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OUR MISSION

Pingree empowers every community member to pursue knowledge with courage and imagination, thrive in joy and challenge, and create a more just and equitable world.

Founded in 1960, Pingree School is an independent day school for grades 9–12 located 20 miles north of Boston. Pingree currently draws its 390 students from more than 50 communities. Admission is very competitive and based on school records, teacher recommendations, and an interview. 99% of our graduates go on to attend four-year colleges or universities.

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 (6 credits—starting with the class of 2024, must include at least 2.5 credits each in visual and performing arts)

COURSE LOAD

Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 5.5 credits and a maximum of 6.5 credits every trimester. AP courses are typically available only to juniors and seniors. Students may take a maximum of three AP courses in one year and a maximum of four AP and honors courses combined. Students must petition to take more than two AP classes in the same department. Students are not permitted to take more than one of the following classes at the same time: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, and AP Physics C: Mechanics. 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.

SELECT SIGNATURE COURSES

American Cultural Studies

A rigorous year-long double credit junior course taught jointly by the History and English Departments. Students must apply and 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.

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.

AP COURSES

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

HONORS COURSES

Art History	Physics
Chemistry	Pingree Music Ensembles
Chinese 5	Math 3
Dance Ensemble	Pre-Calculus
French III/IV/V	Spanish III/IV

ADVANCED/ACCELERATED COURSES

French & Spanish Seminars	Senior History Seminars
	Spanish 2

COVID-19 UPDATES

In response to the pandemic, Pingree switched to pass/fail grading for the spring trimester of 2020. Final transcript grades weighed only T1 and T2. For the 2020-2021 school year, Pingree operated on a hybrid, modular-style schedule, with students taking a reduced number of courses that met in person twice per week during each half of those trimesters. Students in grades 10–12 received letter grades during the 2020–2021 school year. The classes of 2024 and 2025 will have pass/fail marks on transcripts for their ninth-grade year. This policy helped new students transition to Pingree after a range of remote and in-person learning options during the most challenging periods of the pandemic.

FINAL EXAMS AND CAPSTONE PROJECTS

Pingree students take cumulative final exams at the end of the second trimester. During the final two weeks of the school year, students in grades 9-11 engage in capstone projects on campus. These summative experiences enable students to apply their learning in new and creative ways. Students must pass these projects to earn credit for the course. During those weeks, seniors pursue independent capstone projects off campus, engaging in a variety of different experiences, including internships, job shadowing, and community service.

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.

Please note that Pingree does not report a student's GPA on their transcript.

GRADING SYSTEM

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	

DISCIPLINE REPORTING

Students and counselors will report an applicant's discipline history to colleges that request such information.

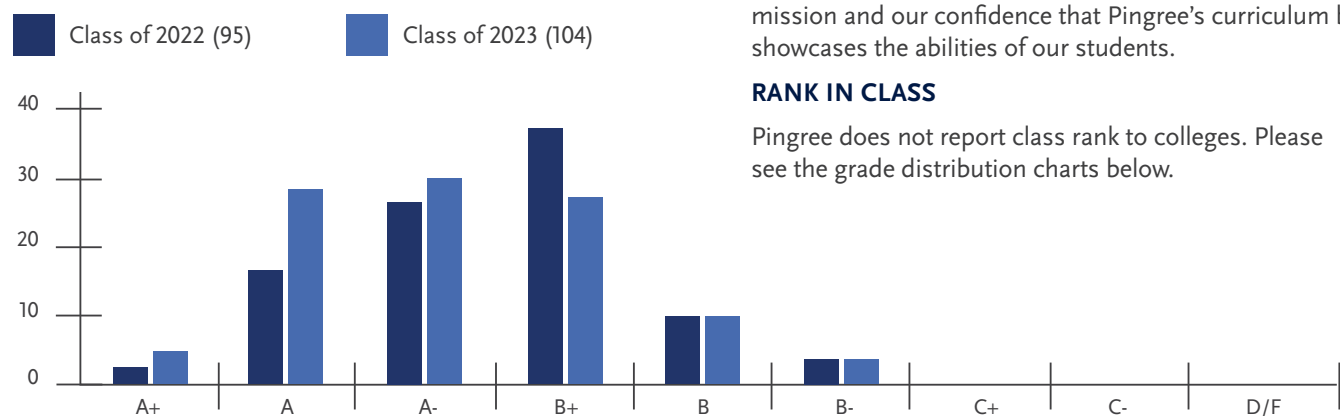
TRANSITIONING AWAY FROM AP CLASSES

Beginning with the class of 2025, Pingree will no longer offer Advanced Placement courses. Instead, Pingree will offer Advanced Pingree Educational Experiences (APEX) as pinnacle courses in every discipline. APEX courses will be developed by the Pingree faculty and give students the opportunity to produce student-driven research or creative projects; to connect scholarship to civic engagement; and to make cross-curricular connections. APEX courses will be taught at a level that matches or exceeds the challenge of AP coursework.

ACADEMIC PROFILE: CLASS OF 2022

94 students · 5 National Merit Commended Scholars

WEIGHTED GPA DISTRIBUTION



SAT/ACT SCORES

Pingree will no longer publish test score averages on the school profile after careful consideration of the problematic correlations between standardized testing and family wealth, race, and gender. This change reflects the importance of equity in Pingree's mission and our confidence that Pingree's curriculum better showcases the abilities of our students.

RANK IN CLASS

Pingree does not report class rank to colleges. Please see the grade distribution charts below.

CLASS OF 2023 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
AMERICAN LITERATURE	0	13	30	24	15	6	1	0	0	0
AMERICAN CULTURAL STUDIES	0	1	1	10	1	0	0	0	0	0
MATH 3	2	3	11	14	12	8	2	1	0	0
HONORS MATH 3	0	1	9	8	2	1	0	0	0	0
PRE-CALCULUS	4	19	29	10	18	11	9	6	1	0
HONORS PRE-CALCULUS	17	39	19	9	11	1	0	2	0	0
AP CALCULUS AB	0	0	3	6	9	5	2	2	0	0
AP CALCULUS BC	0	8	9	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
COMPUTER	4	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHYSICS	1	13	25	11	8	4	0	1	0	0
HONORS PHYSICS	19	17	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP BIOLOGY	0	1	4	3	2	3	1	0	0	0
AP CHEMISTRY	2	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
AP ENVIRON. SCIENCE	1	5	9	6	10	3	0	0	0	0
AP PHYSICS C	0	6	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCIENCE ELECTIVES	10	42	32	20	8	5	4	1	0	1
U.S. HISTORY	0	6	17	27	12	2	0	1	0	0
AP U.S. HISTORY	0	7	6	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
CHINESE	0	5	6	12	12	3	0	0	0	0
FRENCH	0	2	3	4	6	4	0	2	1	0
ADV. FRENCH SEMINARS	0	1	6	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
HONORS FRENCH	0	2	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPANISH	1	14	19	15	28	9	7	3	1	0
ADV. SPANISH 2	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
ADV. SPANISH SEMINARS	18	34	34	36	20	7	2	1	0	0
AP/HONORS SPANISH	5	18	11	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
ARTS	74	229	51	5	0	1	0	0	0	0

COLLEGE ACCEPTS FOR 2022 AND COLLEGES ATTENDED 2018–2022

(College, number attending)

American University 2	Drew University	McGill University 2	Savannah College of Art & Design 2
The American University of Paris	Drexel University 1	Merrimack College 1	Scripps College 1
Amherst College 2	Duke University 1	Miami University, Oxford 2	Seton Hall University
Arcadia University	Eckerd College	University of Miami 10	Simmons University 1
Arizona State University	Elon University 7	Michigan State University	Skidmore College 4
University of Arizona	Emerson College 3	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 5	Smith College 3
Assumption University	Emmanuel College 1	Middlebury College 1	University of South Carolina, Columbia 3
Babson College 9	Emory University 2	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	University of Southern California 2
Bard College	Endicott College 3	University of Missouri, Columbia	Southern Methodist University 1
Barnard College 1	Fairfield University 4	Mount Holyoke College 2	Spelman College
Bates College 7	Florida Atlantic University 1	Muhlenberg College	St. John's University, New York 1
Belmont Abbey College	Fordham University 8	Nazareth College 1	St. Lawrence University 7
Belmont University	Franklin and Marshall College 3	University of New Hampshire, 2	Stonehill College 1
Bentley University	George Mason University	New York University 3	Stony Brook University
Binghamton University	George Washington University 4	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 1	Suffolk University 2
Boston College 13	Georgetown University 3	Northeastern University 13	Syracuse University 8
Boston University 6	Gettysburg College 4	Northwestern University 1	The University of Tampa 2
Bowdoin College 4	Gordon College 1	University of Notre Dame 3	Texas Christian University
Brandeis University	Grinnell College	Occidental College 2	The New School
Brown University 3	Hamilton College 5	Pace University, New York City Campus 1	The Ohio State University 2
Bryant University 4	University of Hartford 1	Pennsylvania State University, 3	Towson University
Bucknell University 4	Harvard University 4	University of Pennsylvania 2	Trinity College 14
Cal Poly Humboldt	University of Hawaii at Manoa	University of Pittsburgh, 2	Tufts University 8
California Institute of the Arts	High Point University 3	Pitzer College 1	Tulane University of Louisiana 10
University of California, Irvine	Hobart William Smith Colleges 4	Point Park University	Union College 10
University of California, Los Angeles 1	Hofstra University	Princeton University 2	University of Oregon
University of California, Santa Cruz 1	College of the Holy Cross 9	Providence College 10	Vanderbilt University 1
Carleton College 1	Howard University	University of Puget Sound	Vassar College 1
Carnegie Mellon University 2	IE University, Madrid 1	Purdue University, 1	University of Vermont 17
Case Western Reserve University 2	University of Illinois Chicago	Quinnipiac University	Villanova University 3
Chapman University 3	University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign 2	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 2	Virginia Commonwealth University
College of Charleston	Indiana University, Bloomington 2	University of Rhode Island 1	University of Virginia 1
Clark University 2	Kenyon College 1	Rhodes College 1	Wake Forest University 4
Clarkson University	Lafayette College 5	University of Richmond 2	Washington College 1
Clemson University	Lake Forest College	Rivier University	Wellesley College 1
Colby College 13	Lehigh University 3	Roanoke College 3	Wesleyan University 2
Colby-Sawyer College	Loyola Marymount University 1	Rochester Institute of Technology 2	Western Michigan University 1
Colgate University 5	Loyola University Chicago	University of Rochester	Wheaton College 1
University of Colorado Boulder 8	Loyola University Maryland	Roger Williams University 1	Wheaton College, Massachusetts
Colorado College 2	University of Maine	Rutgers University	Whitman College 1
Connecticut College 16	Marist College 2	Sacred Heart University 1	William & Mary 2
University of Connecticut 1	University of Maryland, College Park	Saint Anselm College 1	Williams College 1
Cornell University 1	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Saint Joseph's University	University of Wisconsin, Madison 1
Dartmouth College 2	Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1	Saint Michael's College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute 6
Davidson College 1	University of Massachusetts, Amherst 5	Salem State University	Xavier University
University of Delaware 1	University of Massachusetts, Boston	University of San Diego	Xavier University of Louisiana
Denison University 2	University of Massachusetts, Lowell 4	University of San Francisco 1	
University of Denver 5		Santa Clara University 3	
Dickinson College 3		Sarah Lawrence College 3	
Dillard University			