

SCHOOL PROFILE 2018 – 2019
PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL
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The Community

The Pasadena Unified School District enrolls more than 17,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade in a 76-square mile area that includes Altadena, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, and unincorporated parts of Los Angeles. The historic campuses of Pasadena, often the backdrop for films and television, offer classroom, performance and athletic facilities that are modernized and maintained thanks to voter-supported bond measures. Pasadena is most famous for the annual Tournament of Roses Parade and Rose Bowl Game held on January 1st.

The School

Pasadena High School is best described as an ethnically diverse, urban comprehensive high school of approximately 1800 students. PHS draws much of its enrollment from lower socio-economic homes. A certificated staff of 94 (83 teachers, 5 counselors, 4 administrators, 1 nurse, 1 Librarian) serves the students at PHS with the assistance of various support personnel.

In 2015 we received a full six year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

School Enrollment

Grade 09	452	Grade 11	404
Grade 10	472	Grade 12	414

Ethnic Distribution

2.6 % Filipino 3.6 % Asian
18.7 % Caucasian 12.3 % African American
62.0 % Latino/Hispanic
Pacific Islander, American Indian, Other < 1%

Course Offerings

Honors courses are offered to academically talented students capable of working at an accelerated rate. Honors courses include English 1 – 3, Biology, Chemistry, World History, US Hist., Economics, Math Integ. 1 – 3, Adv CompSci App, Web App Dev 1 – 3.

In addition, based on student demand we offer the following Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Calculus AB and BC, Chemistry, Chinese Language, English Language Composition, English Literature Composition, Environmental Science, European History, Government and Pol US, Human Geography,

Physics 1 & 2, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, Studio Art, and US History.

Pathway Programs

Law and Public Service Academy (LPS) is a four-year college preparatory program specifically designed for students with interest in legal, government, public, or protective service careers.

The App Academy teaches computer programming and computer science through an engaging, project-based curriculum. Students use their creativity to design and build websites, games, mobile apps, and more!

Creative Arts, Media, and Design (CAMAD) provides students with opportunities to create original work, develop client-based projects, and build confidence/knowledge in the creative arts, media, and design fields.

The Mission of the Puente Program is to increase the number of educationally underserved students who enroll in four-year Colleges and universities, earn degrees, and return to their community as leaders and mentors to future generations. The Puente Program is open to all students.

Extracurricular Activities

Pasadena High School is part of the Pacific League. Our sports include the following:
Fall: Football, Cross Country, Girls Tennis, Boys Water Polo and Girls Volleyball
Winter: Basketball, Soccer, Girls Water Polo
Spring: Baseball, Badminton, Softball, Boys Tennis, Boys Volleyball, Track &Field, Swimming, Golf.

Our clubs and organizations include California Scholastic Federation, National Honor Society, National Hispanic Honor Society, Marching Band, Yearbook, Chronicle (newspaper), Associated Student Body (ASB), Robotics Club, Chess Club, Model A Club, Green Club, Chinese Culture Club, Seoul Club, Astronomy Club, Black Student Union, Leo Club, among others.

Mascot: Bulldog
School Colors: Red and White

Grading System

Letter grades of A, B, C, D and F are given. D and above are passing grades. College recommended grades are A & B. The grade of F receives no credit. Class periods are 54 minutes in length. The length of a semester is 19 weeks, comprised of two quarters. Two semesters make up the school year, which is 180 days in length.

Class Rank/GPA

Computation of class rank and GPA is done on a 4.0 scale by dividing total grade points by units attempted in all classes. Beginning with the class of 2017 GPA's are computed using a weighted grading scale. Class rank will not appear on the transcript.

Graduation Requirements

Class of 2007 and beyond – 220 units to include

40 units English	10 units World Language
30 units Math	5 units Amer Govt
30 units Science	5 units Economics
20 units PE	10 units VAPA
10 units Wld Hist	50 units Electives
10 units US History	

*Students must pass Math Integ. 1 & 2, Biology and Chemistry or Physics. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year our math course sequence is Integrated Math 1, 2 and 3. Beginning with the Class of 2019 requirements include 40 hours of Community Service or WBL and Graduate Portfolio & Defense

Transcript Symbol Explanation

Grading Code: P= Passing Grade/unit credit is not included in the GPA. All classes are 5.0 units per semester with the exception of Advisory which beginning with the 2014-2015 school year consists of 1.0 units per semester.

Course Codes

P-College Preparatory
AP- Advanced Placement
HP Honors
ADV- Advisory
ADV Math- Advanced Math
PUE- Puente Program
SE-Special Education Program
RSP – Resource Specialist Program
ROP- Regional Occupational Program

Advanced Placement

Year	Total AP students	# of exams	AP Students with Scores 3+	% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+
2018	497	990	283	56.9%
2017	510	1005	261	51.2%
2016	486	936	255	52.5%
2015	499	977	311	62.3%
2014	379	757	223	58.8%

In 2018 we had 1 AP International Diploma, 5 National AP Scholars, 26 AP Scholars with Distinction, 10 AP Scholars with Honors and 57 AP Scholars.

Additional school testing information can be found on the School Accountability Report Card, which can be viewed on our web site.

Class of 2018 Future Plans

Four Year Colleges	34.6%
Two Year Community Colleges	49.2%
Trade/Vocational schools	1.9%
Military	2.3%
Employment	12.0%

Recent graduates were accepted into the following colleges:

Arizona State University, Art Center College of Design, Azusa Pacific University, Barnard, Baylor, Boston University, Brown, California Institute of Technology, California State University (all campuses), Carnegie Mellon, Chapman University, Citrus Community College, Dartmouth, Duke University, Georgetown University, Glendale City College, Hofstra University, Howard University, John Hopkins University, Loyola Marymount University, Marquette University, Michigan State University, Mills College, Mt. Sac, New York University, Norfolk State University, Occidental College, Ohio State University, Pasadena City College, Pepperdine, Pitzer College, Scripps College, St. John's, Stanford, Tennessee State University, Tuskegee University, University of California (all campuses), University of La Verne, University of Montana, University of New Orleans, University of Oregon, University of Pittsburg, University of San Diego, University of San Francisco, University of Southern California, University of Washington, University of Wisconsin, Washington State University, Xavier University.