



PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-21

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. PHS consistently ranks among the top schools in California and the nation. In addition to academic rigor, PHS prioritizes independent thinking, problem solving, intellectual curiosity, integrity and leadership. PHS places high value on students finding a balance between academics, extracurricular activities, and community service. We encourage PHS students to be leaders of change who think critically for themselves and for the benefit of all.

SCHOOL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- ◇ PHS is recognized among the best high schools in the nation by the U.S. News & World Report.
- ◇ PHS is recognized among the Top STEM High Schools in the nation by Newsweek Magazine.

Senior Class Size (Class of 2021): 211 students

Academic Counselors: 2.8 counselors serving 840 students in grades 9-12

Student Body: 62% White, 11% Asian, 9% Hispanic/Latino, 1% African American, 17% 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.

Due to the COVID-19 world pandemic, PHS issued pass/no pass grades for the spring semester 2020. Students were expected to earn 70% or more to pass each course.

Class of 2021 Unweighted GPA

5 semesters, 4.0 Grade Scale

GPA Range	% of Students
3.76 – 4.00	45%
3.51 – 3.75	20%
3.01 – 3.50	24%
2.51 – 3.00	10%
2.5 and Below	1%

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 2020

Percent of Students Attending a 4-Year College	86%
Percent of Students Attending a 2-Year College	8%
Percent of Students Taking a Gap Year	5%
Other	1%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & HONORS COURSES

AP and Honors courses are intended for Juniors and Seniors.

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	

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

STANDARDIZED TESTS

Due to the COVID-19 world pandemic and the California wildfires, SAT and ACT exams were not locally available to our students. PHS is not reporting SAT/ACT mean scores nor SAT subject scores for 2020.

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

National Merit Class of 2020:

5 Semifinalists, 20 Commended

AP Exam Scores May 2020:

396 students took 780 AP exams

92.7% of AP students received a score of 3 or higher

ATHLETICS

More than 75% of PHS students participate in JV and Varsity sports.

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

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

More than 65% of PHS students participate in the visual and performing arts.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

In 2019-20, PHS students performed approximately 6125 hours of community service.

PHS students participate in over 40 student clubs and organizations.

Associated Student Body	Piedmont Community Service Crew
Challenge Success	Piedmont HS Honor Society
Diversity Club	Piedmont Athletic Council
Mock Trial	Speech & Debate
Peer Tutoring	Youth Educators

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2020

Barnard College	Indiana University, Bloomington	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Baylor University	Laney College	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Berkeley City College	Las Positas College	Seattle University	University of Oregon
Boston College	Lehigh University	Southern Methodist University	University of Pennsylvania
Boston University	Lewis & Clark College	Spelman College	University of Portland
Brandeis University	Long Beach City College	Stanford University	University of Puget Sound
Brown University	Loyola Marymount University	Texas Christian University	University of San Diego
Buckinghamshire New University	Miami University, Oxford	The New School	University of San Francisco
Cal Poly Pomona	Middlebury College	The University of Alabama	University of Southern California
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Mills College	The University of Arizona	University of St Andrews
CSU Long Beach	Mount Holyoke College	The University of Texas, Austin	University of the Pacific
Carnegie Mellon University	New York University	Tufts University	University of Utah
Chapman University	Northeastern University	Tulane University	University of Vermont
Columbia University in City of New York	Northwestern University	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	University of Washington, Seattle
Connecticut College	Norwich University	University of California, Berkeley	University of Waterloo
Dartmouth College	Ohio State University	University of California, Davis	Univ of Wisconsin, Madison
Denison University	Pitzer College	University of California, Los Angeles	Villanova University
DePaul University	Purdue University	University of California, San Diego	Wake Forest University
Diablo Valley College	Saint Mary's College of California	University of California, Santa Barbara	Washington University St. Louis
Duke University	San Francisco State University	University of California, Santa Cruz	Wesleyan College
Emerson College	Santa Clara University	University of Colorado Boulder	Wesleyan University
		University of Denver	Williams College

OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS

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

Social Justice and Racial Equity: Students engage in schoolwide discussions on social justice and racial equity. Student-led programs include the "Let's Talk, Too" and "I am Here" assemblies.

No Place for Hate: PHS is recognized as "No Place for Hate" School by the Anti-Defamation League.

Computer Science: Our Computer Science pathway includes AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, and Web Design & Development.

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

The Piedmont Highlander: Student 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.

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