



2026-2027

Oneida Baptist Institute

General Information



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.

Student Body

OBI accepts dormitory residents in grades 9-12 and day students K4-12. Our enrollment is approximately 350 students. About 1/4 of our students are from other states in the U.S. or other countries. Our student population is approximately 50% male and 50% female.

Location

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 Clay County seat of Manchester and 110 miles from Lexington, Kentucky.

Worship

Upper School students in grades 5-12 are required to attend daily in-school chapel services. Lower school students in grades K4-4 attend a weekly chapel service during school. Dormitory residents attend the Sunday morning worship service at the chapel on campus.

Academics

OBI has private school accreditation through the NCP-SA National Council for Private School Accreditation, the Kentucky Non-Public School Commission (KyNP-SC) and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

OBI students may earn a standard or an advanced diploma. About 80% of our graduates go on to institutions of higher learning. Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of students with ability levels ranging from below-average to exceptional.

Some Kentucky colleges and universities recently attended by OBI graduates include: University of the Cumberlands, Alice Lloyd College, Berea College, Asbury University, Campbellsville University, Eastern Kentucky University, Georgetown College, Morehead State University, Transylvania University, Western Kentucky University, University of Illinois, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, University of Nevada Las Vegas.

We offer tutoring for students with low reading and/or math skills, English as a Second Language for international students, plus honors classes, advanced placement and dual credit courses for sophomores, juniors and seniors with above-average ability.

Middle school students study language arts, literature, Bible, history, math, science, health and P.E. High school students are required to take four years of English, math, social studies and electives; three years of science; two years of a foreign language (for advanced degree); and one year of health/physical education, Bible and fine arts. Electives may include classes in fine arts, life skills, or career and technology.

The school year is divided into two semesters. There are breaks in the fall and spring of each year, plus Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. A typical school day consists of seven 50-minute class periods and a 25-minute chapel service.

OBI students are expected to demonstrate honesty, responsibility, respect for authority, respect for the property and rights of others and adherence to school rules. Disciplinary issues are handled by the Principal.



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Faculty & Staff

In a typical year, OBI has about 75 full-time faculty and staff. Many of our teachers hold degrees and certification in their subject area, and several have earned master's degrees or higher.

OBI faculty and staff are mission-minded and view their positions as ministry opportunities. Since most live on campus, they can spend informal time with students at meals and school events, providing personal support and role modeling. Many teachers also serve as coaches and club sponsors.

Co-curricular & Athletic Opportunities

We encourage involvement in athletics and other co-curriculars to help our young people become well-rounded in education and experience and to identify and grow their God-given talents.

The OBI athletic program has a unique, no-cut policy. Any student, regardless of ability, who is willing to practice and contribute in a positive way may join a team. We support our students by strictly adhering to the academic eligibility standards as outlined by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

OBI offers a wide range of athletic possibilities including: volleyball and cheerleading for girls; baseball for boys; cross country, basketball, E-sports, soccer, tennis, track and field, for boys and girls. Athletic facilities include: two gymnasiums, softball and baseball fields, a lighted synthetic track and soccer field and lighted tennis courts.

Other cocurriculars offered at OBI include: Choir, Student Council, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Baptist Campus Ministry.



Dorm Life

One of the things most of our students love the best about OBI are the friends they make. Both local and dormitory students appreciate the diversity of our student body and the opportunity to get to know students from around the world.

OBI has two dormitories—Jen-Hsun Huang Hall for girls and Carnahan-Daugherty Hall for boys. Both dormitories are air-conditioned and have laundry facilities and wifi. The OBI cafeteria provides three meals a day, seven days a week. Dormitory life is supervised by houseparents and the Residence Life Director. Students who need medical care are taken to a nearby clinic, urgent care or hospital emergency room.

Dormitory residents have daily room chores plus an additional chore in the common areas. Students have access to a nearby Dollar General for personal supplies and snacks. In the evening and on weekends, dorm students may attend campus events, participate in a sport or club, or spend time with friends in a supervised setting. Bedtime for dormitory students is 10:00 P.M. on school nights and 11:00 P.M. on weekends.

Tuition, Room and Board

Day students attend school at OBI for free. For dormitory residents, tuition, room and board for 2026-2027 is \$10,800 for Kentucky residents and \$11,700 for U.S. students with residency outside of Kentucky. (For international fees, contact OBI Admissions.) U.S. students pay an annual entrance fee of \$450. The monthly tuition, room and board charged to U.S. students is less than one-half of the actual cost of maintaining a student for a month.