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Pingree School empowers every community member to pursue knowledge with courage and imagination, thrive in joy and challenge, and create a more just and equitable world.

Founded in 1960, Pingree School is an independent day school for grades 9–12 located 20 miles north of Boston. Pingree currently draws its 385 students from more than 50 communities across Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. Ninety-nine percent of our graduates go on to attend four-year colleges or universities.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH: 4 years to include one year of American Literature, APEX American Cultural Studies, or an approved equivalent

HISTORY: 3 years to include World History, Ideologies and the Creation of the Modern World, and U.S. History or APEX American Cultural Studies

SCIENCE: 3 years to include Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

MATH: 3 years through Math 3

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 3 consecutive years in one language

ART: 2 years to include courses in visual and performing arts

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: All ninth graders and transfer students take Community Education, a half-credit course that focuses on adolescent development, identity and equity, and wellness

COURSE LOAD

Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 5.5 credits and a maximum of 6.5 credits every trimester. A full-credit course is 1 credit per trimester; H-Block courses are .5 credits per trimester. Students may take a maximum of three APEX courses in one year and a maximum of four APEX and honors courses combined. APEX courses are available only to juniors and seniors. Students must apply and be approved by the department and a faculty committee to take each APEX course.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Pingree uses a trimester calendar. The school will submit final trimester one grades for seniors on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, and those grades should be considered Pingree’s midyear report. Final trimester two grades will not be ready until the end of March. Final transcripts will be sent at the end of June.

ADVANCED PINGREE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES (APEX)

Beginning with the class of 2025, Pingree no longer offered Advanced Placement courses. Instead, Pingree offers Advanced Pingree Educational Experiences (APEX) as pinnacle courses in every discipline. APEX courses are developed by the Pingree faculty and overseen by a director and faculty committee in order to ensure consistent standards and rigor. These courses give students the opportunity to produce student-driven research; to connect scholarship to civic engagement; and to make cross-curricular connections. APEX courses are taught at a level that matches or exceeds the challenge of AP coursework.

APEX COURSES

APEX American Cultural Studies	APEX Environmental Science:
APEX Art History: Navigating Canons and Cultures	Sustainability in the Face of Global Change
APEX Biology: A Scientific Exploration of Life	APEX History: Historiography of the Holocaust
APEX Calculus: A World in Flux	APEX Music Ensemble*
APEX Chemistry: Green Organic Chemistry	APEX Physics
APEX Computer Science: Coding and Society	APEX Spanish: Art and Social Change in Spanish-Speaking Communities
APEX Engineering: The Just Energy Transition	APEX Statistics: The Power of Data
APEX English: Creative Writing	APEX Studio Art: Changemaking+
APEX English: Existential Literature-The Meaning of Life	

*APEX Music Ensemble: Beginning in 2026-27, the course will rotate between two courses: Roots & Influences and Explorations & Innovations
+APEX Studio Art: Beginning in 2026-27, the course will rotate between two courses: Origins & Influences and Innovators & Improvisers

HONORS COURSES

Chemistry	Physics
Ceramics 2	Pre-Calculus
Dance Ensemble	Spanish III/IV
French III/IV	U.S. History
Math 3	

SELECT SIGNATURE COURSES

APEX American Cultural Studies

A year-long double credit junior course taught jointly by the History and English Departments. The course meets during two class periods and offers full credit in both English and History. Students receive one grade.

H BLOCK ELECTIVES

H Blocks are half-credit electives that allow students to pursue diverse interests and take intellectual risks. All H Block electives are pass/fail. Pingree offers over 55 H-Block electives every year across a range of disciplines.

FINAL EXAMS AND CAPSTONE PROJECTS

Pingree students take cumulative final exams at the end of the second trimester. During the final two weeks of the school year, students in grades 9–11 engage in capstone projects, summative experiences enabling students to apply their learning in new and creative ways. During those weeks, seniors pursue independent capstone projects off campus, engaging in a variety of different experiences, including internships, job shadowing, and community service.

SAT/ACT SCORES

In the class of 2026, 54 students took the SAT. The average scores are below. The number of students who took the ACT in the class of 2026 was too low to include average ACT scores here. Please note that standardized testing (SSAT/ISEE) is optional in Pingree's own admissions process. In addition, test-optional policies at colleges affect Pingree's average scores.

● EBRW:660 ● Math: 650 ● Total: 1310

GRADING SYSTEM

A+ 97–100	B+ 87–89	C+ 77–79	D+ 67–69	F <60
A 93–96	B 83–86	C 73–76	D 63–66	
A- 90–92	B- 80–82	C- 70–72	D- 60–62	

Pingree does not report students' GPAs on their transcripts.

HONOR ROLL

Honor roll is calculated by trimester using weighted GPAs. (+5 points for APEX and honors classes). Students in the top decile of each class earn high honors. Students in the second decile of each class earn honors. Students in the third decile of each class are placed on the Head of School's List.

Honor roll designations are not awarded in ninth grade.

DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION

Each year, Pingree recognizes outstanding academic achievement with departmental distinction. Departmental distinctions are "awarded to students in each department for their unflagging curiosity and passion for the subject, positive attitude, outstanding work ethic, and exceptional achievement in the specific discipline."

DISCIPLINE REPORTING

Students and counselors will report an applicant's discipline history to colleges that request such information.

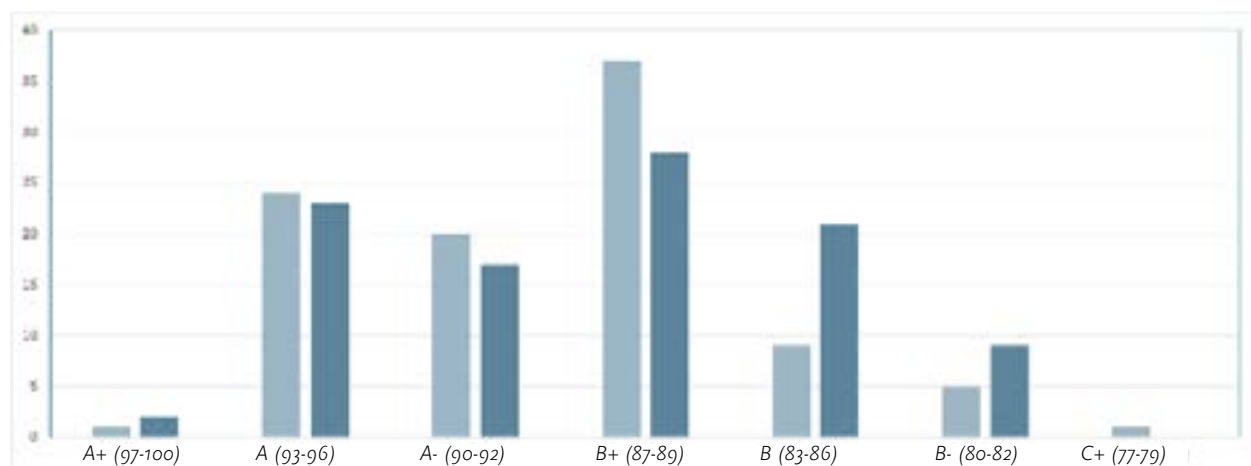
RANK IN CLASS

Pingree does not report class rank to colleges. Please see the Weighted GPA Distribution and Class of 2027 Grade Distribution.

WEIGHTED GPA DISTRIBUTION

**Class of 2026 GPAs include senior-year grades*

■ Class of 2026* (97) ■ Class of 2027 (95)



CLASS OF 2027 GRADE DISTRIBUTION: JUNIOR COURSES*

Most math and language classes are mixed (include non-juniors).

COURSE	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D's/F
APEX ENGLISH: CREATIVE WRITING	0	0	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
AMERICAN LITERATURE	0	2	15	28	22	8	2	0	0	0
APEX AMERICAN CULTURAL STUDIES	0	0	8	9	3	0	0	0	0	0
HONORS U.S. HISTORY	0	0	1	11	1	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. HISTORY	0	6	13	20	20	4	0	0	0	0
HISTORY SEMINARS	0	12	20	17	15	2	1	0	0	0
SPANISH 1-3	4	31	43	34	29	22	10	8	1	0
HONORS SPANISH 3-4	0	5	10	9	12	4	0	0	0	0
SPANISH SEMINARS	11	28	30	13	19	6	1	0	0	0
CHINESE 1-3	0	8	5	7	6	3	0	2	0	0
FRENCH 1-3	0	3	7	11	7	3	3	4	0	1
HONORS FRENCH 3-4	0	1	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
FRENCH SEMINARS	1	0	7	1	8	2	1	0	0	0
MATH 3	0	2	8	15	15	9	5	8	1	1
HONORS MATH 3	0	0	5	7	8	7	0	0	0	0
PRECALCULUS	1	18	23	27	27	14	8	3	2	1
HONORS PRECALCULUS	5	18	12	10	7	2	2	0	1	1
CALCULUS	1	14	6	11	9	3	4	1	1	0
APEX CALCULUS	0	11	9	4	3	0	0	0	0	0
STATISTICS/RISK & REWARD	1	10	8	17	11	6	2	0	0	0
APEX STATISTICS	0	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	0	0
COMPUTER SCIENCE	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
APEX COMPUTER SCIENCE	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
CHEMISTRY	1	6	27	20	9	3	0	1	0	0
PHYSICS	6	15	24	9	13	5	1	0	0	0
HONORS PHYSICS	2	9	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
APEX BIOLOGY	0	1	3	3	3	1	2	1	0	0
APEX CHEMISTRY	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APEX ENGINEERING	0	5	7	6	1	0	2	0	0	0
APEX ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	0	5	9	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
SCIENCE ELECTIVES	16	38	28	29	13	7	1	4	2	2
APEX MUSIC ENSEMBLE	0	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APEX STUDIO ART	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

COLLEGE ACCEPTS FOR 2026 AND COLLEGES ATTENDED 2022–2026

(College, number attending)

The Class of 2026 was admitted to more than 140 different colleges and chose to attend 62 different colleges.

American University 5	Gettysburg College 1	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technol- ogy	University of Massachusetts (Lowell) 4
Appalachian State University	Hamilton College 3	Rutgers University	University of Miami 8
Arizona State University 1	Hartwick College 1	Sacred Heart University 1	University of Michigan 2
Auburn University	Harvard University 1	Saint Anselm College 3	University of Minnesota 1
Babson College 7	High Point University 1	Saint Joseph's University 1	University of Mississippi 1
Barnard College 1	Hobart and William Smith Colleges 3	Saint Michael's College 1	University of New England 1
Bates College 8	Indiana University (Bloomington) 3	Salisbury University 1	University of New Hampshire 4
Belmont University 1	Iona University 1	Salve Regina University	University of New Haven
Bentley University 2	Ithaca College	Santa Clara University 2	University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) 1
Boston College 20	James Madison University 1	Sarah Lawrence College	University of North Carolina (Wilmington) 2
Boston University 10	John Cabot University	Savannah College of Art and De- sign 1	University of North Georgia 2
Bowdoin College 2	Kennesaw State University 1	Simmons University 1	University of Notre Dame 5
Brandeis University 2	Lafayette College 3	Skidmore College 8	University of Pennsylvania 1
Brown University 3	Lasell University	Smith College 1	University of Pittsburgh 2
Bryant University 1	Lehigh University 7	Southern Methodist University 1	University of Rhode Island 1
Bucknell University 4	Louisiana State University	St. Lawrence University 8	University of Richmond 1
Carleton College 1	Loyola Marymount University 2	St. Olaf College	University of Rochester 4
Case Western Reserve University 3	Loyola University Chicago	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of St Andrews 2
Central Michigan University	Loyola University New Orleans 1	Stonehill College 2	University of San Diego
Chapman University 2	Marist University 1	Suffolk University 2	University of San Francisco
Chatham University	Marquette University	Syracuse University 8	University of South Carolina
Clark University 3	Massachusetts College of Art and Design 1	Texas Christian University	University of South Florida
Clarkson University 2	Massachusetts College of Pharma- cy and Health Sciences	The American University of Rome	University of Tampa 5
Clemson University 2	Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2	The Ohio State University	University of Tennessee
Coastal Carolina University	McGill University 1	Trinity College 8	University of Texas 1
Colby College 17	Mercer University 1	Tufts University 9	University of Utah 1
Colby-Sawyer College 2	Merrimack College 1	Tulane University 4	University of Vermont 6
Colgate University 6	Miami University (OH) 2	Union College 7	University of Virginia 4
College of Charleston 1	Michigan State University 2	United States Military Academy 1	University of Washington 1
College of the Holy Cross 6	Middlebury College 6	United States Naval Academy	University of Wisconsin 2
Colorado College 3	Montana State University	University of Alabama	Vanderbilt University 1
Colorado School of Mines 1	Nazareth University 2	University of Arizona 1	Vassar College 2
Colorado State University (Fort Collins) 2	New York University 3	University of California (Berkeley) 2	Villanova University 10
Connecticut College 5	Nichols College 2	University of California (Irvine) 1	Virginia Tech University
Cornell University 3	Northeastern University 10	University of California (Santa Barbara) 1	Wake Forest University 7
Dartmouth College 3	Occidental College	University of Colorado Boulder 7	Washington University in St. Louis 1
Davidson College	Olin College of Engineering 1	University of Connecticut 3	Wellesley College 1
Denison University 5	Pace University (New York City) 1	University of Delaware 2	Wentworth Institute of Technol- ogy 2
Dickinson College 10	Penn State University 1	University of Denver 4	Wesleyan University 2
Drew University	Pitzer College 1	University of Florida	Westfield State University
Drexel University 1	Pratt Institute 1	University of Georgia 1	Wheaton College (MA) 4
Eckerd College 1	Princeton University 1	University of Maine 1	Whitman College
Elon University 7	Providence College 18	University of Maryland	Williams College 1
Emerson College 1	Purdue University	University of Maryland (Baltimore County) 1	William & Mary
Emmanuel College 1	Queens University of Charlotte 1	University of Massachusetts (Am- herst) 7	Worcester Polytechnic Institute 5
Emory University 1	Quinnipiac University	University of Massachusetts (Bos- ton)	Worcester State University
Endicott College 7	Reed College 1	University of Massachusetts (Dart- mouth)	
Fairfield University 9	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 2		
Florida Gulf Coast University 1	Rochester Institute of Technology 1		
Fordham University 9	Roger Williams University 1		
Franklin & Marshall College 2			
Furman University			
George Washington University 3			
Georgetown University 1			