



PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2016-2017

800 Magnolia Avenue • Piedmont, CA 94611 • CEEB School Code: 052-462

Piedmont High School (PHS) is a small public school east of San Francisco, near Oakland and Berkeley, with a long-standing reputation for academic excellence. It consistently ranks among the top schools in California and the nation. In addition to academic rigor, PHS prioritizes critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, integrity and leadership skills. PHS places a high value on students finding a balance between academics and extracurricular activities.

SCHOOL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- ▶ Ranked #25 nationally by Newsweek (2015)
- ▶ Ranked #9 in California public schools (excluding charter and magnet schools) by US News and World Report (2015)
- ▶ Ranked top 10 public high school in the Bay Area by Niche

Senior Class Size (Class of 2017): 198 students

Academic Counselors: 2.6, serving 813 students grades 9-12

Student Body: 68% Caucasian, 18% Asian, 4% Hispanic/Latino, 2% African/American, 8% Other

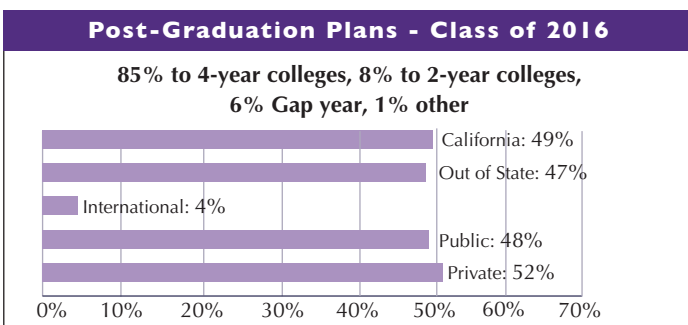
GRADE POINT AVERAGE

PHS calculates grade point average on a weighted 4.0 scale: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0. Honors and AP Courses carry an additional 1 point.

Students in grades 10-12 with a weighted GPA of 3.6 or higher and a required number of community service hours qualify for PHS Honors Society.

Highest GPA, Class of 2016: 4.368 (weighted)
PHS does not report individual class rank.

Graduation Requirements	
Maximum of 7 classes per semester. Minimum of 225 credits to graduate.	Credits
English: 4 years	40
Mathematics: 2 years	20
Social Science: 3 years	30
Science: 2 years	20
PE: 2 years (or 1 year PE plus 1 year JV/Varsity Sport)	20
World Language/Creative Arts: 1 year of each OR 1 year each of two different Creative Arts	20
Computer Studies: 1 semester	5
Social Psychology: 1 semester	5
Electives	65



ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES

Freshmen and sophomores have limited AP/H course options due to prerequisites.

89% of seniors (Class of 2017) are enrolled in AP/Honors courses.

Advanced Placement Courses

AP Art 2D	AP English Literature
AP Art 3D	AP Environmental Science
AP Biology	AP European History
AP Calculus AB	AP French Language
AP Calculus BC	AP Music (every other year)
AP Chinese Language	AP Spanish Language
AP Computer Science A	AP US History
AP Computer Principles	

Honors Courses

Honors English 5-6 (11th Grade)	Honors Chinese IV*
Honors Chemistry	Honors Physics
Honors Spanish IV*	Honors Statistics
Honors French IV*	

*offered beginning fall 2016

STANDARDIZED TESTS

National Merit Class of 2016:

11 Finalists, 11 Semifinalists, 21 Commended

AP Scores 2015-2016:

493 AP exams taken by 249 students

89% of tests taken received a score of a 3+ score.

SAT Mean Scores	Class of		
	2016	2015	2014
Critical Reading	641	621	627
Mathematics	646	629	630
Writing	652	625	637

ACT Mean Scores	Class of		
	2016	2015	2014
Composite	29	27.9	28.1

SAT II Mean Scores	Class of		
	2016	2015	2014
US History	701	706	661
English Literature	685	644	658
Math I	654	637	676
Math II	697	701	698
Chemistry	670	685	655
Physics	665	641	658

ATHLETICS

More than 65% of PHS students participate in Varsity and JV sports.

Badminton	Football	Swimming
Baseball	Golf	Tennis
Basketball	Lacrosse	Track & Field
Cheerleading	Soccer	Volleyball
Cross Country	Softball	Water Polo

2015-2016 Highlights

- ▶ Football: League Champions; Won North Coast Section Scholastic Championship Award
- ▶ Girls Tennis: League and North Coast Section champions
- ▶ Girls Cross Country: League and North Coast Section champions; Won North Coast Section Scholastic Championship Award
- ▶ Boys Basketball: League champions

PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

A Cappella	Ceramics	Orchestra
Acting	Dance	Pep Band
Art - 2D and 3D	Jazz Band	PHS Musical

Highlights

- ▶ Art: Scholastic Art and Writing National Gold Medal.
- ▶ Vocal Music: Superior rating California Music Education Assn., international tours, performances at Carnegie Hall
- ▶ Advanced Acting: Awards from California Educational Theater Association and Ohlone Theater Festivals; performed at Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2012 and 2014

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Below is a partial listing of colleges and universities that Piedmont High School students have attended over the past five years.

American University	Franklin and Marshall College	Princeton University	University of Montana, Missoula	UC Los Angeles
Art Institute of Chicago	Furman University	Reed College	University of New Mexico	UC Merced
Bard College	George Washington University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Oregon	UC Riverside
Bates College	Georgetown University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of the Pacific	UC San Diego
Baylor University	Harvard University	Rice	University of Pennsylvania	UC Santa Barbara
Berkeley City College	Hawaii Pacific University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Portland	UC Santa Cruz
Berklee College of Music	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Santa Barbara City College	University of Puget Sound	California State Universities
Boston University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Santa Clara University	University of Redlands	Cal Poly Pomona
Bowdoin	Johns Hopkins University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Richmond	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Brandeis University	Kenyon College	Scripps College	University of San Diego	CSU Chico
Brigham Young University	Lawrence University	Skidmore College	University of San Francisco	CSU East Bay
Brown University	Lehigh University	Smith College	University of Southern California	CSU Fresno
Bucknell University	Lewis and Clark College	Southern Methodist University	University of Vermont	CSU San Diego
California College of the Arts (SF)	Loyola Marymount	Stanford University	University of Virginia	CSU San Francisco
Carleton College	Loyola University New Orleans	St. Mary's College	University of Washington	CSU Sonoma
Carnegie Mellon University	Macalester College	Swarthmore	University of Wisconsin	International Universities
Case Western Reserve University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Texas Christian University	UW Madison	American University of Paris,
Chapman University	Miami University, Ohio	The Evergreen State College	Vanderbilt University	France
Colby College	Middlebury College	Tufts University	Vassar College	McGill University, Canada
Colgate University	MIT	Tulane University	Villanova University	Queen's University, Canada
Columbia University	Mount Holyoke College	United States Naval Academy	Washington University in St. Louis	Quest
Connecticut College	NYU	University of Arizona	Wellesley College	University of British Columbia,
Cornell University	Northeastern University	University of Chicago	Wesleyan University	Canada
Davidson College	Northwestern University	University of Colorado	Whitman College	University of Edinburgh,
Denison University	Oberlin College	University of Delaware	Willamette University	Scotland
Diablo Valley College	Occidental College	University of Denver	Yale University	University of Glasgow, Scotland
Dickinson College	Oregon State University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	University of California	University of St. Andrews,
Duke University	Pepperdine University	University of Michigan	UC Berkeley	Scotland
Emerson	Pitzer College	University of Montana	UC Davis	University of Victoria, Canada
Emory University	Pomona College		UC Irvine	

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Associated Student Body	Piedmont Community Service Crew
Camp Everytown	Youth Educators
Challenge Success	Peer Mediators
Peer Advising	
Peer Tutoring	

- ▶ In 2015-2016, PHS students performed 26,000+ service hours.
- ▶ Through the PHS Service-Learning program, all students participate in service projects on and off campus.

OTHER OUTSTANDING CLUBS & PROGRAMS

Wellness Center: Runs leadership programs and provides prevention, early-intervention and mental-health education resources for students and families

Connected Learning Initiative: All students participate by using Chromebooks to research, collaborate and innovate.

Girls Who Code: A club in which girls learn about computer science and use it to impact their communities

The Piedmont Highlander (Newspaper): Gold medal publication through Columbia Scholastic Press Association

Mock Trial: Finalists or semi-finalists in county competitions

Yearbook: 1st place award from National Scholastic Press Association (delete and National Scholastic Press; National Award of Excellence from Jostens' Publishing, awarded to only 10% of schools nationwide)

Bird Calling Contest: Winners have appeared on The Late Show from 1992-2015

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