

## COVID-19 UPDATES

### **2019-2020: TRIMESTER 3**

When Pingree returned for the third trimester in March 2020, we began a newly designed distance learning program due to the COVID-19 pandemic and transitioned to **pass/fail grading for this final trimester**. We believed this mode of grading was the right thing to do for students and for faculty delivering a robust distance learning program.

Here are the “categories” in our pass/fail model:

**Pass:** The student demonstrated proficiency with the essential skills and/or content covered in the course. Credit was earned for the course.

**Fail:** The student did not demonstrate proficiency nor did the student communicate that obstacles had gotten in the way of their skill development or comprehension. The student did not earn credit for T3 in this course.

For **final grades in year-long or multi-tri courses**, we listed a single final grade on the transcript. For full-year courses, this grade only weighed T1 and T2 grades, but students still earned 3 credits. For multi-tri courses that spanned T2 and T3, the grade would be the same as the T2 grade and the student earned 2 credits.

### **2020-2021: TRIMESTER 1**

The pandemic continues to alter Pingree’s schedule and program for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the ongoing risks of COVID-19, Pingree has created an alternate hybrid schedule for its students. The features are explained in a simplified way below:

- We have maintained our trimester system, but we will be splitting each trimester in half. Students will be taking a reduced number of courses during each half of the trimester. They will complete all of their required and non-required credits by the end of each trimester.
- Courses will be meeting in person two times per week and one time online every other week. The length of each class block has been lengthened to off-set the reduced number of weeks each class meets during the trimester.
- Students in grades 10-12 will receive letter grades in their courses at the end of each trimester. The end of Trimester One will represent our midyear report.

Founded in 1960, Pingree School is an independent, coeducational day school for grades 9–12 dedicated to fostering critical thinking, discipline of mind, and civic engagement for all students. Located 20 miles north of Boston, Pingree currently draws its 397 students from more than 50 communities. Admission is very competitive and based on school records, SSAT/ISEE testing, teacher recommendations, and an interview. 100% of our graduates go on to attend four-year colleges or universities.

**Our Mission**

Dedicated to academic excellence and development of high personal standards, Pingree believes that a love of learning flourishes best in a diverse community that respects truth, curiosity, creativity, humor, and independent and imaginative thinking. Above all, Pingree strives to instill in its students integrity, decency, compassion, self-esteem and commitment to one another and to the world at large.

**ACCREDITATION**

NEASC (New England Association of Schools & Colleges)

**SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP**

The College Board, SSATB, ISNE, NAIS, NACAC, NEACAC, ACCIS (Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools), BISCCA (Boston Independent School College Counseling Association)

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

ENGLISH: 4 years to include one year of American Literature, American Cultural Studies, or an approved equivalent course  
 HISTORY: 3 years to include Themes and Issues in World History, Modern European History and U.S. History, or American Cultural Studies  
 SCIENCE: 3 years to include biology, chemistry, and physics  
 MATH: 3 years  
 FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 3 consecutive years in one language  
 ART: 2 years

**INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES**

**American Cultural Studies**

A rigorous year-long double credit junior course taught jointly by the History and English Departments. Students must apply or be recommended for this course. The course meets during two class periods and offers full credit in both English and History. Students receive one grade.

Pingree offers a number of other single and half-credit courses that are either team taught or contributed to by teachers from differing disciplines.

**H BLOCK ELECTIVES**

H Blocks are half-credit electives that allow students to pursue diverse interests and take intellectual risks. All H Block electives are pass/fail.

**SENIOR PROJECTS**

Twelfth grade students spend the year planning a two-week capstone project to explore different interests they may have developed during their time at Pingree. Projects, which happen in May, have included community service, job shadowing, and internships. Over the course of the year twelfth graders work on developing proposals, networking, and presentation skills.

**HONOR ROLL**

Honor roll is calculated by trimester using weighted GPAs. (+5 points for AP and honors classes). Students in the top decile of each class earn high honors. Students in the second decile of each class earn honors. Students in the third decile of each class, along with any students with all As of any kind (A-, A, etc.) who are not on the Honor Roll, are placed on the Head of School’s List.

**GRADING SYSTEM**

**Grade Range**

A+ 97–100	B+ 87–89	C+ 77–79	D+ 67–69	F >60
A 93–96	B 83–86	C 73–76	D 63–66	
A- 90–92	B- 80–82	C- 70–72	D- 60–62	

**AP COURSES\***

Art History	French Language
Biology	Physics C
Calculus (AB and BC)	Spanish Language
Chemistry	Statistics
Environmental Science	US History

**HONORS COURSES\***

Acting & Directing	Physics
Art History	Pingree Music Ensembles
Chemistry	Math 3
Chinese 5	Pre-Calculus
Dance Ensemble	Spanish III/IV
French III/IV	Spectrum Vocal Ensemble

**ADVANCED/ACCELERATED COURSES**

French & Spanish Seminars	Senior History Seminars
	Spanish 2

*\*Students may take a maximum of three AP courses in one year and a maximum of four AP and honors courses combined. When students are recommended for an advanced, honors, or AP course but schedule restraints prohibit them from taking it, a note will be added to the student’s transcript.*

## ACADEMIC PROFILE: Class of 2020

92 students • 3 National Merit Commended Scholars

GPA's	A+ 97+	A 93–96.9	A- 90–92.9	B+ 87–89.9	B 83–86.9	B- 80–82.9	C+ 77–79.9	C 73–76.9	C- 70–72.9	D/F 0–69.9
2020 (92) 2021 (96)	3 0	11 15	18 15	28 33	21 27	10 5	3 1	0 0	0 0	0 0
AP's	5	4	3	2	1					
2020 (57) 2021 (55)	14 17	16 22	17 13	8 3	2 0					
2020 SAT-EBRW SAT-M	700–800 13 10	600–699 19 24	500–599 26 21	400–499 2 5	300–399 0 0			Median 610 610		Middle 50 570–670 550–670
ACT 2020	33–36 7	29–32 10	25–28 15	21–24 14	17–20 2			Median 27		Middle 50 24–30

## CLASS OF 2021 GRADE DISTRIBUTION: JUNIOR COURSES\*

\* Most math, language and art classes are mixed (include non-juniors).

COURSE	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D's/F	Median
AMERICAN LIT.	0	6	15	24	15	10	5	2	0	0	B+
AMER. CULT. STUDIES	0	0	1	4	8	3	0	0	0	0	B
MATH 3	0	9	16	18	16	4	1	1	1	0	B+
HONORS MATH 3	0	4	5	8	5	2	2	0	0	0	B+
PRE-CALCULUS	0	12	12	6	11	4	4	3	0	0	B+
HONORS PRE-CALC.	6	12	7	7	9	1	1	1	0	0	A-
COMPUTER	0	15	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	A
PHYSICS	0	0	6	16	18	13	5	0	0	0	B
HONORS PHYSICS	0	13	8	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	A-
AP PHYSICS 1	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	A-
SCIENCE ELECTIVES	5	23	26	20	22	7	3	0	0	0	A-
U.S. HISTORY	0	5	18	11	21	6	1	0	0	0	B+
AP U.S. HISTORY	0	1	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	A-
CHINESE	0	7	8	9	10	1	0	0	0	0	B+
HONORS CHINESE	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	A-
FRENCH	0	1	2	3	10	2	4	2	0	0	B
ADV. FRENCH	0	1	8	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	B+
AP/HONORS FRENCH	0	0	8	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	A-
SPANISH	0	12	17	21	23	10	7	3	0	1	B+
ADV. SPANISH	1	21	38	26	13	8	1	3	0	0	A-
AP/HONORS SPANISH	0	12	13	9	1	4	0	0	0	0	B+
ARTS	11	118	57	6	3	0	0	1	0	0	A
HONORS/ADV. ARTS	2	22	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	A

**COLLEGE ACCEPTS for 2020 and COLLEGES ATTENDED 2016–2020** (College, number attending)

The University of Alabama  
 American University **2**  
 Amherst College **4**  
 Arizona State University, Tempe  
 The University of Arizona  
 Assumption University **2**  
 Auburn University **1**  
 Babson College **5**  
 Bard College  
 Bates College **6**  
 Bennington College **1**  
 Bentley University **4**  
 Berklee College of Music **1**  
 Binghamton University  
 Boston College **10**  
 Boston University **13**  
 Bowdoin College **6**  
 University of British Columbia  
 Brown University **5**  
 Bryant University **3**  
 Bryn Mawr College **1**  
 Bucknell University **4**  
 Butler University  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Davis **2**  
 University of California, Irvine  
 University of California,  
 Los Angeles **1**  
 University of California, San Diego  
 University of California,  
 Santa Barbara  
 Carnegie Mellon University **2**  
 Case Western Reserve University **1**  
 Chapman University **2**  
 College of Charleston **1**  
 University of Chicago **1**  
 City University of London  
 Clark University **1**  
 Clarkson University **1**  
 Colby College **9**  
 Colgate University **3**  
 University of Colorado at Boulder **5**  
 Colorado College **1**  
 Colorado State University, Fort  
 Collins **1**  
 Connecticut College **21**  
 University of Connecticut **2**  
 Cornell University **3**  
 Curry College **1**  
 Dalhousie University  
 Dartmouth College **2**  
 Davidson College **4**

University of Dayton **1**  
 University of Delaware  
 Denison University **2**  
 University of Denver **5**  
 DePaul University  
 Dickinson College **1**  
 Drexel University **1**  
 Duke University **1**  
 Elon University **5**  
 Emerson College **3**  
 Emmanuel College **1**  
 Emory University **1**  
 Endicott College **1**  
 Fairfield University **3**  
 Fordham University **6**  
 Franklin & Marshall College **2**  
 The George Washington  
 University **2**  
 Georgetown University **2**  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Gettysburg College **4**  
 Gordon College **1**  
 Grinnell College  
 Hamilton College (NY) **4**  
 University of Hartford **2**  
 Harvard College **2**  
 High Point University **3**  
 Hobart and William Smith  
 Colleges **5**  
 College of the Holy Cross **6**  
 Howard University  
 IE University—Madrid Campus **1**  
 University of Illinois, Urbana-  
 Champaign  
 Indiana University at  
 Bloomington **1**  
 James Madison University  
 Kenyon College **1**  
 Lafayette College **3**  
 Lehigh University **4**  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Loyola University Chicago  
 Loyola University Maryland **1**  
 University of Maine  
 Marist College **3**  
 University of Mary Washington  
 University of Maryland,  
 College Park  
 Massachusetts College of  
 Liberal Arts  
 Massachusetts Maritime  
 Academy **1**

University of Massachusetts,  
 Amherst **7**  
 University of Massachusetts,  
 Boston  
 University of Massachusetts,  
 Lowell **2**  
 McGill University **2**  
 Miami University, Oxford **3**  
 University of Miami **6**  
 University of Michigan **6**  
 Middlebury College **3**  
 Mount Holyoke College **2**  
 University of New England **1**  
 University of New Hampshire **1**  
 New York University **3**  
 Nichols College **1**  
 The University of North Carolina  
 at Chapel Hill **1**  
 Northeastern University **17**  
 Northwestern University **1**  
 Norwich University **1**  
 University of Notre Dame **1**  
 Occidental College **3**  
 Ohio Wesleyan University  
 Pace University, New York  
 Pennsylvania State University **3**  
 University of Pennsylvania **2**  
 University of Pittsburgh **1**  
 Pitzer College **1**  
 Pratt Institute  
 Providence College **14**  
 Purdue University **1**  
 Queen's University, Belfast  
 Quinnipiac University  
 University of Redlands **1**  
 Reed College  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute **3**  
 University of Rhode Island **1**  
 Rhodes College **1**  
 University of Richmond **3**  
 Roanoke College **2**  
 University of Rochester **3**  
 Roger Williams University **1**  
 Sacred Heart University **2**  
 Saint Anselm College **5**  
 Saint Joseph's College of Maine  
 Saint Joseph's University **1**  
 Saint Michael's College **1**  
 Salem State University  
 Salve Regina University **2**  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco **2**

Santa Clara University **3**  
 Sarah Lawrence College **4**  
 Savannah College of Art  
 and Design **3**  
 School of the Art Institute of  
 Chicago  
 School of the Museum of Fine Arts  
 at Tufts University  
 School of Visual Arts **1**  
 The University of Scranton  
 Scripps College  
 Sewanee: The University  
 of the South  
 Simmons University  
 Skidmore College **2**  
 Smith College **4**  
 University of South Carolina **3**  
 University of Southern California **4**  
 Southern Methodist University **2**  
 St. John's University **1**  
 Spelman College  
 St. Lawrence University **8**  
 Suffolk University  
 Swarthmore College  
 Syracuse University **9**  
 The University of Tampa **1**  
 The University of Tennessee  
 Texas Christian University **1**  
 The University of Texas, Austin  
 The Ohio State University **2**  
 University of Toronto **2**  
 Trinity College **13**  
 Trinity College Dublin **1**  
 Tufts University **9**  
 Tulane University **11**  
 Union College **8**  
 University of Aberdeen  
 University of Glasgow  
 University of St Andrews **2**  
 Vassar College **2**  
 University of Vermont **9**  
 Villanova University **4**  
 University of Virginia **1**  
 Wake Forest University **2**  
 Washington College **1**  
 University of Washington, Seattle  
 Western Michigan University **1**  
 Wesleyan University **3**  
 Wheaton College (MA) **1**  
 Whitman College **1**  
 College of William & Mary **2**  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison **2**  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute **6**  
 Xavier University

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