Pioneer High School
SCHOOL PROFILE 2023 - 2024

EST. 1960

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Our Mission
Uniting as one community, we elevate opportunities for all.

Our Vision
Preparing today's students to be the thinkers, leaders, and creators of tomorrow.

Our Community
Eight miles south of downtown San Jose and 55 miles south of San Francisco, Pioneer's immediate community consists of the Blossom Hill and Almaden Valley neighborhoods. Much like the larger Silicon Valley region, the community is economically and culturally diverse, mixing single-family homes, high-density residential units, and low-income housing developments.

Our School
Founded in 1960, Pioneer is a comprehensive, 4-year high school with an interdisciplinary focus on service learning. Pioneer is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and is a member of the College Board.

Principal
Brad Craycroft

Assistant Principals
Alison Zuniga
Tim Gavello
Erin Cahill

Academic Counselors
Judy Pataky- Hannon (A-Fe)
Chad Luna (Fi-L)
Jeanette Magaña (M-R)
Nicole Pearson (S-Z)

2023 - 2024 STUDENT BODY

1,514
2023 Total Enrollment

Pie chart:
- Black 2%
- Asian 11%
- Pacific Islander 1%
- Hispanic 37%
- White 38%
- Decline to State 3%
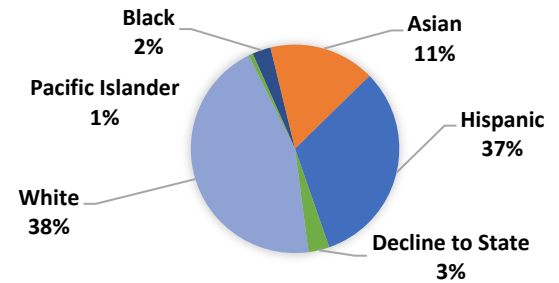
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subjects	Credits
English	40
Am Gov/Econ	10
US History	10
World History	10
Math	30
Science	30
LOTE	20
Visual/Perf Arts	20
PE	20
Electives	30
Total	**220**

Students in San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD) are required to accrue 220 credits to graduate.

Students must additionally complete the following requirements:
- 40 hours of Community Service
- Algebra Certificate
- Health Certificate

Maximum of 6 classes per year, with exception of students in select art or career preparatory programs and Seniors who elect to take 4 courses.

GRADING

Standard Grading System	
A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	0-59%

Advanced Percentage Breakdown

A+	100% to 96.5%	D+	<69.5% to 66.5%
A	<96.5% to 92.5%	D	<66.5% to 62.5%
A-	<92.5% to 89.5%	D-	<62.5% to 59.5%
B+	<89.5% to 86.5%	F	<59.5%
B	<86.5% to 82.5%		
B-	<82.5% to 79.5%		
C+	<79.5% to 76.5%		
C	<76.5% to 72.5%		
C-	<72.5% to 69.5%		

- PHS calculates GPA on an unweighted 4.0 scale
- PHS does not report individual class rank
- Cumulative GPA is calculated using all courses, including non-college preparatory courses
- Plus and minuses do not affect GPA*

*San Jose Unified School District, under the guidance of Santa Clara County Department of Education, converted all course grades to Credit or No Credit for the Spring 2020 semester. For the 2020-2021 school year, letter grades were converted to Pass/No Pass for students requesting grade changes under AB 104.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

PHS does not report test scores on transcripts.

SAT School Day: As of 2016, SJUSD provides the SAT Exam free of charge to all Juniors students each year. For the Class of 2023, 328 students took the SAT with a mean total score of 1022.

Class of 2020 National Merit Scholars
2 Semi-Finalists and 10 Commended Students

To take more than 3 AP courses in a year, students must seek additional consultation.

AP Exams: In 2023, we had 542 students take a total of 1140 AP exams with 46% earning a score 3 or higher. AP Scholar information unavailable.

ADVANCED COURSES

Advanced Placement Courses
English Language
English Literature
European History
U.S. History
Macroeconomics
American Government
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics
Environmental Science
Computer Science
Studio Art 2D
Studio Art 3D
Biology
Chemistry
Physics

Spanish Language
Psychology

Honors Courses
Ethnic Studies
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Pre-Calculus

Accelerated Courses
Algebra 2
World History

Community College Courses
American Sign Language 1/2
Mexican American Studies
Multivariable Calculus (taken off site)

2022-2023
107 Courses in Total
19 AP
7 Honors
27 CTE
2 Accelerated
3 Community College

Career Technical Education Class Highlights
Animation
Construction Technology
Cyber Security
Dental Assisting
Fashion Design and Textile Art
Film and Video Production
Fire Science/First Responder
Forensic Science
Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning
Law Enforcement
Mechatronics Engineering
Medical Assisting
Medical Science/Health Science
Metals Technology
Mobile App Design & Computer Coding
Sports Medicine and Kinesiology
Truck Mechanics
Veterinary Science

Specialty Courses

CSU Expository Reading & Writing (ERWC): Students complete a CSU-designed curriculum that focuses on identifying and critiquing authors' arguments in expository text.

Exploring Computer Science (ECS): Students complete a NSF-designed curriculum that includes an introduction to human computer interaction, problem solving, web design, programming, data analysis, and robotics.

Latino Literature: Students may take this ethnic studies course during their junior or senior year. While learning the same skills taught in their English class, students examine their place in their community while studying the work of Latinx authors.

Man in the California Environment (BioSite): Students teach field ecology in three local elementary schools and lead teams of 4th graders in weekly field expeditions through a local watershed preserve.

Service Learning & Community Awards

- Jefferson Gold Banner Award 2020-2021
- Teens on the Drivers Seat Grant Recipient 2020-2021

Award Winning Student Activities 2019-2021

Robotics
- Leadership Award FRC Season (2021)
- Excellence in Engineering Award: Utah Regional (2020)
- Finalist Monterey Bay regional Award (2023)
- Won Arizona East Regional Competition (2023)

Fine Arts
- Two entries into the NUMU Art Now show (2023)

Award Winning Athletics 2022-2023

League Champions, Blossom Valley A.L.:
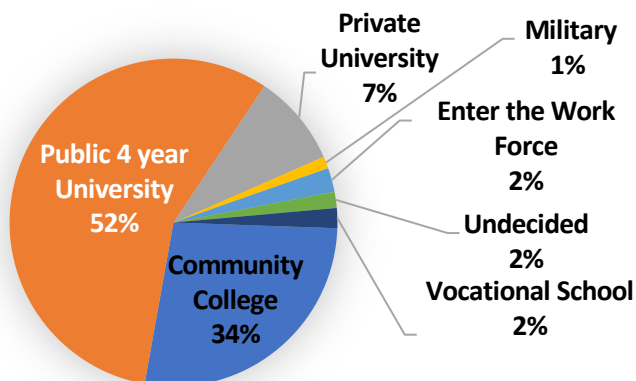- Boys Basketball (2022)
- Boys Golf (2022, 2023)

CCS Champions, Blossom Valley A.L.
Girls soccer (2022)
Traditional competitive cheer (2023)

CLASS OF 2023

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

Pie chart:
- Public 4 year University 52%
- Community College 34%
- Private University 7%
- Military 1%
- Enter the Work Force 2%
- Undecided 2%
- Vocational School 2%

16% of the 2023 graduates were first-generation college students

Class of 2021 Cumulative GPA 6 semesters, unwtd 4.0 scale	
Highest GPA	4.0
Median GPA	3.19

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Berkeley*
Davis*
Irvine*
Los Angeles*
Merced
Riverside*
San Diego*
Santa Barbara*
Santa Cruz*

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Bakersfield*
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo*
Cal Poly, Pomona*
Channel Islands
Chico*
Dominguez Hills
East Bay*
Fresno
Fullerton*
Long Beach*
Los Angeles
Maritime Academy
Monterey Bay*
Northridge*
Sacramento*
San Marcos*
Stanislaus
Humboldt State University
San Diego State University*
San Francisco State University*
San Jose State University*
Sonoma State University*

COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Cabrillo College*
De Anza College*
Evergreen Valley College*
Foothill College*
Front Range College*
Gavilan College
Lake Tahoe College*
Merced College*
Mission College*
Monterey Peninsula College
Santa Barbara City College*
San Francisco City College*
San Jose City College*
West Valley College*

CALIFORNIA PRIVATE
Academy of Art University
Azusa Pacific University
Biola University*
California Baptist University*
Chapman University*
Cogswell College
Dominican University of California*
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
Loyola Marymount University*
Notre Dame de Namur University
Occidental College*
Otis College of Art and Design*
Point Loma Nazarene University
Saint Mary's College of California
Santa Clara University*
Stanford University*
University of Redlands
University of San Diego*
University of San Francisco*
University of Southern California*
University of the Pacific
Unitek College*
Vanguard University of Southern California
Whittier College
William Jessup University

Vocational Schools
Universal Technical Institute*

OUT OF STATE
American University
Arizona State University*
Baylor University
Boise State University
Boston College
Brigham Young University*
California Baptist University*
Colorado State University
DePaul University
Florida Atlantic University*
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University*
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University*
Hamline University*
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans

Michigan State university*
Montana State University*
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
Pace University, New York City
Pacific Lutheran University
Pacific Northwest College of Art*
Pacific University
Portland State University
Purdue University*
Reed College
Rice University*
St. John's University
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University*
Texas State University
The George Washington University*
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
Umass Amherst*
University of Colorado Springs*
University of Colorado at Boulder*
University of Colorado at Denver*
University of Denver
University of Florida*
University of Hawaii at Manoa*
University of Idaho
University of Illinois
University of Kansas*
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno*
University of New Mexico
University of Oregon*
University of Portland*
University of Puget Sound
University of Rhode Island
University of Utah*
University of Vermont*
University of Victoria
University of Washington*
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Washington State University
West Virginia University
Wilfrid Laurier University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

* Indicates schools students are attending