



PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

P i e d m o n t U n i f i e d S c h o o l D i s t r i c t

SCHOOL PROFILE 2011-2012

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SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY

Piedmont High, a small public school of approximately 770 students, offers a strong college-prep curriculum to a highly competitive student body. Parent participation is extensive in this city of 10,000, and community members have developed a variety of support organizations, including an educational foundation. Additionally, the town has supported a parcel tax for more than 20 years, enabling a seven-class program, small class sizes, full counseling services and an expansive extra-curricular program. PHS has an ethnic make up of 68% Caucasian, 20% Asian, 2% Hispanic, 1% African American, and 8% other. Nestled between Berkeley and Oakland, Piedmont is close to the many cultural and educational institutions in the San Francisco Bay Area.

RECOGNITION

Our California API score is 10 (highest ranking). PHS is a California Distinguished School, a US Department of Education National Exemplary High School, and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. US News & World Report ranks PHS #73 in the Top 100 public high schools nationally.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

PHS has a 90-minute block schedule. Students attend four 90-minute classes each day on a seven day rotation. Curriculum in each course is implemented over the course of a year on the conventional 4 quarter and 2 semester system.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Piedmont High School has 36 full-time teachers, 20 part-time teachers, three full-time counselors, a full-time librarian, a technology coordinator, and a College and Career director. More than half the staff holds Master's or Doctorate Degrees, and 40% have more than 15 years of experience in education. Faculty/Student ratio: 1:12.5.

PHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate from PHS, students must have a minimum of 225 credits that must include the following:

English	4 years
Mathematics	2 years
Social Studies	3 years
Science	2 years
Physical Education	2 years
Foreign Language	1 year
Creative Arts	1 year
Computer Studies	1 semester
Social Psychology	1 semester

Also required to graduate: students must pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Courses included on transcript G.P.A.:

9 – 12 total = *all courses*

10–12 UC/CSU “a-g” = *designation shows UC/CSU approved college preparatory courses*

WEIGHTING OF COURSES

Honors and AP (college courses designated “H” on the transcript) carry an additional grade point for calculation purposes.

Average College Prep GPA Class of 2011: Weighted: 3.46

Highest GPA, Class of 2011: Weighted 4.35

CLASS RANK

Piedmont High School does not rank students.

SAT Reasoning Test - Mean Scores (169 tested)			
	PHS	California	National
Critical Reading	615	499	497
Math	619	515	514
Writing	634	499	489
SAT Subject Test - Mean Scores			
US History	654		
English Literature	608		
Math II-C	682		
Biology E	682		
Biology M	669		
Chemistry	648		
Physics	616		
ACT - Mean Scores (77 tested)			
English	29.5		
Math	29.0		
Reading	29.1		
Science	27.3		

REPORT ON THE CLASS OF 2011	
National Merit Scholarships 2011:	
Semifinalists	3
Commended	17
AP RESULTS FOR SPRING 2011	
443 AP exams were completed by 229 students:	
42% scored 5	
97.5% scored 3 or above	

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES
Honors courses and most AP classes are open to students of high motivation and/or proven ability who wish to study a subject in greater depth. The number of sections available is indicated.
AP Courses: Art 2-D (1), Art 3-D (1), Biology (1), Calculus AB (3), AP Calculus BC (1), Comp Science (1)*, English (3), Environmental Science (2), European History (1), French (1), Mandarin (1), Music (1)*, Spanish (1), U.S. History (3)
Honors Courses: Chemistry (4), Junior English**, Physics (3), Statistics (1)
<i>Honors and AP courses are not available before 10th grade, except for Computer Science and Chemistry.</i>
*AP Comp Science and AP Music are offered every other year.
**Honors Junior English is a new course beginning Fall 2011.

OUTSTANDING AND AWARD WINNING PROGRAMS

Newspaper: The Piedmont Highlander, numerous awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Mock Trial: State Semi-finalists 2008, First Place Alameda County 2011.

Drama: 3-6 classic & contemporary productions per year. Awards from the Beach Blanket Babylon Scholarship Contest and the Ohlone College Theater Festival. Perform annually at Shakespeare festivals.

Music: Unanimous Superior rating CMEA. International tours and performances at Carnegie Hall.

Art: Winner Congressional Art Competition. Participation and awards in numerous community art shows.

Bird Calling Contest: A tradition since 1963. Winners have appeared annually on The Johnny Carson/David Letterman shows since 1992.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Community service is very popular, with 65% of seniors performing more than 200 hours of service each, and 40% of juniors performing more than 100 hours each. There are more than 30 clubs and social organizations, and a strong student leadership program responsible for organizing student activities. Responsible citizenship is promoted through peer tutoring, peer advising, and community service programs.

ATHLETICS

More than 2/3 of PHS students participate in one or more of the 14 varsity and junior varsity sports. Outside of PHS sponsored athletics, additional sports are offered as club teams (crew, rugby, fencing, etc.).

HONORS SOCIETY

Students in grades 10-12 qualify by semester for membership in the PHS Honor Society with a combination of a minimum 3.6 GPA (weighted) and a required number of community service hours.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION - PARTIAL LIST FOR 2010 & 2011 (95% attend 4-year colleges, 4% 2-year colleges, 1% other)

US Universities:	CSU East Bay	Macalester College	Seattle University	University of Oregon
American University	CSU Humboldt	Maryland Institute College of Art	Skidmore College	University of New Mexico
Arizona State	CSU Northridge	Marymount College	Smith College	University of the Pacific
Art Institute of Chicago	CSU San Diego	Miami University, Ohio	Stanford University	University of Pennsylvania
Bard College	CSU San Francisco	Michigan State University	St Mary's College	University of Puget Sound
Berkeley City College	CSU Sonoma	MIT	SUNY	University of Redlands
Berklee College of Music	Davidson College	NYU	Tufts University	University of San Francisco
Boston College	Denison University	NYU Abu Dhabi	Tulane University	University of Southern California
Boston University	Diablo Valley College	Northeastern University	University of Arizona	University of Washington
Brandeis University	Dominican University	Northwestern University	UC Berkeley	University of Wisconsin
Brown University	Duke University	Occidental College	UC Davis	Vassar College
Bucknell University	Emory University	Parsons New School for Design	UC Los Angeles	Villanova University
Carnegie Mellon	Eugene Lang College	Pitzer College	UC Merced	Washington University St Louis
Cal Poly Pomona	Evergreen State College	Pomona College	UC Riverside	Wellesley College
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	George Washington University	Portland State University	UC San Diego	Willamette University
Carleton College	Harvard University	Pratt Institute	UC Santa Barbara	Williams College
Chapman University	Johns Hopkins University	Princeton University	UC Santa Cruz	
Claremont McKenna College	Hawaii Pacific University	Reed College	University of Chicago	
Colby College	Kenyon College	Rensselaer Polytechnic	University of Colorado	International Universities:
Colgate University	Lehigh University	Santa Barbara City College	University of Delaware	McGill University, Canada
Columbia University	Lewis and Clark College	Santa Clara University	University of Denver	Queen's University, Canada
Cornell University	Loyola Marymount University	Santa Monica College	University of Michigan	University of British Columbia, Canada
CSU Chico	Loyola UniversityNew Orleans	Scripps College	University of Montana	University of St Andrews, Scotland