

PEMBROKE HILL SCHOOL

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TOGETHER, CULTIVATING THE BEST IN EACH, FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL.

Pembroke Hill School is an independent, coeducational, college-preparatory day school serving students age 2 through grade 12. Created by the 1984 merger of the all-girls Sunset Hill School (1913) and the all-boys Pembroke-Country Day School (1910), Pembroke Hill is located on two campuses in Kansas City, Missouri.

The PHS experience is based on the idea that education of young people is society's most important act. Great value must be placed on children and their individual growth by providing challenging and meaningful educational experiences that shape the whole child.

Pembroke Hill is a dynamic and supportive community where academic excellence and extracurricular involvement intersect. Students engage in a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum led by dedicated and talented educators. Learning also extends beyond the classroom with over 30 student-run clubs, 23 varsity sports and a variety of leadership and service opportunities.



ACCREDITATION

Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)

MEMBERSHIPS

Association of College Counselors
Independent Schools (ACCIS) –
Founding Member
National Association of Independent
Schools (NAIS)
National Association of College
Admissions Counseling (NACAC)
The College Board
Global Online Academy



OUR COMMUNITY

1,195 students attend Pembroke Hill, with 33% of the student body identifying as people of color. 26% of students receive need-based financial aid. Our 155 faculty members have 86 Masters degrees and 12 Ph.Ds.

PEMBROKE HILL SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECTS

All seniors participate in a culminating project that demonstrates their skills in research, writing and oral presentation. They choose a subject with which they have a personal connection or passion. Past topics have included the ethics of cloning; memory, aging, trauma and the brain; the evolution of pop music; artificial intelligence; and the future of energy. Senior capstone concludes with a presentation to peers, parents and faculty. Past presentations include theatrical performances, screenings of self-made films, a demonstration illustrating the experiences of an individual with ADHD and the conversion of a gas-powered car to electric.

JANUARY INTERIM

January Interim (JanTerm) is a full week dedicated to alternative and experimental course offerings which provide non-traditional learning opportunities. JanTerm promotes interdisciplinary learning and independent study while providing opportunities for community service and travel. Students may also lead courses with mentoring from a faculty member.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

All students complete a minimum of 60 hours of community service over four years. 88 percent of the Class of 2025 exceeded the sixty-hour requirement, with an average of 123 hours of service. The entire class amassed a total of 11,291 community service hours over their collective high school career.

SPEECH & DEBATE

- Team ranked top 25 in the nation
- Three national qualifiers in 2025 - most in school history
- Three consecutive individual national champions in extemporaneous debate
- 2025 Missouri Class 1 Debate Team Champions

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

- 14 State Championships
- 19 time State runner-up
- Nationally ranked top 10 multiple times

ROBOTICS & ENGINEERING CLUB

- First Technology Challenge: KC Super Qualifiers (24-25) - 2nd place Think Award and 2nd Place Control Award
- MO Competition Tournament (20-21) - 14th place ranking and 3rd Place Control Award

MATH TEAM

- 12 mathleague.com state qualifiers (24-25)
- 4th place state finish
- One national and international qualifier
- One AMC round 2 (AIME) qualifier

CURRICULUM NOTES

13 ACCELERATED/HONORS COURSES:

ACCELERATED FULL-YEAR COURSES:

Algebra II
Biology
Geometry
Pre-Calculus
Chemistry
Spanish IV

ADVANCED COURSES:

Multivariable Calculus III
Differential Equations
Number Theory
Probability & Counting
2 Spanish Electives
French Conversation

Note: All year-long science courses include a laboratory.

Students in the class of 2025 took, on average, 3 Accelerated and 5 AP or Advanced courses over their high school careers.

19 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES*:

English Literature
Art & Design
Art History
Computer Science A
Chinese
French
Latin
Spanish
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics
Biology
Chemistry
Physics 2
Environmental Science
U.S. History
Economics (Macro and Micro)
U.S. Government and Politics
African American Studies

**Typically, students may not enroll in AP courses until junior year.*



ATHLETICS & THE ARTS

71 STATE TITLES

23 SPORTS

71 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS –
SECOND HIGHEST IN MISSOURI

84% OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE
MEMBERS OF AN ATHLETIC TEAM

85+ CHOIR STUDENTS

160 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN VISUAL ARTS
EACH SEMESTER

60+ STUDENTS IN THEATRE CLASSES &
PRODUCTIONS

35+ STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

100+ STUDENTS JOIN SPEECH & DEBATE –
A TOP 20 NDSA PROGRAM

GRADE DISTRIBUTION | CLASS OF 2026

For select courses taken in the 2024-25 school year.

SUBJECT	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F	TOTAL
REQUIRED COURSES FOR JUNIORS														
AP US History/Am. Civ. History*	32	35	15	6	8	2	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	108
Am. Civ. English	23	39	17	10	13	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	110
MATH														
AP Calculus BC	5	21	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
AP Calculus AB	3	8	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	22
AP Statistics	12	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Adv. Multi Variable Calc+	11	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Adv. Differential Equations+	0	3	7	6	5	5	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	31
Pre-Calculus Acc.	8	18	12	5	4	6	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	61
Pre-Calculus	1	6	6	5	6	5	2	1	0	3	0	0	1	36
Algebra II	0	3	6	5	4	7	3	2	1	0	4	0	0	35
SCIENCE														
Physics Acc.	5	12	6	8	6	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	44
Physics	4	3	4	3	2	4	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	26
AP Chemistry	6	10	4	2	6	2	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	37
AP Biology	1	8	8	7	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Human Physiology+	8	6	3	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Neuroscience+	22	5	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Science & Society+	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
LANGUAGE														
French IV Acc.	2	3	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
French III	2	7	6	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
AP Spanish	1	6	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Spanish IV Acc.	11	15	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Spanish IV	0	1	1	1	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Spanish III	3	11	15	7	7	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	52
Mandarin Chinese IV	10	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Mandarin Chinese I	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
Latin IV	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
ELECTIVES														
AP Art History	9	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
AP Computer Science	4	5	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	16
Adv. Debate	42	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44

* Students who do the extra work required for the AP US History curriculum are awarded the AP US History designation on their transcripts.

+ One-semester courses



STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT

52% of students took the SAT
1170-1470 Middle 50%

ACT

72% of students took the ACT
24-32 Middle 50%

AP SCORES – MAY 2025

91% of students received a score of 3 or above on at least one AP exam.

88% of scores were 3 or above.

62% of scores were 4 or 5.

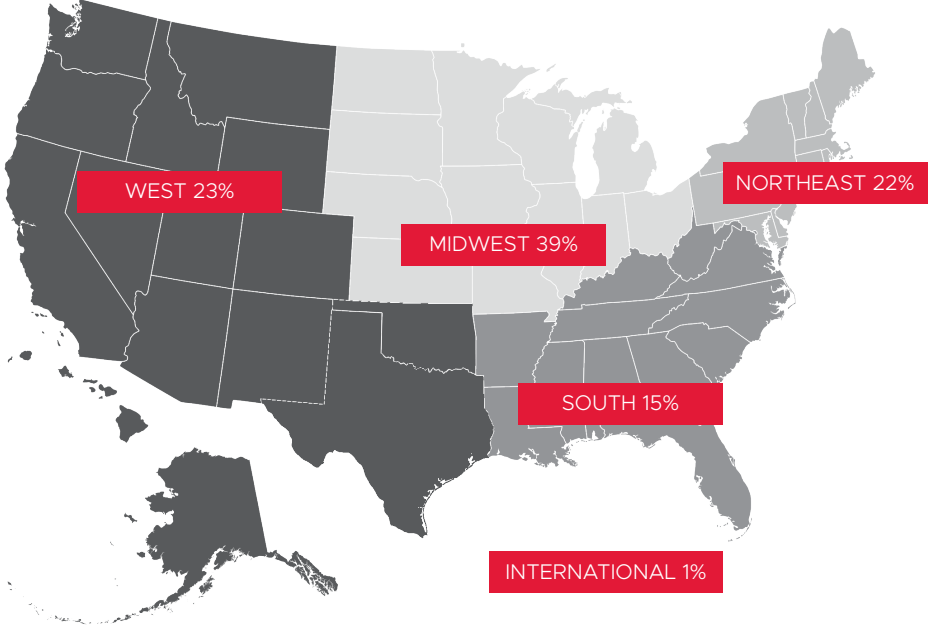
COLLEGE BOARD HONORS CLASS OF 2026		GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
NATIONAL MERIT		DISCIPLINE.....UNITS	World Languages.....3
Semifinalists.....	14	English.....	Electives.....2
Commended.....	6	Mathematics.....	Fine Arts.....2
% of Class.....	19	Science.....	P.E.....1.5
		Social Studies.....	Applied Ethics.....0.5
		TOTAL.....	22

WHERE PEMBROKE HILL GRADUATES ARE ENROLLED

For the classes of 2021-2025 (average class size is 103), two or more students have enrolled at the universities listed.

University of Kansas.....	38	Loyola Marymount University.....	3	Haverford College.....	2
Texas Christian University.....	18	Macalester College.....	3	Johnson County Community College.....	2
University of Missouri.....	13	Rhodes College.....	3	Loyola University, Chicago.....	2
University of Missouri-Kansas City.....	11	Rochester Institute of Technology.....	3	North Carolina State University.....	2
University of Denver.....	10	Rockhurst University.....	3	Pomona College.....	2
University of Southern California.....	10	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.....	3	Princeton University.....	2
Kansas State University.....	9	St. Olaf College.....	3	Reed College.....	2
University of Colorado Boulder.....	9	Stanford University.....	3	Syracuse University.....	2
University of Miami.....	9	Texas A&M University.....	3	University of Alabama.....	2
University of Notre Dame.....	9	Trinity University.....	3	University of Arizona.....	2
University of Wisconsin.....	9	University of Oklahoma.....	3	University of California, Berkeley.....	2
Dartmouth College.....	7	Vanderbilt University.....	3	University of Chicago.....	2
University of Virginia.....	7	Wellesley College.....	3	University of Iowa.....	2
Washington University in St. Louis.....	7	American University.....	2	University of Minnesota.....	2
Georgetown University.....	6	Bard College.....	2	University of South Carolina.....	2
Miami University, Ohio.....	6	Carnegie Mellon University.....	2	University of Tennessee.....	2
New York University.....	6	Chapman University.....	2	University of Vermont.....	2
Northwestern University.....	6	Claremont McKenna College.....	2	University of Washington.....	2
Purdue University.....	6	Colorado School of Mines.....	2	Villanova University.....	2
Southern Methodist University.....	6	Columbia College, Chicago.....	2	Washington and Lee University.....	2
University of Arkansas.....	6	Columbia University.....	2		
University of Pennsylvania.....	6	Grinnell College.....	2		
University of San Diego.....	6	Harvard University.....	2		
Arizona State University.....	5				
Case Western Reserve University.....	5				
Saint Louis University.....	5				
University of Richmond.....	5				
Yale University.....	5				
Boston College.....	4				
Boston University.....	4				
Carleton College.....	4				
Cornell University.....	4				
Creighton University.....	4				
Elon University.....	4				
Indiana University.....	4				
Northeastern University.....	4				
Oberlin College.....	4				
Santa Clara University.....	4				
Tulane University.....	4				
University of Michigan.....	4				
University of Mississippi.....	4				
Wake Forest University.....	4				
Baylor University.....	3				
Brown University.....	3				
Clemson University.....	3				
Colorado State University.....	3				
Denison University.....	3				
DePaul University.....	3				
George Washington University.....	3				
Howard University.....	3				
Lehigh University.....	3				

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT BY REGION



179

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED

62%

ENROLLED IN PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

38%

ENROLLED IN PUBLIC COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

44

STATES WHERE STUDENTS ENROLLED