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## PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-24

### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Portland is the largest city in Maine with a population of nearly 70,000. It features industrial and business interests, professional sports, an orchestra, theaters, museums, a busy port and working waterfront, an international jetport and a lively arts district. One of three public high schools in the city, Portland High is among the oldest public high schools in the nation. Portland High School is a comprehensive four-year school located in the downtown district.

There are 975 students enrolled as of October 2023. One third of our student population is made up of students from immigrant families, representing 45 different countries and 36 languages, making Portland High School (PHS) one of the most diverse high schools north of Boston. PHS cultivates the academic, social, emotional and civic skills of every student by fostering a mindset of lifelong learning and inspiring students to become dynamic participants in our local and global community. A Freshman Academy paves the way to academic success through high school, and a robust set of extended learning opportunities and internships are available to all students.

#### Mission

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**Total Enrollment: 975**

**Class of 2024: 260**

### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The school offers several levels of content area courses including AP, Honors, College Prep and Co-Taught. There is an accelerated math program, called AMP, which culminates with Calculus AB and BC. Students have the option to attend Portland Arts and Technology High School. Students are eligible to receive a **STEM Endorsement** and **Seal of Biliteracy** on their transcripts.

Please view the 23-24 course catalog on the Portland High School website: <https://pshs.portlandschools.org/academics>

#### Highlights of the Academic Program:

- **Honors** courses are offered in the following disciplines: English, Math, Social Studies, French, Latin, Spanish, Computer Science, Engineering, Science, Band, and Orchestra.
- **Advanced Placement** courses are offered in the following disciplines: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB and BC, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Art: 2D, Art: Drawing, Art: 3D, U.S. History, and Psychology. AP courses are open enrollment, and students have the option to take the exam. In past years, students had the opportunity to take online AP courses offered through the AP4ME program.
- **Dual Enrollment (DE)** options are available for Statistics (University of Southern Maine) and Junior Planning (University of Maine, INT193: Career Exploration and Development). All Juniors have the option to take Junior Planning for college credit.
- **Early College** opportunities are available to students who wish to take college courses while in high school through the University of Maine System, Maine Community College System, and Saint Joseph's College of Maine.
- **Extended Learning Opportunities**, including internships, are available to all students in grades 10-12. 15% of the Class of 2023 completed at least one internship. Nearly 10% of our current Seniors are enrolled in an internship or class mentoring experience.
- **Capstone Projects** require students to engage in deep and meaningful research that answers an essential question developed by them. As capstones are a graduation requirement, 100% of the Class of 2023 completed a Capstone Project.

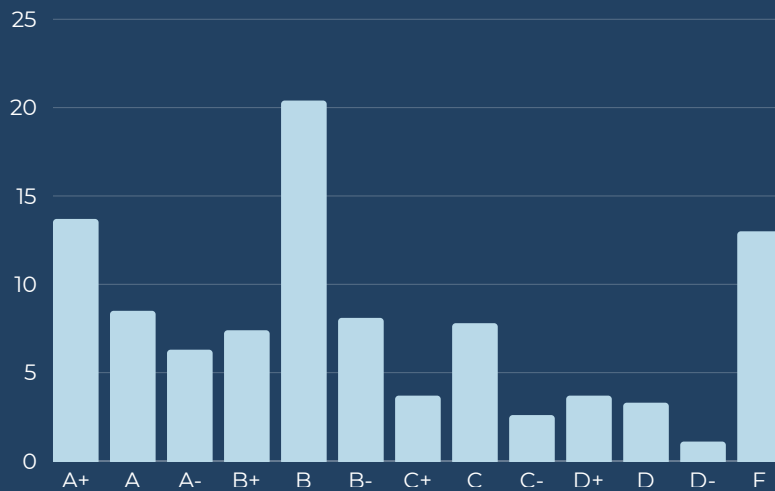
**Due to the Coronavirus**, classes were held online for all students beginning March 13, 2020 through the end of the 19/20 school year. Fourth quarter grades in 19/20 were labeled as pass or insufficient evidence and final 19/20 numeric grades were awarded based on the higher of the average of quarters 1-3, or quarters 1-4. Grades 10, 11 and 12 continued learning remotely during the 20/21 school year using a 4X4 block schedule. Many students participated in a true hybrid learning schedule from April of 2021 to June 2021. In 21/22, we returned to our standard alternating day schedule, with the majority of our core classes meeting every other day for the full year. For 2022-23, all students were back in the building full time

# SNAPSHOT OF THE CLASS OF 2023

## 284 Seniors

- 24.2% Multilingual Learners
- 53.5% White
- 23.2% Black/African American
- 12.0% Hispanic/Latino
- 4.6% Asian
- 0.7% American Indian/Alaskan Native
- 6.0% More than One Race
- 41.0% Low income/Free/Reduced Lunch
- 51.6% 4-year school
- 34.2% 2-year school
- 6.5% Employment
- 5.1% Gap Year
- 2.3% Other post-sec training

### Percent of Student in Class of 2023 vs. Weighted GPA



#### Grading Equivalents

- A = 93-100
- B = 85-92
- C = 78-84
- D = 70-77
- F = 69 and below

#### Weighted Grade Scale

- Advanced Placement (AP) = +6
- Honors (HR) = +4

#### Graduation Requirements

**A minimum of 41 Credits distributed as follows:** 8 English, 6 Math, 6 History, 6 Science, 2 Fine Arts, 2 Physical Education, 1 Health, 10 Electives.

**In addition, students must complete a Capstone Project and a Post Secondary Plan.**

#### SAT Test Scores:

57.3% Spring 2023 Mean Scores:

ERW: 505

Math: 483

In the Class of 2024, there are 3 National Merit Semifinalists and 2 Commended Students.

#### Advanced Placement

2022-2023: A total of 115 students completed 230 AP exams in 16 subjects.

- 19% earned a 5
  - 20% earned a 4
  - 29% earned a 4
- Awards include:
- 21 AP Scholars
  - 10 AP Scholars with Honor
  - 7 AP Scholars with Distinction

## CLASS OF 2023: Matriculations

American University  
Arcadia University  
Bard College  
Barnard College  
Bates College  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Central Maine Community College  
Colby College  
Connecticut College  
Drexel University  
Eastern Maine Community College  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach  
Endicott College  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Hartwick College  
Husson University  
Iona University  
Ithaca College

James Madison University  
Lasell University  
Louisiana State University Loyola  
University Maryland  
Maine Maritime Academy  
Merrimack College  
Middlebury College  
Northwestern University  
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus  
Providence College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Saint Joseph's College of Maine  
Saint Michael's College  
Salve Regina University  
Skidmore College  
Smith College  
Southern Maine Community College  
Stanford University  
Suffolk University

Tiffin University  
Towson University  
University of California-San Diego  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Maine  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
University of Massachusetts-Boston  
University of New England  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Southern Maine  
University of Vermont  
University of Washington-Seattle Campus  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
Vassar College  
Wesleyan University  
Westfield State University  
Wheaton College - Massachusetts