

Paulding County High School Improvement at a Glance



PCHS Snapshot

PCHS was established in 1969 following the merger of Dallas High School, the old Hiram High School, and Matthews High School. PCHS is located in the metro Atlanta community of Dallas, GA along Villa Rica Highway. Within PCHS the prestigious and competitive STEM certified Academy of Science, Research, and Medicine which provides a rigorous curriculum and expansive hands-on opportunities for accepted students that wish to pursue a career within the biotech and medical fields after graduation.

Mission

THE PCHS Mission: To provide students with a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment where academic excellence, creativity, and character development are nurtured. We prepare students to thrive in a diverse and ever-changing world.

Vision

THE PCHS Vision: To be a leading educational community where every student is inspired to achieve academic excellence, embrace diversity, and contribute positively to society. We strive to empower graduates who become technologically competent, confident, and prepared to thrive in a dynamic world.

Goals

Increase school End of Course Assessments scores for passing and proficiency rates.

Algebra 1	Increase Pass Rate from 75% to 78%	Increase Proficiency Rate from 42% to 44%
Biology	Increase Pass Rate from 72% to 75%	Increase Proficiency Rate from 38% to 40%
US History	Increase Pass Rate from 82% to 85%	Increase Proficiency Rate from 54% to 56%

Increase school Graduation Rate by 2%.

Beliefs

At PCHS, we believe that every student has the capacity to achieve academic excellence, embrace diversity, and make meaningful contributions to society. Reflecting the rich cultural landscape of Metro Atlanta, our students bring a wide range of experiences, talents, and perspectives that strengthen our learning community.

We believe our students thrive in an environment that challenges them intellectually, supports them emotionally, and prepares them to navigate a dynamic, technology-driven world. We are committed to cultivating confidence, curiosity, and character in every student, empowering them to become innovative thinkers, responsible citizens, and compassionate leaders of tomorrow.

Demographics

PCHS serves approximately 2250 students in grades 9–12. The student population is diverse, with the following racial and ethnic composition: 13.1% Hispanic/Latino, 38.3% Black/African, 41.7% White, 0.8% Asian, 0.2% American Indian/Alaskan, and 5.9% identifying as two or more races.

Approximately 44.6% of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, indicating a significant percentage of low-income families. 4.5% of the student body is classified as English Language Learners (ELL), and 17% receive Special Education services.

Honors/Awards/Certifications

- Cognia and Georgia STEM Certification for Academy of Science, Research, and Medicine
- Instructional Technology Floppy Disk Award, 4 Continuous Semesters
- Met 2025–2026 School Improvement Plan Goals
- Advanced Placement Honor School SY 2026
 - AP Access and Support
 - AP STEM School & Achievement
- Student Academic Celebrations SY 2025
 - Academic Wall of Fame
 - Academic Letter and Lamp of Knowledge
 - Top 10 Luncheon
 - Underclassman Awards
 - Senior Honors Night