



PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-24

800 Magnolia Avenue Piedmont, CA 94611 CEEB School Code: 052-462

Piedmont High School (PHS) is a small public school in the San Francisco East Bay with a long-standing reputation for academic excellence. PHS consistently ranks among the top schools in California and the nation. In addition to academic rigor, PHS prioritizes communication, collaboration, critical thinking, citizenship, and curiosity. PHS places a high value on students finding a balance between academics, extracurricular activities, and community service. We encourage PHS students to be leaders of change who think critically for themselves and for the benefit of all.

SCHOOL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

PHS is recognized among the best high schools in the nation by the U.S. News & World Report.

PHS is recognized among the Top STEM High Schools in the nation by Newsweek Magazine.

Senior Class Size (Class of 2024): 185 students

Student Body: 58% White, 11% Asian, 12% Hispanic/Latino, 3% African American, 16% Two or More Races

GRADING

PHS calculates grade point average on a weighted and unweighted 4.0 scale: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0. AP and Honors courses carry an additional point. PHS does not report individual class rank.

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, PHS issued pass/no pass grades for the spring semester 2020. Students were required to earn 70% or more to pass each course.

Per CA Assembly Bill 104, students were able to change letter grades to pass/no pass for the 2020-21 school year.

Class of 2024 Unweighted GPA	
6 semesters, 4.0 Grade Scale	
GPA Range	%
3.76 – 4.00	47%
3.51 – 3.75	18%
3.01 – 3.50	25%
2.51 – 3.00	8%
2.5 and Below	2%

Graduation Requirements	
Maximum of 7 classes per semester Minimum of 225 credits to graduate	Credits
English: 4 years	40
Mathematics: 2 years	20
Social Science: 3 years	30
Science: 2 years	20
PE: 2 years (or 1 year PE plus 1 year JV/Varsity Sport)	20
World Language/Creative Arts: 1 year of each OR 1 year each of two different Creative Arts	20
Computer Studies: 1 semester	5
Social Psychology: 1 semester	5
Electives	65

Post-Graduation Plans – Class of 2023	
Percent of Students Attending a 4-Year College	88%
Percent of Students Attending a 2-Year College	6%
Percent of Students Taking a Gap Year	2%
Other	4%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT* AND HONORS COURSES

*9th graders do not take AP courses at PHS

AP 2D Art and Design	AP Computer Principles
AP 3D Art and Design	AP English Literature
AP Art History	AP Environmental Science
AP Biology	AP French Language
AP Calculus AB	AP Music Theory
AP Calculus BC	AP Spanish Language
AP Chinese Language	AP US History
AP Computer Science A	
Chemistry Honors	Math Analysis Honors
Chinese IV Honors	Physics Honors
English 5-6 Honors	Spanish IV Honors
French IV Honors	Statistics Honors

STANDARDIZED TESTS

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and increasing number of colleges and universities with test-optional and test-blind admissions policies, Piedmont High School is not reporting SAT, SAT Subject or ACT scores for 2020 or after.

SAT Mean Scores			
	2019	2018	2017
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	661	658	658
Mathematics	667	653	646
ACT Mean Scores			
	2019	2018	2017
Composite	30.3	29.4	28.9
AP Exam Scores			
	2023	2022	2021
Total AP Students	373	371	402
Number of Exams	754	748	774
AP Students with Scores 3+	332	309	324
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	89.01%	83.29%	80.6%

NATIONAL MERIT CLASS OF 2024

5 semifinalists

ATHLETICS

More than 75% of PHS students participate in JV and Varsity sports. Our sports teams include: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Water Polo.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

More than 65% of PHS students participate in the visual and performing arts. Our visual and performing arts program includes: A Cappella, Acting, Art, Ceramics, Dance, Jazz Band, Musical, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

PHS students participate in over 40 student clubs, organizations, and programs including:

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2023

American University	Dartmouth University
Arizona State University	Drexel University
Barnard College	Gonzaga University
Bates College	Hamilton College
Berkeley City College	Harvard University
Boston University	Howard University
Brown University	Imperial College London
Bryn Mawr College	Lehigh University
Bucknell University	Lewis and Clark College
California College of the Arts	Loyola Marymount University
California Polytechnic - Pomona	Macalester College
California Polytechnic - San Luis Obispo	Marquette University
California State University - East Bay	McGill University
California State University - Long Beach	Mercyhurst University
California State University - Los Angeles	Michigan Technological University
California State University - Northridge	New York University
California State University - Sacramento	Northeastern University
Chabot College	Oberlin College
Chapman University	Occidental College
College of Charleston	Oregon State University
College of the Holy Cross	Pennsylvania State University
College of Wooster	Pitzer College
Colorado College	Pomona College
Colorado School of Mines	Portland State University
Cornell University	Reed College

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OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS

PUSD Wellness Center: Provides prevention, early-intervention, and mental health education resources for students and families.

Social Justice and Racial Equity: Students engage in school wide discussions on social justice and racial equity. Student-led programs include the "Let's Talk, Too" and "I am Here" assemblies.

Academy & SEL: The PHS bell schedule includes an Academy period designed to provide all students with an opportunity to receive academic support and social emotional learning.

Computer Science: Our Computer Science pathway includes Physical Computing & Robotics, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, and Web Design & Development.

The Piedmont Highlander: Student newspaper recognized as a Gold Medal publication and named Crown finalist by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The Pride Yearbook: Received a First-Class Rating from The National Scholastic Press Association and a Silver Medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Rutgers University	University of California - Santa Barbara
Saint Mary's College of California	University of California - Santa Cruz
San Diego State University	University of Chicago
San Francisco State University	University of Colorado - Boulder
San Jose State University	University of Edinburgh
Santa Barbara City College	University of Georgia
Santa Clara University	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Miami
Seattle University	University of New Haven
Smith College	University of Oregon
Sonoma State University	University of Pennsylvania
Stanford University	University of Southern California
Texas Christian University	University of the Pacific
The New School	University of Virginia
Tufts University	University of Washington
Tulane University of Louisiana	University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Arizona	Vanderbilt University
University of British Columbia	Washington University of St. Louis
University of California - Berkeley	Wellesley College
University of California - Davis	Western University
University of California - Irvine	Western Washington University
University of California - Los Angeles	Willamette University
University of California - Merced	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
University of California - Riverside	Yale University
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