Coordinator in taking dorm residents for urgent medical care. If a student needs emergency treatment, he/she is taken to a nearby hospital.

## **ROOM AND BOARD /FEES**

Room and board is \$650 per month for Kentucky residents, \$725 per month for U.S. students with residency outside

Kentucky and \$13,500 per year for international students. U.S. students also pay an annual entrance fee equal to one month's room and board.

Parents of U.S. students must send their child \$45-\$60/month for personal spending. The money is kept in our student bank for limited withdrawals.

The room and board charged to students is less than one-third the actual cost. Therefore, in effect, every student receives room and board assistance in the form of a partial scholarship.

## **ADMISSIONS INFORMATION**

We charge a \$50 processing fee for each U.S. application. Before enrollment, students and families go through a detailed orientation process. These sessions are by appointment. We want the family to know as much as possible about OBI before the student enrolls. Oneida generally accepts students throughout the year, including summer.

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