

PASCACK VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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PASCACK VALLEY ~ PROFILE 2026 - 2027

COMMUNITIES: Pascack Valley High School is one of two high schools in the Pascack Valley Regional High School District. Pascack Valley High School serves the northern Bergen County communities of Hillsdale and River Vale, New Jersey. The towns are neighboring suburban communities with a combined population of approximately 20,000. 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 a middle to 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 Valley High School is a four-year college preparatory school with an enrollment of approximately 900 students. The 2026 graduating class was comprised of 241 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 Valley High School consistently ranks in the top tier of New Jersey high schools.

VISION: Pascack Valley Regional High School District fosters a culture of innovation, inquiry, and individuality to promote student achievement and purposeful choice. We cultivate the critical skills students need to compete and collaborate as ethical, responsible global citizens.

e-LEARNING: As New Jersey's pioneer in 1:1 wireless technology, Pascack Valley Regional empowers students to responsibly navigate and lead in a rapidly changing digital world.

SCHEDULE: To view the current Pascack schedule, please visit the district website at www.pascack.org.

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

POST SECONDARY PLANS OF RECENT GRADUATES

	2024	2025	2026
Total Graduates	226	259	241
% 4- Yr. College	83	87	86
% 2- Yr. College	8	5	5
% Other	9	8	9

NATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Class of 2025

National Merit Commended.	13
National Merit Semifinalist.	1

Class of 2025

AP Scholars.	44
AP Scholars with Honors	15
AP Scholars with Distinction	13

ADVANCED PLACEMENT 2026

A total of 257 students took 554 Advanced Placement exams in 28 different subjects. Advanced Placement tests were taken in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese Language & Culture, Computer Science, Drawing, European History, Italian Language & Culture, English Language/Composition, English Literature/Composition, Environmental Science, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Music Theory, 2D Art & Design, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics I, Physics II, Pre-Calculus, Research, Seminar, Spanish Language & Culture, Statistics, US Government & Politics, United States History and World History.

SAT SCORES (MEAN) CLASS OF 2025

	<u>PV</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>National</u>
ERW	586	533	521
Mathematics	580	519	508
Total	1166	1052	1029

ACT SCORES (MEAN) CLASS OF 2025

	<u>PV</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>National</u>
English	25.5	24.5	18.4
Mathematics	25.7	24.1	18.9
Reading	26.0	25.3	20.0
Science	25.6	24.2	19.6
Composite	25.8	24.6	19.4

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 & CODES

	<u>Grading</u>	<u>College Prep</u>	<u>Honors/AP</u>
	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Courses</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 • IP In Progress

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 NJGPA or alternate assessments as outlined by the NJDOE.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE

CLASS OF 2027
(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	4.98 - 4.15
2	4.14 - 3.80
3	3.79 - 3.53
4	3.52 - 3.17
5	3.16 - 2.06

COURSE OFFERINGS

* Courses marked with an asterisk are eligible for college credit via dual enrollment

ENGLISH:

AP: AP Language and Composition
AP Literature and Composition
AP Research
AP Seminar

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

College Prep:

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

MATHEMATICS:

AP: AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Pre-Calculus
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science-A

Honors: Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra 2/Trigonometry
Honors Pre-Calculus*
Honors Computer Science
Advanced Topics in Calculus*
Advanced Topics in Computer Science

College Prep:

Algebra 1
Algebra I Enhanced
Geometry
Geometry Enhanced
Algebra 2/Trigonometry
Algebra 2/Trigonometry Enhanced
Pre-Calculus*
Calculus*
Computer Science Principles
College Algebra*
Discrete Math*
Intro to Comp. Science & App. Dev.
Statistics*

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*

SCIENCE: (continued)

Honors Reserch in Molecular Genetics I, II, III
Honors Anatomy & Physiology

College Prep:

Biology
Biological Science
Chemistry
Physics
Physics/Technology
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 1, 2
Honors SUPA Public Affairs*
Honors History of Sport in America
Honors Psychology*

College Prep:

World History
US History 1, 2
American Studies +
Sociology
Analysis of History through Film
Religion in America

WORLD LANGUAGES:

AP: AP Chinese Language & Culture
AP French*
AP Spanish Language & Culture*
AP Spanish Literature & Culture*

Honors: Honors French 2, 3, 4*
Honors Spanish 2, 3, 4*
Honors Italian 2, 3, 4*
Honors Chinese 2, 3, 4*
Honors Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1, 2, 3

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
Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1, 2, 3

ARTS:

AP: AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP Studio Art: 2D Design

Honors: Honors Advanced Ceramics & Sculpture 2
Honors Advanced Studio Art 2*
Honors Advanced Photography*

ARTS: (continued)

College Prep:
Ceramics & Sculpture 1
Drawing
Studio Art 1
Photography

BUSINESS:

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

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE:

Advanced Clothing Construction
Advanced Fashion Design
Clothing Construction
Culinary Arts I, II*
Fashion Design
Interior Design
Early Childhood & Family Education I, II, III

MUSIC:

Choir/Lunch
Chamber Choir,* Concert Choir
Concert Band*
Concert Band/Marching Band
Guitar I
Honors Concert Band*
Honors Concert Choir*
Honors Chamber Choir*
Music Technology*
Music Theory I*
AP Music Theory

TECHNOLOGY:

Honors Engineering Design I*, II*
Video Production
Advanced Video Production
Broadcast Television Production
Architecture
Honors Research in Innovation & Design
Graphics Design 1, 2
Robotics & Game Design
Introduction to Innovation & Design

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH:

Physical Education/Health 9, 10, 11, 12

VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL: (VHS)

INTERNSHIPS

HONORS TEACHER CADET

VOCATIONAL PROGRAM:

Satellite Program at Bergen County

+ Double Period Courses

Mr. Dirk Phillips

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Mark Russo

Director Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

Mr. John Puccio

Principal

Mrs. Alison Petaccia

Assistant Principal

Mr. Thomas Gallione

Assistant Principal

Dr. Sean Struncis

District Supervisor of School Counseling

Dr. Frank Andrisani, Counselor

Mrs. Mary Jo Callanan, Counselor

Mrs. Stephanie Distasi, Counselor

Mrs. Maggie Culvert, Counselor

Mr. Jordan Kapp, Counselor

Mrs. Jennifer Kuo, Counselor

Mrs. Margaret Montenare

Student Assistance Counselor

Ms. Joanna Katz

Student Family Resource Liaison

REPRESENTATIVE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2023-2026

American University	Kean University	The Ohio State University
Amherst College	La Salle University	Trinity College
Arizona State University	Lafayette College	Tufts University
Babson College	Lehigh University	Tulane University
Bard College	Louisiana State University	Union College
Barnard College	Loyola University (MD)	United States Military Academy
Bates College	Lynn University	University of Alabama
Baylor University	Manhattan University	University of Arizona
Bentley University	Marist College	University of California, Berkeley
Bergen Community College	Marquette University	University of California, Irvine
Bloomsburg University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California, Los Angeles
Boston College	McGill University	University of California, San Diego
Boston University	Miami University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Brandeis University	Michigan State University	University of Chicago
Brown University	Middlebury College	University of Colorado
Bryn Mawr College	Mississippi State University	University of Connecticut
Bucknell University	Monmouth University	University of Delaware
California Institute of Technology	Montclair State University	University of Florida
Carnegie Mellon University	Muhlenberg College	University of Georgia
Case Western Reserve	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Illinois
Catholic University of America	New York University	University of Iowa
Clark University	North Carolina State University	University of Kentucky
Clemson University	Northeastern University	University of Maryland
Coastal Carolina University	Northwestern University	University of Massachusetts
Colgate University	Occidental College	University of Miami
College of Charleston	Ohio State University	University of Michigan
College of New Jersey	Ohio University	University of Mississippi
College of William and Mary	Pace University	University of Nebraska
Columbia University	Penn State University	University of New Hampshire
Cornell University	Pepperdine University	University of North Carolina
Dartmouth College	Princeton University	University of Notre Dame
Dickinson College	Providence College	University of Pennsylvania
Drew University	Purdue University	University of Pittsburgh
Drexel University	Quinnipiac University	University of Rhode Island
Duke University	Ramapo College	University of Richmond
Elon University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Rochester
Emerson College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Scranton
Emory University	Rider University	University of South Carolina
Fairfield University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Southern California
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Roger Williams University	University of Tampa
Fashion Institute of Technology	Rowan University	University of Tennessee
Florida Atlantic University	Rutgers University	University of Texas
Florida State University	Sacred Heart University	University of Vermont
Fordham University	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Virginia
Franklin and Marshall College	San Diego State University	University of Wisconsin
Furman University	Seton Hall University	Vanderbilt University
George Washington University	Siena College	Vassar College
Georgetown University	Southern Methodist University	Villanova University
Georgia Tech University	St. John's University	Virginia Tech University
Gettysburg College	Stevens Institute of Technology	Washington Univ. in St. Louis
Hamilton College	SUNY Albany	Wake Forest University
Haverford College	SUNY at Binghamton	Wesleyan University
High Point University	SUNY at Buffalo	West Chester University
Hofstra University	SUNY at Cortland	West Virginia University
Indiana University	SUNY at Stonybrook	William Paterson University
Iona University	SUNY New Paltz	Williams College
Ithaca College	Susquehanna University	Xavier University
James Madison University	Swathmore College	Yale University
Johns Hopkins University	Syracuse University	
Johnson & Wales University	Temple University	