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Oxford Preparatory School Posts Highest Academic Achievement in School History

Record proficiency, record college and career readiness, and record AP performance in 2025-26

OXFORD, N.C. — With the release of 2025-26 accountability results by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Oxford Preparatory School students posted the strongest academic achievement in the school's history. Oxford Prep earned a school achievement score of 83.6, up from 80.2 the prior year, and an overall EOG/EOC composite proficiency of 83.0 percent, up from 79.5 percent. Both are records for the school since it opened in 2013. Oxford Prep again met academic growth expectations, school-wide and in both reading and mathematics, and earned an overall School Performance Grade of B (82).

Highlights from 2025-26

- Record achievement. School achievement score of 83.6, up 3.4 points year over year.
- Record proficiency. 83.0 percent of Oxford Prep students scored at or above grade level across all tested subjects, up from 79.5 percent.
- A leap in college and career readiness. 89.6 percent of students met the state's ACT/WorkKeys college-and-career-ready standard, up from 66.1 percent. (Beginning in 2025-26, the state set the ACT benchmark for this measure at a composite score of 17, aligned with University of North Carolina System admissions criteria for students entering college in fall 2026.)
- Record Advanced Placement performance. 65 percent of Oxford Prep AP students' test scores earned a qualifying score of 3 or higher, up from 51 percent last year and roughly 30 percent in each of the three preceding years.
- Growth expectations met. Oxford Prep met academic growth expectations overall and in both reading and mathematics.

Narrow achievement gaps

Oxford Prep's achievement gaps remained substantially narrower than those reported statewide. Across all tested subjects, Oxford Prep's Hispanic students (83.5 percent proficient) performed within a single point of the school's White students (84.3 percent), and the school's Black-White gap stood at 7.5 points. Statewide, the comparable gaps were 22.7 points and 26.9 points. The pattern held for economically disadvantaged students: statewide, economically disadvantaged students trailed their non-disadvantaged peers by 25.1 points (46.2 percent versus 71.3 percent), while at Oxford Prep the gap was 8.9 points (76.9 percent versus 85.8 percent).

"The results that matter most to families are the ones that tell you what students actually know and can do, and by that measure this was the best year in our school's history," said Andrew Swanner, Executive Director of Oxford Preparatory School. "More of our students are reading and performing in mathematics at grade level, more are leaving us college and career ready, and more are succeeding on Advanced Placement exams than at any point since we opened. Just as important, our students are achieving at high levels across every group we serve. That is the whole point of a college-preparatory public school that is open to everyone."

Reading the School Performance Grade

Oxford Prep's overall School Performance Grade for 2025-26 is an 82, a B, one point below the prior year's 83. North Carolina calculates the grade as 80 percent achievement and 20 percent growth. Oxford Prep's achievement score rose 3.4 points; its growth score moved from 93.6 to 77.6, reflecting a year in which the school met, rather than exceeded, growth expectations.

Two factors contributed. First, the growth calculation changed. In 2024-25, following statewide testing disruptions, growth included summer retest administrations; that was a one-year condition. For 2025-26 and going forward, growth counts assessments completed during the school year. Second, growth measures students against expectations based on their prior performance, so a record-achievement year raises the bar the following year.

"We are not going to dress up a one-point change as anything other than what it is, and we are not going to let it obscure a record year," Swanner said. "Run this year's achievement score through last year's growth score and Oxford Prep lands at an A. The achievement side of the equation is already there. Growth is the remaining variable, and that is a solvable, specific piece of work rather than a mystery."

What comes next

Oxford Prep enters 2026-27 under the theme "Building an 'A' Future: Innovation Under Construction" — a phrase that describes both the academic work ahead and the campus literally taking shape on Landis Road.

Academically, the school's clearest lever is reading in grades 3-8, where proficiency (72.8 percent) trails mathematics (84.2 percent) by more than eleven points. Closing that gap raises achievement and growth simultaneously. Additional support is also being built around specific grade-level teams.

On campus, construction of Innovation Hall is underway. The approximately 55,000-square-foot facility will add classrooms, a Lower School library and media center, an expanded gymnasium, a fitness and weight training room, and dedicated space for electives and student programs. Completion is targeted for summer 2027, allowing Oxford Prep to open the 2027-28 school year with a planned 30 percent enrollment expansion in grades K-9 and to extend its college-preparatory program to significantly more families in the community.

"These outcomes belong to our teachers and staff, our leadership team, our Board of Directors, our students, and the families who have committed to this mission," Swanner said. "Our job now is to sustain record achievement while restoring the growth results we know this faculty can produce. Innovation Hall is going up at the same time these scores are going up, and that is deliberate. Our commitment to the families who join us in 2027 is that they are walking into the school that produced these results, not a larger version of something else."

About Oxford Preparatory School

Oxford Preparatory School (OPS) is an independent, K-12 public charter school located on Landis Road in Oxford, North Carolina. Construction of Innovation Hall, an approximately 55,000-square-foot academic, arts, and athletic facility, is underway, with completion targeted for summer 2027, to support a planned 30 percent enrollment expansion in grades K-9 beginning in 2027-28. By combining a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, service to

the community, and an emphasis on the arts, OPS employs a unique approach to education focused on graduating well-rounded students who will someday become the future leaders of our community, nation, and world.

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