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HISTORY

Founded in 1867 as an Episcopal school, we nurture in our students a love of learning, empathy for one another, and understanding of the importance and joy of living a life of integrity.

DISCLOSURE POLICY

Porter-Gaud School adheres to the "Code of Ethics and Professional Practices" espoused by the National Association for College Admission Counseling and will formally disclose an applicant's disciplinary record.

COVID STATEMENT

During the fourth quarter of the '19-'20 school year (March 16-June 3), Porter-Gaud School implemented an emergency remote learning plan due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a 1:1 school with an established Learning Management System and a faculty trained in synchronous and asynchronous technology platforms, the transition to virtual classes was swift, with little to no loss of instructional time. For the final 11 weeks of school, students met in synchronous classes and completed assignments and assessments with minimal curriculum modification. Throughout the emergency remote learning period, Porter-Gaud retained the same numerical grading scale used during the traditional school year. Final exams were not administered during the second semester of the '19-'20 school year.

2020-2021 Porter-Gaud School PROFILE

The WATCH Prayer reminds our students that their words, actions, thoughts, character, and habits help define who they are as people, and the core values of Faith, Honor, and Knowledge should guide them in creating lives of meaning and purpose.

May our words be full of truth and kindness, our actions gracious and honorable, our thoughts unselfish and charitable, our character noble and upright, and our habits virtuous, that our school family may grow in faith, honor, and knowledge, as we watch together in all things.

By the NUMBERS

1,040

STUDENTS IN TOTAL

...

430

STUDENTS IN UPPER SCHOOL

...

104

CLASS of 2021

CLASS of 2020 COLLEGE DESTINATIONS

Students applied to:

330 schools

in 29 States

and 3 Countries

4 year acceptance list

www.portergaud.edu/students/college-counseling/matriculation-list

GRADING SCALE

| | | |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| 97-100 = A+ | 80-82 = B- | 63-66 = D |
| 93-96 = A | 77-79 = C+ | 60-62 = D- |
| 90-92 = A- | 73-76 = C | 0-59 = F |
| 87-89 = B+ | 70-72 = C- | |
| 83-86 = B | 67-69 = D+ | |

MALONE SCHOOL CUMLAUDE SOCIETY

Only school in South Carolina.

maloneschoolsonline.org/about-mson/our-schools/

Modeled on Phi Beta Kappa.

Distinguished Honors designation.
cumlaudesociety.org/

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

| CLASS (NUMBER of SENIORS) | 2017 (90) | 2018 (100) | 2019 (106) | 2020 (87) |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| SAT SUMMARY (MIDDLE 50%) | | | | |
| CRITICAL READING | 590-680 | 580-690 | 600-680 | 570-660 |
| MATH | 560-695 | 560-700 | 570-690 | 540-660 |
| WRITING | 30-34 | 29-35 | 30-34 | 29-34 |
| ACT (MIDDLE 50%) | | | | |
| ENGLISH | 25-32 | 23-32 | 24-32 | 22-31 |
| MATH | 23-30 | 23-30 | 23-30 | 20-28 |
| READING | 24-33 | 24-33 | 24-33 | 22-31 |
| SCIENCE | 24-30 | 23-30 | 22-31 | 22-27 |
| COMPOSITE | 24-30 | 24-30 | 24-30 | 22-30 |

Bioethics Seminar

Pilot program: 2020-21

The Porter-Gaud School Bioethics Seminar (Pilot) seeks to foster intellectual application across the disciplines of Biology and Ethics through a co-curricular, inquiry-based seminar. Students are faculty-selected based on prior academic achievement and a required essay. Selectees will consecrate over twenty hours each semester: a bimonthly guided discussion is under-girded by a three-tiered preparation week. Faculty sponsors volunteer time and expertise, exacting high standards for the student-focused plenary sessions, and participants receive no grade point recognition for their considerable effort. Fall Term topics include: recipients of the first COVID-19 vaccines, applied ethics and bioengineering, and a three-part application of bioengineering to agriculture, epidemiology, and the human genome.

BEYOND *the* NUMBERS

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Calendar: Porter-Gaud operates on a semester system, with exams held at the end of each semester. Mid-year grades will be ready for colleges in mid-January and final transcripts sent in early June.

Academic Courseload: All students must carry a minimum of five core classes per semester taken from the English, World Languages, History, Math and Science departments. Students must receive permission and approval to take more than five core courses.

Grading and Weighting Policy: Porter-Gaud utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy (UGP) which translates every individual numerical grade to its own GPA equivalent. Within the UGP, honors and AP courses receive an additional weighting of 0.5 and 1.0, respectively. Finally, the courses listed on the Porter-Gaud transcript reflect only those courses taken while the student is enrolled at Porter-Gaud. A student's cumulative GPA reflects **all** high school credit courses regardless of school and includes high school credit courses taken in grades 7 and 8.

Porter-Gaud School's Ranking Policy: Porter-Gaud School utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy which determines class rank. While Porter-Gaud has a policy on the academic ranking of students, **rank is not used for the purposes of college admission.** Questions concerning the South Carolina Uniform grading Policy ranking should be directed to the College Counseling Office.

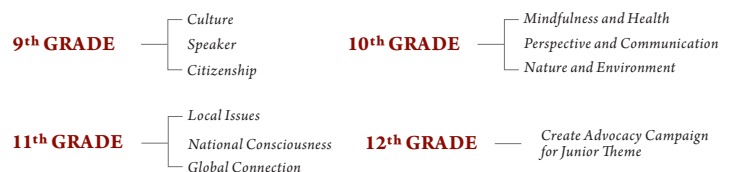
Advanced Placement Policy: Students must be recommended for AP classes. Recommendations are based on various metrics (e.g.: available standardized test scores, teacher/department head recommendations, prior class performance, writing samples). A student enrolled in an AP class must take the AP exam in May.

Honor Council: The Porter-Gaud Honor Council is student-led with two Faculty Advisors. Possible infractions are brought before the Honor Council, which makes recommendations to the Upper School Principal and Head of School, who ultimately make all final decisions involving consequences or punishments.

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS

Accelerated Computer Science Program: Motivated students interested in technology and computer science are invited to apply to our innovative, comprehensive three-year program. Each year, the program focuses on different aspects of programming and design through a variety of languages and technologies. Creativity and entrepreneurship are a central part of all projects. Working with media such as Android and iPhone, X-box technology, and robotics, students have the opportunity to perform high-level programming and coding. In the senior year, students combine real world applications and personal interests through a large capstone project.

PG Engage: Through all four years in the Upper School, PG Engage connects our students' classroom experiences with the Charleston area to help them become well-rounded community members. As a graduation requirement, students earn three credits per year across specific categories unique to each grade level. The track is illustrated below:



COURSE OFFERINGS (GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS)

* Indicates a semester course.

For course descriptions, visit portergaud.edu.

ENGLISH (4 credits)

English I
English II
Honors English II
English III
AP English Language
English IV
AP English Literature

HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE

(3 credits including World and U.S. History)
World History I
Honors World History I
World History II
AP European History
AP World History
U.S. History
AP U.S. History
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP Comparative Government & Politics
AP Microeconomics*
AP Macroeconomics*

Economics and Personal Finance*

U.S. Government and Civics*
Honors Philosophy
Honors History; of World Religions

WORLD LANGUAGES (3 credits)

French I, II, III, IV, V
Honors French II, III, IV
Honors Advanced French
AP French
Spanish I, II, III, IV, V
Honors Spanish II, III, IV
AP Spanish
Latin II, III, IV
Honors Latin IV
AP Latin
Chinese I, II, III
Honors Chinese III, IV
AP Chinese

SCIENCE (3 credits including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)

Biology
Honors Biology

Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
Advanced Topics in Biology
Physics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2
AP Environmental Science
Forensic Science*
Psychology*
Human Biology*
Wildlife Zoology*
Oceanography
MATHEMATICS (4 credits including Algebra I and II, Geometry)
Algebra I
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Algebra II
Honors Algebra II/
Trigonometry
Precalculus
Honors Precalculus
Functions, Statistics and Trigonometry
College Algebra*
Elementary Probability & Statistics*
AP Statistics

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Multivariable Calculus*
Linear Algebra*

RELIGION (1/2 credit)

New Testament/Ethics*

COMPUTER SCIENCE (1/2 credit)

Computer Science I*
Accelerated Computer Science II*, III*
Honors Computer IV

FINE ARTS (1 credit including

Public Speaking)
Studio Art I*, II*
Honors Studio Art III*
AP Studio Art
Performance Choir
Jazz Ensemble
Choral Handbells
Introduction to Dance*
Introduction to Music*
Dance II*, III*
Public Speaking*
Debate*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1 credit

including health)
PE/Health*
Strength Training and Conditioning*