

# AOA Fast Facts

- An independent coeducational day and boarding school
- Serving day students pre-kindergarten – 12th grade
- Boarding is available for 7th – 12 grade students
- Boarding students represent 27% of our student body
- Average class size 10 – 15 students
- Excellent teacher-to-student ratio is 1:12
- The student diversity rate is 35%
- Students hail from 8 states and 14 countries
- Challenging college preparatory, honors, and advanced placement courses offered
- 17 interscholastic sports teams provide tremendous opportunities
- Beautiful 300 acre campus located 30 minutes from Cleveland, Ohio



Andrews Osborne  
ACADEMY

Andrews Osborne Academy  
38588 Mentor Avenue  
Willoughby, Ohio 44094  
440-942-3606  
800-753-4683  
admissions@andrewsosborne.org  
www.andrewsosborne.org

# Discover A World of Learning



# Discover

# A World of Learning



**Charles J. Roman**  
Head of School

Welcome to the world of Andrews Osborne Academy, and I do mean the world. With 25% of our students representing numerous countries throughout the globe, our campus is truly a global village. As an independent PK-12 college preparatory school, we offer students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to live on campus or attend the school as day students. The curriculum at each grade level is rich and challenging. In everything we do, we are committed to excellence and to the growth and development of our students. We embrace differences in learning style and culture in a richly diverse and supportive community. While we

emphasize academic excellence, we offer numerous extra-curricular activities including athletics, fine arts, and social activities. With an ideal combination of outstanding programs, an excellent faculty and staff, and a beautiful campus, students remain the focus of the Andrews Osborne Academy.

To better understand Andrews Osborne Academy and Discover A World of Learning, we encourage you to visit our website and virtual tour. Better yet, visit us in person.

– **Charles J. Roman**

## A Formula for Success

Whether your student is into science, mathematics, equestrian, sports or the arts, Andrews Osborne Academy has a proven formula for your child's success. Since our founding 100 years ago, we've been preparing students to meet their goals and achieve purposeful and fulfilling lives. Today we continue to emphasize our founders' core values of self-reliance, academic excellence and strong moral character, all of which prepare our students to succeed in college and in all that life has to offer.

We know that enrolling your child at an independent school can be one of the most important decisions you may ever make. At AOA, our approach to learning goes beyond what you would find in a typical school. But then our students are not your typical students. Hailing from our own back yard, from across the continent and from around the globe, our student body is richly diverse and is a balanced reflection of our changing world. This diversity coupled with a globally focused curriculum prepares our students to compete and lead in the 21st century.



*“globally focused curriculum prepares our students...”*



# Explore

# The World

## Academics

Academics are more than simply presenting our students with a challenge or encouraging them to reach beyond their grasp of a core subject. At Andrews Osborne Academy, we believe in providing support through an individualized, comprehensive plan that paves a path to success for each student. Through the efforts and commitment of the entire faculty and staff, AOA offers an academic program that not only teaches the skills and knowledge

students need to prepare for each progressive year and for college, but also nurtures an interest in life-long learning, builds confidence in their own abilities and helps define who they are and who they can be. Combine this with a diverse student body, small classes and excellent facilities, and you have a one-of-a-kind educational experience that will support the promise of a bright future for every student.



**Laura Walsh**  
Middle School & Upper School Director

*“ To be a member of the AOA community is an experience unlike any other and is certain to have a lasting and meaningful effect on your child’s life. It is a place where students learn to be independent, self-confident individuals with a greater appreciation of the world around them. In this day and age, there are few places that provide a strong foundation in educational studies within a global community like ours. ”*



## Global Studies

The AOA Global Studies program offers students the opportunity to travel the world through integrated academics and co-curricular programs. It allows students to develop an understanding of self and their place in their communities from the local level to the global level, to cultivate an appreciation for others, and to become active citizens first in their local communities and then in the larger global community. Each grade level studies specific regions of the world, periods in history, or global themes, but global studies are not limited to the social studies topics. They also include the integration, when appropriate, of environmental responsibility, social justice issues, politics, democracy, citizenship, community service, and the skills of cooperation, communication, critical thinking, and open-mindedness.



**Mary Naso**  
3rd Grade Teacher

*“ I love our global studies program for so many reasons. Our students are learning about a new area of the world every year. The result of this increased knowledge will inspire awareness and acceptance of the variety of lifestyles and issues facing people all over the world. ”*



*“travel the world through integrated academics...”*



# Imagine

# The Possibilities

*“developing the whole child is a critical aspect...”*

## Early Childhood (ages 3-4)

Our youngest learners are actively engaged in everything from being a Handy Dandy Helper to sharing their favorite books to celebrating holidays from around the world to creating science experiments. Visitors to our classrooms often comment that our students look like they are having a lot of fun. And they are! We know that children learn best when they're playing. We've created an environment that nurtures their natural curiosity and encourages them to explore, experience and discover the world around them.

Our Early Childhood Program gives parents a variety of scheduling options, providing parents the flexibility they need to choose an educational pathway that meets their child's needs. Ultimately, we hope our varied schedules will expand the opportunities to expose your child to the joys of learning.



**Theresa Frisbie**  
Lower School Director

*“ Students in our Lower School thrive in the safe and nurturing environment of our family atmosphere as they feel comfortable taking risks and are supported while testing new ideas, trying new skills, or sharing acquired knowledge. ”*



## Lower School (K - 5th grade)

A commitment to developing the whole child is a critical aspect of the education experience in our Lower School with social and emotional growth as core to our concepts as academics. Daily, we provide a hands-on, character-building, and positive learning environment. Students are challenged to take problem-solving risks and then to celebrate both learning successes and errors. Our low teacher-student ratio allows instructors to focus on planning for individuals rather than expecting group uniformity in skill development, achievement, and performance. The curriculum has a definite scope and sequence development where students build on skills and understandings from year to year. Upon completion of the Lower School, our students have been given the skills they need to be more independent learners, the tools needed to support solid study skills and habits, and a strong academic base to prepare them for success in the demanding Middle School curriculum.



**Visnja Kennelly**  
AOA Parent

*“ As a parent, my children's education is very important to me. At AOA, they thrive daily from the small student/teacher ratio, the nurturing environment and overall academic excellence the school exemplifies. ”*



# Discover

# Your Potential

## Middle School (6th - 8th grade)

The AOA Middle School offers an integrated, experiential education like no other. From the interdisciplinary study of Greece to reliving colonial times, students are actively engaged in learning through experience. The teachers come to know the sixth through eighth grade students as individuals with talents, skills, and character attributes that are not confined to the classroom. The educational program focuses on

academic excellence, connects school and family, and underscores the development of the whole child. An AOA Middle School education enables students to build the confidence, leadership, academic skills, and interpersonal relationships that serve them well in our college preparatory Upper School and throughout their lives.



**James Barbarich**  
Upper School Science Teacher

*“Our rigorous curriculum successfully prepares our students for the demands of the collegiate academic workload, making the transition much easier.”*



## Upper School (9th - 12th grade)

The Upper School at Andrews Osborne Academy offers intellectual challenge and personal growth to a diverse community of students. One of the first things you'll notice about our classes is students and teachers are genuinely caught up in the excitement and momentum of learning. Our academic program is rigorous and challenging to every student. We offer advanced level courses that ensure even the most gifted students will be intellectually challenged. Since our class sizes average only 12 students, teachers know each student's strengths, weaknesses, and potential. Our classrooms are filled with the excitement of energetic discussions that sharpen the intellect and deepen students' understanding of their subjects. The curriculum has been carefully designed to prepare students for the rigors and rewards of college, community, and life.



**Ric Doringo**  
Upper School Teacher & Chair,  
History Department

*“I enjoy teaching at AOA for three reasons: I have the opportunity to work with students who are inquisitive and dedicated. I have freedom to develop different teaching methods and courses. I have colleagues who are extremely knowledgeable, dedicated to teaching and supportive of each other.”*



*“intellectual challenge and personal growth...”*



# Achieve

# The Extraordinary

## Athletics

Because lessons learned on the athletic field carry over into every other aspect of student life, athletics is a proud tradition at Andrews Osborne Academy. With sports for every season and every ability, there is ample opportunity to learn self-reliance, confidence and the value of personal and group goals. Competing with private and public schools in North-east Ohio, AOA athletes participate in individual and team sports, while our extensive athletic facilities make it possible to explore a variety of

fitness opportunities and extracurricular options including equestrian, skiing, hiking and aerobics. AOA's zero-cut policy promotes participation and encourages students to be part of the team. Our coaches share the school's commitment to the success of each child. They play a major role in the development of their athletes as they promote leadership skills, teamwork and sportsmanship – character-building traits that serve our students forever.



**Daniel Jang**  
AOA Student

“I enjoy being at AOA because there is great diversity on the playing field and on campus.”



**Emily Manos**  
Equestrian Student

“Boarding at AOA enables me to be close to my horse since I'm within walking distance to the Equestrian Center. I've got the best of both worlds.”

## Equestrian Program

Riding is no ordinary sport, and this is no ordinary program. Beyond its ability to promote self-confidence, teamwork and discipline, AOA is unmatched in our dedication to equestrian sports. Students from all across the country and around the globe come to AOA for our extraordinary equestrian facilities and training program.

From the beginner who is just learning the ropes to the advanced rider with Olympic goals, AOA has a program tailored to meet every rider's needs. Combined with our nationally renowned trainers and our world class facilities, the Equestrian Center at AOA gives riders the tools and facilities they need to achieve their goals. For those seeking to become the best, AOA is the place to train. Our competition team is consistently ranked among the top in the country. We're more than a showcase facility; we're a place where horse and rider come together as one competitor with access to the kind of training necessary to win. At Andrews Osborne Academy, we're serious about riding.



“unmatched in our dedication to equestrian sports.”



# Create

# Your Own Masterpiece

## The Arts



**Jeanette Sulak**  
Art Teacher

At Andrews Osborne Academy, we believe the Arts are an important part of developing a well-rounded student. Our program is not an add-on to the curriculum. Instead it is both integrated into other coursework and explored fully in our outstanding studio and performing arts programs. We nourish the creativity and imaginations of our students, foster communication skills and improve student achievement in all areas

of study through our dynamic arts curriculum. From traditional choir concerts to our bi-annual theater productions, we feel the Arts at AOA are an essential building block in developing the whole child, enhancing problem-solving skills, improving critical thinking, encouraging self-expression, and building self-esteem.



“ Art offers students the opportunity to explore multimedia and be able to express their innermost feelings in a creative way. ”

## Residential Life



**Doug Lee**  
Boarding Student

Residential life at Andrews Osborne Academy is complemented by the diversity of background each student brings. While day students commute from the many communities surrounding Cleveland, boarders come from Ohio, across the nation and around the world. We believe that there is something extraordinary about boarding at AOA.

Boarding is available for students enrolled in grades 7-12 and includes both 5-Day and 7-Day options. Boarders live in gracious homes on campus which accommodate from eight to twenty students and are overseen by professional house-parents and their assistants.

AOA offers boarders the best of both worlds: small town comfort and safety, combined with all the amenities of living close to a major city. On weekends, boarders have the opportunity to relax or take advantage of a full schedule of optional planned activities.

School transportation and chaperones are provided to shopping malls, movie theaters, museums, cultural events, professional sporting events (Cleveland has NBA, MLB and NFL teams), amusement parks and more. Opportunities to learn do not end with the last class of the day, but also occur on our athletic fields, in our dorms, and during all of our activities.



“Small town comfort... close to a major city.”

“ AOA is a wonderful place to live; I'm comfortable here and the campus environment is great. ”

# Experience

# The Difference

## Student Life

Student life at Andrews Osborne Academy is just that ... life, and all the things that make up a life for a developing young mind. It is all the activities that shape and build character, with 50 clubs and organizations that bring people together; it's even the green space that is more than a field, but a place to interact with fellow students from around the world.

Student life at AOA is full of opportunities to explore both in and out of the classroom, discover leadership abilities through athletics, participate in extracurricular activities and make new friends.

From the rigorous academics to the arts to athletics, it's all happening right here on our campus.

*Discover a World of Learning at Andrews Osborne Academy.*



**Marina Barboza**  
AOA Student

“ AOA feels like home, and I can have friends from all over the world. We're unique. ”



DISCOVER A WORLD OF LEARNING

