



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, 10 Commended Students

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:

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.

Highlander Robotics Team 8033: Award winning student led FIRST FRC program where members learn industry-level design, engineering, and programming while honing teamwork and project management skills.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2023

American University
Arizona State University
Barnard College
Bates College
Berkeley City College
Boston University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California College of the Arts
California Polytechnic - Pomona
California Polytechnic - San Luis Obispo
California State University - East Bay
California State University - Long Beach
California State University - Los Angeles
California State University - Northridge
California State University - Sacramento
Chabot College
Chapman University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of Wooster
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Cornell University

Dartmouth University
Drexel University
Gonzaga University
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Howard University
Imperial College London
Lehigh University
Lewis and Clark College
Loyola Marymount University
Macalester College
Marquette University
McGill University
Mercyhurst University
Michigan Technological University
New York University
Northeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Pennsylvania State University
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Portland State University
Reed College

Rutgers University
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Seattle University
Smith College
Sonoma State University
Stanford University
Texas Christian University
The New School
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
University of Arizona
University of British Columbia
University of California - Berkeley
University of California - Davis
University of California - Irvine
University of California - Los Angeles
University of California - Merced
University of California - Riverside
University of California - San Diego

University of California - Santa Barbara
University of California - Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado - Boulder
University of Edinburgh
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Miami
University of New Haven
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Washington University of St. Louis
Wellesley College
Western University
Western Washington University
Willamette University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

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