



PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018

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): 189 students

Academic Counselors: 2.8, serving 819 students grades 9-12

Student Body: 63% Caucasian, 14% Asian, 6% Hispanic/Latino, 1% African/American, 16% Other

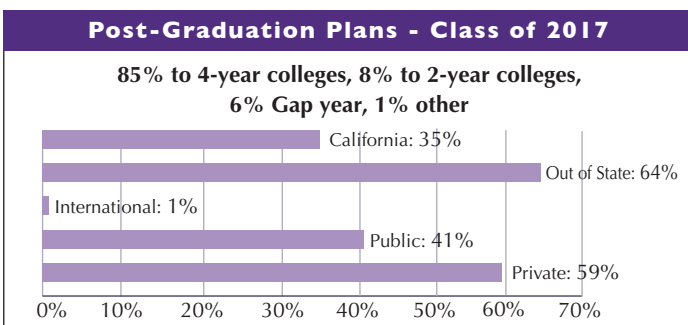
GRADE POINT AVERAGE

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 2017: 4.429 (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 2017

STANDARDIZED TESTS

National Merit Class of 2017:

8 Finalists, 9 Semifinalists, 21 Commended

AP Scores 2016-2017:

515 AP exams taken by 289 students

86% of tests taken received a score of a 3+ score.

SAT Mean Scores	Class of		
	2017	2016	2015
Critical Reading & Writing	658	641	621
Mathematics	646	646	629

ACT Mean Scores	Class of		
	2017	2016	2015
Composite	28.9	29	27.9

SAT II Mean Scores	Class of		
	2017	2016	2015
US History	697	701	706
English Literature	665	685	644
Math I	614	654	637
Math II	699	697	701
Chemistry	670	670	685
Physics	654	665	641

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

2016-2017 Highlights

- ▶ Girls Tennis: League and North Coast Section Champions
- ▶ Boys Tennis: League and North Coast Section Champions
- ▶ Girls Softball: League Champions and Scholastic Championship Award
- ▶ Girls Badminton: North Coast Section Champions
- ▶ Girls Cross Country: Scholastic Championship Award
- ▶ Boys Cross Country: Scholastic Championship Award

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 They perform 3-6 productions/year

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	Durham University
Colgate University	MIT	Tulane University	Villanova University	McGill University, Canada
Columbia University	Mount Holyoke College	United States Naval Academy	Washington University in St. Louis	Queen's University, Canada
Connecticut College	NYU	University of Arizona	Wellesley College	Quest
Cornell University	Northeastern University	University of Chicago	Wesleyan University	University of British Columbia,
Davidson College	Northwestern University	University of Colorado	Whitman College	Canada
Denison University	Oberlin College	University of Delaware	Willamette University	University of Edinburgh,
Diablo Valley College	Occidental College	University of Denver	Yale University	Scotland
Dickinson College	Oregon State University	University of Illinois at	University of California	University of Glasgow, Scotland
Duke University	Pepperdine University	Urbana-Champaign	UC Berkeley	University of St. Andrews,
Emerson	Pitzer College	University of Michigan	UC Davis	Scotland
Emory University	Pomona College	University of Montana	UC Irvine	University of Victoria, Canada

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

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

- ▶ In 2016-2017, PHS students performed 26,679 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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