

PASCACK HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

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PASCACK HILLS ~ PROFILE 2020 - 2021

COMMUNITIES: Pascack Hills High School is one of two high schools in the Pascack Valley Regional High School District. Pascack Hills High School serves the northern Bergen County communities of Montvale and Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. The towns are neighboring suburban communities with a combined population of approximately 13,000. The location, 20 miles northwest of New York City, enables residents to take advantage of the many cultural and educational resources of a large city. Residents enjoy an upper middle class socio-economic level with the majority of adults employed as professionals and business executives. A high percentage of adults in both communities are college graduates. The community has high expectations and aspirations for its schools.

SCHOOL: Pascack Hills High School is a four-year college preparatory school with an enrollment of approximately 800 students. The 2020 graduating class was comprised of 179 students. The school is a member of the National Association of College Admission Counselors and supports the Association's Code of Ethics & Professional Practices. Pascack Hills High School consistently ranks in the top tier of New Jersey high schools as rated by the *New Jersey Monthly Magazine*.

e-LEARNING: The Pascack Valley Regional High School District is the first district in New Jersey to provide wireless laptops to all students and teachers to be used in classrooms and at home. This initiative, currently in the 15th year, impacts teaching, learning and communications between school and home while creating a community of learners between teachers and students. Advanced technological skills better prepare our students to enter college and the work place.

PASCACK SCHEDULE: The schedule for the 2020-2021 school year has been modified to adjust to the uncertainty of the pandemic and is subject to change throughout the school year based on local environmental conditions. To view the current Pascack schedule, please visit the district website at www.pascack.org.

ACCREDITATION: Pascack Hills High School is accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education.

POST SECONDARY PLANS OF RECENT GRADUATES

	2018	2019	2020
Total Graduates	207	226	179
% 4- Yr. College	92	91	92
% 2- Yr. College	7	4	5
% Other	1	5	3

NATIONAL/STATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Class of 2019

National Merit Commended 5

Class of 2019

AP Scholars 10

AP Scholars with Honors 4

AP Scholars with Distinction 1

ADVANCED PLACEMENT 2020

A total of 210 students took 494 Advanced Placement exams in 25 different subjects. Advanced Placement tests were taken in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese Language & Culture, Computer Science A, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, French Language, Macroeconomics, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: E&M, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, Studio Art-2D Design, Studio Art-3D, Studio Art-Drawing, US Gov't & Politics, United States History and World History.

**COLLEGE BOARD SAT I SCORES
CLASS OF 2019**

	<u>PH</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>National</u>
ERW	606	566	531
Mathematics	603	569	528
Total	1209	1135	1059

**ACT SCORES
CLASS OF 2019**

	<u>PH</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>National</u>
English	27.2	24.3	20.1
Mathematics	25.8	24.0	20.4
Reading	25.9	24.6	21.2
Science	25.1	23.6	20.6
Composite	26.2	24.2	20.7

GRADING SYSTEM AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Grade Point Average is computed by a process which includes all subjects for which credit is given and all grades including failures. Honors and Advanced Placement grades are weighted the same, receiving one additional point.

GRADING SCALE/VALUES

	<u>Grading</u> <u>Scale</u>	<u>College Prep</u> <u>Courses</u>	<u>Honors/AP</u> <u>Courses</u>
A+	98-100	4.33	5.33
A	93-97	4.00	5.00
A-	90-92	3.67	4.67
B+	87-89	3.33	4.33
B	83-86	3.00	4.00
B-	80-82	2.67	3.67
C+	77-79	2.33	3.33
C	73-76	2.00	3.00
C-	70-72	1.67	2.67
D+	67-69	1.33	2.33
D	63-66	1.00	2.00
D-	60-62	0.67	1.67
F	0-59	0.00	
P	PASS		
F	FAIL		
WP	Withdraw/Passing	I Incomplete	NC No Credit
WF	Withdraw/Failing	MEX Medically Excused	

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must earn a minimum of 120 credits, which include:

English	4 Years	20 Credits
World History	1 Year	5 Credits
United States History	2 Years	10 Credits
Mathematics	3 Years	15 Credits
Science	3 Years	15 Credits
World Language	2 Years	10 Credits
Physical Education/Health	4 Years	20 Credits
Fine/Practical/Performing Arts	2 Years	10 Credits
Financial Literacy	1/2 Year	2.5 Credits

In addition, all students must meet the minimum standard on the PARCC/NJSLA or other assessments as defined by the NJDOE.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE

**CLASS OF 2021
(As of the 6th semester)**

Given the rigorous nature of the curriculum and a highly motivated student body, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District does not rank students.

<u>Quintile</u>	<u>GPA Range</u>
1	4.96 - 4.27
2	4.26 - 3.87
3	3.84 - 3.53
4	3.50 - 3.14
5	3.13 - 1.76

COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH:

AP: AP Language and Composition
 AP Literature and Composition
Honors: Honors English 1, 2, 3, 4
 Honors Language, Myth & Human Culture
 Honors American Studies
 Honors Literature of the Holocaust
 Honors Advanced 21st Century Journalism & Media

College Prep:

Creative Writing
 Public Speaking
 English 1, 2, 3, 4
 Sports and Literature
 American Studies +
 Language, Myth & Culture
 Film and Literature
 21st Century Journalism & Media
 Literature of the Holocaust

MATHEMATICS:

AP: AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 AP Statistics
 AP Computer Science A
Honors: Honors Geometry
 Honors Algebra 2/Trigonometry
 Honors Pre-Calculus
 Honors Computer Science

College Prep:

Algebra 1
 Algebra I Enhanced
 College Algebra*
 Discrete Math*
 Statistics I*
 Statistics II*
 Algebra 2/Trigonometry
 Algebra 2/Trigonometry Enhanced
 Geometry
 Geometry Enhanced
 Pre-Calculus
 Calculus
 Computer Science Principles

SCIENCE:

AP: AP Biology
 AP Chemistry
 AP Env. Science
 AP Physics I, AP Physics II, AP Physics C
Honors: Honors Biology
 Honors Chemistry
 Honors Physics
 Honors Forensics - SUPA
 Honors Reserch in Molecular Genetics I, II, III

SCIENCE: (continued)

College Prep:

Biology
 Chemistry
 Physics
 Physics/Technology
 Astronomy*
 Earth's Natural Disasters*
 Conceptual Physics
 Environmental Biology
 Chemistry in the Community
 Anatomy and Physiology
 Environmental Studies
 Science, Ethics, Technology & Society

SOCIAL STUDIES:

AP: AP World History
 AP US History 1, 2
 AP Economics*
 AP Government & Politics*
Honors: Honors World History
 Honors US History 1, 2
 Honors SUPA Public Affairs
 Honors History of Sport in America*
 Honors Psychology

College Prep:

World History
 US History 1, 2
 American Studies +
 Economics*
 Anthropology*
 Sociology*
 Psychology 1, 2*

WORLD LANGUAGES:

AP: AP French
 AP Spanish
Honors: Honors French 2, 3, 4
 Honors Italian 2, 3, 4
 Honors Spanish 2, 3, 4
 Honors Chinese 2, 3, 4, 5
College Prep:
 French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 Italian 1, 2, 3, 4
 Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 Chinese 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 ESL

ARTS:

AP Art History
 AP Studio Art: Drawing
 AP Studio Art: 2D Design
 AP Studio Art: 3D Design
 Fundamentals of Art & Design
 Ceramics
 Ceramics & Sculpture I

ARTS: (continued)

Studio Art I
 Drawing
 Fine Arts
Honors: Honors Advanced Studio Art II
 Honors Advanced Ceramics & Sculpture II
 Honors Advanced Photography
 Photography
 Honors Advanced Photography
 Crafts
 Advanced Crafts

BUSINESS:

Entrepreneurship
 Principle of Business*
 Blended Financial Literacy*
 Financial Literacy*
 Marketing*

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE:

Fashion Design
 Advanced Fashion Design
 Clothing Construction
 Culinary Arts I, II
 Interior Design
 Early Childhood & Family Education I, II
 21st Century Life Skills

MUSIC:

Choir/Lunch
 Chamber Choir
 Concert Choir
 Concert Band
 Guitar I, II
 Music Technology
 Music Theory I
 AP Music Theory

TECHNOLOGY:

Graphic Communication Technology I, II
 Honors Engineering Design I, II
 Introduction to Web Design*
 Technological Design*
 Video Production
 Advanced Video Production
 Architecture
 Graphics Design I, II
 Robotics & Game Design
 Introduction to Innovation & Design

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH:

Physical Education/Health 9, 10, 11, 12

VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL: (VHS)

Multiple Course Offerings

VOCATIONAL PROGRAM:

Satellite Program at Bergen County
 Technical School (Satellite)

*Semester Courses + Double Period Courses

Dr. P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Barry Bachenheimer, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Mr. Tim Wieland, Principal

Mrs. Charleen Schwartzman, Assistant Principal

Mr. Philip Paspalas, Assistant Principal / Director of Athletics

Dr. Sean Struncis, District Supervisor of Guidance & Counseling Services

Mr. Steven Casamento, Counselor

Mrs. Marin Donnelly, Counselor

Mrs. Jenna Howard, Counselor

Mrs. Cristina Schneider, Counselor

Mrs. Erica Franceski, Student Family Resource Liaison

Ms. Jennifer Zimmermann, Student Assistance Counselor

REPRESENTATIVE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2017-2020

American University	Lehigh University	Swathmore College
Arizona State University	Louisiana State University	Syracuse University
Babson College	Loyola College of Maryland	Temple University
Bard College	Lynchburg College	Trinity College
Baylor University	Manhattan School of Music	Tufts University
Bentley University	Manhattanville College	Tulane University
Boston College	Marist College	Union College
Boston University	Massachusetts College of Art	United States Military Academy
Bowdoin College	Massachusetts Institute of	University of Alabama
Brandeis University	Technology	University of Arizona
Brown University	McDaniel College	University of California
Brigham Young University	McGill University	University of Central Florida
Bucknell University	Methodist University	University of Chicago
Carnegie Mellon University	Miami University	University of Colorado
Case Western Reserve University	Michigan State University	University of Connecticut
Champlain College	Middlebury College	University of Delaware
Claremont McKenna College	Montclair State University	University of Florida
Clemson University	Moravian College	University of Georgia
Colgate University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Illinois
College of Charleston	Muhlenberg College	University of Iowa
College of New Jersey	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Kentucky
College of William and Mary	New York Institute of Technology	University of Maryland
Colorado School of Mines	New York University	University of Massachusetts
Columbia University	North Carolina State University	University of Miami
Connecticut College	Northeastern University	University of Michigan
Cornell University	Northwestern University	University of Missouri
Drew University	Oberlin College	University of New Hampshire
Drexel University	Ohio State University	University of North Carolina
Duke University	Old Dominion University	University of Notre Dame
Duquesne University	Pace University	University of Oklahoma
East Carolina University	Penn State University	University of Oregon
East Stroudsburg University	Princeton University	University of Pennsylvania
Elon University	Providence College	University of Pittsburgh
Emerson College	Purdue University	University of Rhode Island
Emory University	Quinnipiac University	University of Richmond
Fairfield University	Radford University	University of Rochester
Fashion Institute of Technology	Ramapo College of New Jersey	University of Scranton
Florida State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of South Carolina
Fordham University	Rice University	University of South Florida
Franklin and Marshall College	Rider University	University of Southern California
George Washington University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Tampa
Georgetown University	Roger Williams University	University of Tennessee
Georgia Institute of Technology	Rowan University	University of Texas
Gettysburg College	Rutgers University	University of Vermont
Hamilton College	Sacred Heart University	University of Virginia
Hampshire College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Wisconsin
Haverford College	Savannah College of Art & Design	Vanderbilt University
High Point University	Seton Hall University	Villanova University
Hofstra University	Siena College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Holy Cross	Skidmore College	Wake Forest University
Howard University	St. John's University	Washington University in St. Louis
Indiana University	St. Olaf College	Wellesley College
Ithaca College	Stevens Institute of Technology	Wesleyan University
James Madison University	Stony Brook University	West Chester University
Johns Hopkins University	SUNY at Albany	West Virginia University
Kean University	SUNY at Buffalo	William Paterson University
Kent State University	SUNY College at Geneseo	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Kutztown University	SUNY College at Oneonta	Xavier University
Lafayette College	SUNY New Paltz	Yale University