



PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-20

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

Piedmont High School (PHS) is a small public school in the San Francisco East Bay with a long-standing reputation for academic excellence. We consistently rank 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, extracurricular activities, and socio-emotional health. We encourage PHS students to be leaders of change who think critically for themselves and the benefit of all.

SCHOOL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- ◇ 2019 CAASPP Scores – 86% of the Class of 2020 met or exceeded the standard in English Language Arts and 82% in Mathematics.
- ◇ PHS is recognized among the best high schools in the nation by the U.S. News & World Report.

Senior Class Size (Class of 2020): 182 students

Academic Counselors: 2.8 serving 833 students in grades 9 – 12

Student Body: 62% White, 16% Asian, 5% Hispanic/Latino, 2% African American, 15% Two or More Races

GRADING

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

PHS does not report individual class rank.

Class of 2020 Unweighted GPA

6 semesters, 4.0 Grade Scale

GPA Range	# of Students
3.76 – 4.00	89
3.51 – 3.75	41
3.01 – 3.50	35
2.51 – 3.00	15
2.5 and Below	2

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

Post-Graduation Plans – Class of 2019

Percent of Students Attending a 4-Year College	88%
Percent of Students Attending a 2-Year College	10%
Percent of Students Taking a Gap Year	1%
Other	1%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & HONORS COURSES

Due to prerequisites, most AP and Honors classes are intended for Juniors and Seniors.

Advanced Placement Courses

AP 2-D Art & Design	AP Computer Principles
AP 3-D Art & Design	AP English Literature
AP Art History	AP Environmental Science
AP Biology	AP French Language
AP Calculus AB	AP Music Theory
AP Calculus BC	AP Spanish Language
AP Chinese Language	AP U.S. History
AP Computer Science A	

Honors Courses

Chemistry Honors	Math Analysis Honors
Chinese IV Honors	Physics Honors
English 5-6 Honors	Spanish IV Honors
French IV Honors	Statistics Honors

Due to the teacher shortage, PHS offered online curriculum for Spanish 2, Physics, and Physics Honors during the fall semester of the 18-19 school year.

STANDARDIZED TESTS

National Merit Class of 2019:

2 Semifinalists, 13 Commended

AP Exam Scores May 2019:

330 students took 599 AP exams

91% of AP students received a score of 3 or higher

SAT Mean Scores

	2019	2018	2017
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	661	658	658
Mathematics	667	653	646

ACT Mean Scores

	2019	2018	2017
Composite	30.3	29.4	28.9

SAT Subject Scores

	2019	2018	2017
US History	685	680	697
English Literature	626	651	665
Math I	623	665	614
Math II	708	700	699
Chemistry	679	687	670
Physics	724	665	654

ATHLETICS

More than 75% 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

2018-19 Highlights

Boys Baseball: League Champions

Boys Lacrosse: League and Section Champions

Girls Lacrosse: League and Section Champions

Boys Soccer: League Champions

Girls Tennis: League Champions

PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

A Cappella	Ceramics	Musical
Acting	Dance	Orchestra
Art	Jazz Band	Symphonic Band

Highlights:

Art: Scholastic Art and Writing National Gold & Silver Medals

Vocal Music: Superior rating California Music Education Association, international tours, performances at Carnegie Hall

Advanced Acting: Awards from California Educational Theater Association and Ohlone Theater Festivals

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2019

American University	Dartmouth College	Loyola Marymount University	Santa Barbara City College	University of Chicago
Amherst College	Denison University	Loyola University Chicago	Santa Clara University	University of Colorado Boulder
Arizona State University	Diablo Valley College	Massachusetts Institute of Tech	Santa Rosa Junior College	University of Denver
Barnard College	Drexel University	Menlo College	School Art Institute of Chicago	University of Glasgow
Berklee College of Music	Elon University	Merritt College	Scripps College	University of Miami
Boston College	Emerson College	Miami University, Oxford	Skidmore College	University of Michigan
Boston University	Emory University	Mount Allison University	Smith College	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Brown University	Fordham University	Mount Holyoke College	Stanford University	University of Nevada, Reno
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Georgetown University	New York University	Texas A&M University	University of Oregon
CSU Chico	Georgia Institute of Technology	Northeastern University	The University of Alabama	University of San Francisco
CSU Sacramento	Gettysburg College	Northern Arizona University	The University of Arizona	University of Southern CA
Carnegie Mellon University	Gonzaga University	Notre Dame University	The University of Edinburgh	University of Toronto
Case Western Reserve Univ	Goucher College	Oberlin College Arts & Sciences	Tulane University	University of Vermont
Chabot College	Hampton University	Oregon State University	UC Berkeley	University of Washington
Colgate University	Harvey Mudd College	Pitzer College	UC Davis	Univ of Wisconsin, Madison
College of Alameda	Howard University	Pratt Institute	UC Irvine	Vanderbilt University
College of the Atlantic	Indiana University Bloomington	Princeton University	UC Los Angeles	Wake Forest University
College of the Holy Cross	Johns Hopkins University	Purdue University	UC Riverside	Washington University St. Louis
Collin County Comm College	Laney College	Reed College	UC San Diego	Wesleyan University
Colorado State University	Lehigh University	San Diego State University	UC Santa Barbara	Whittier College
Cornell University	Lewis & Clark College	San Francisco State University	UC Santa Cruz	William & Mary
		San Jose State University		Worcester Polytechnic Institute

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Associated Student Body	Mock Trial
Challenge Success	Peer Tutoring
Diversity Club	Piedmont Community Service Crew
Junior State of America	Speech & Debate
Key Club	Youth Educators

In 2018-19, PHS students performed 22,517 service hours.

Through the PHS Service Learning program, seniors provided community service off-campus in 2019.

OUTSTANDING CLUBS & PROGRAMS

Wellness Center: Provides prevention, early-intervention, and mental health education resources for students and families.

Connected Learning Initiative: All students participate in the 1:1 Chromebook program to research, collaborate, and innovate.

Computer Science: We have a rigorous Computer Science pathway including AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, and Web Design & Development.

The Piedmont Highlander (Newspaper): Recognized as a Gold Medal publication and named Crown finalist by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The Pride (Yearbook): Received a First-Class Rating from The National Scholastic Press Association and a Silver Medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Bird Calling Contest: Competition that has been part of the Piedmont community for 53 years.

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