



Palos Verdes Peninsula High School Profile 2018-2019

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SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District serves the communities of Palos Verdes Estates, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, and Rolling Hills Estates. The area is 21 miles southwest of metropolitan Los Angeles and draws predominantly middle to high-income business and professional residents. The District's reputation for having a superior educational system attracts many families to this suburban area and its schools. Two early childhood centers, ten elementary schools, three intermediate schools, one continuation high school, and two comprehensive high schools accommodate approximately 11,400 students in the District.

THE SCHOOL

Palos Verdes Peninsula High School (PVPHS) is a 4-year comprehensive public high school, nationally recognized for academic excellence. PVPHS is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and has regularly received six-year accreditations.

The school follows a traditional semester schedule, with seven 53 minute periods in the school day. Freshmen and sophomores are required to take 6 classes each semester, juniors 5 classes and seniors 4 classes. The District allows students to take as many classes as they wish above the minimum. For the class of 2018, 99.83% of the students graduated, 92% completed more than the minimum requirements, and 86% met the A-G requirements thus qualifying for admission to University of California campuses.



RANKINGS AND RECOGNITIONS

PVPHS is routinely recognized as an exemplary high school at local, state, and national levels. In 2011, 2012, 2015, and 2016 a PVPHS student received the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Award, the highest honor for graduating high school seniors in the nation.

Other recent acknowledgements include:

#9 in California and #63 in the nation in the Niche Best Public High Schools

#29 in California and #207 in the nation and the #130 STEM school in the nation by US News & World Report

California Department of Education Gold Ribbon School

California School Boards Association's Golden Bell Award

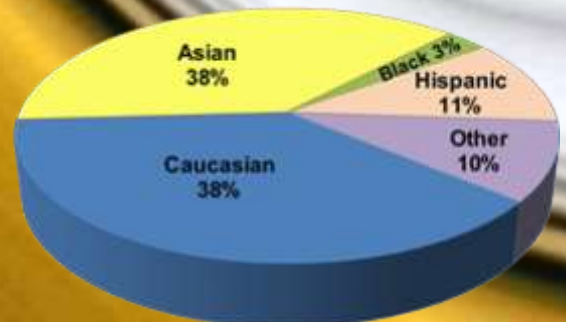
California Department of Education's Civic Engagement Award

CERTIFICATED STAFF

4 administrators, 103 teachers,
7 counselors, 1 athletic director,
1 activities director, 2 psychologists,
2 student support specialists,
1 librarian, and 1 nurse



Total Enrollment = 2331



Student Demographics

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

Honors and AP classes are open to all students

These courses receive a weighted grade on the transcript in recognition of the advanced nature of the coursework

English	English 1 Honors, English 2 Honors, English 3 Honors, AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Seminar, AP Research
Mathematics	Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry Honors, Algebra 2 Honors, Pre-Calculus Honors, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Advanced Calculus, AP Statistical Analysis, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, Advanced Computer Science
Science	Biology 1 Honors, AP Biology, Chemistry 1 Honors, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, Marine Biology Honors, Physiology/Anatomy Honors, AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2, AP Physics C, Einstein Physics
Social Studies	World History Honors, AP World History, AP European History, AP US History, AP US Government, AP Psychology, AP Microeconomics
Visual & Performing Arts	Advanced Orchestra, Drama 1 Advanced, Drama 3 Advanced, Drama 4 Advanced, Jazz Band 2, AP Music Theory, AP Art History, AP Studio Art 2D, AP Studio Art 3D, AP Studio Art Drawing
World Language	Chinese 3 Honors, AP Chinese Language, French 3 Honors, AP French Language, Japanese 3 Honors, AP Japanese Language, Korean 3 Honors, Korean 4 Honors, Latin 3 Honors, AP Latin Vergil, Spanish 3 Honors, AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature

TOTAL AP COURSES OFFERED: 32
TOTAL HONORS COURSES OFFERED: 27

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

CLASS of 2019

Unit requirements: 220 credits for graduation
5 credits earned for each semester course

English	8 Semesters	40 Credits
World History	2 Semesters	10 Credits
US History	2 Semesters	10 Credits
Government	1 Semester	5 Credits
Economics	1 Semester	5 Credits
Mathematics	4 Semesters	20 Credits
Biological Science	2 Semesters	10 Credits
Physical Science	2 Semesters	10 Credits
Physical Education	4 Semesters	20 Credits
CTE/PA/World Language	4 Semesters	20 Credits
Electives	14 Semesters	70 Credits

CLASS RANK AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Per District policy, students are not ranked

Credit courses taken in grades 9-12, including classes taken during the summer through community college and off-campus and online schools are included in determining the cumulative GPA

The GPA is calculated in three ways

CUMULATIVE GPA for all classes (with PE/Athletics) Grades 9-12

ACADEMIC GPA (no PE/Athletics) Grades 9-12

ACADEMIC GPA (no PE/Athletics) Grades 10-12

Transcripts list both the WEIGHTED and UNWEIGHTED GPA
WEIGHTED GPA is determined by calculating the un-weighted GPA and adding 0.2 points for each weighted course

In each semester, the maximum number of weighted points available is 1.0 (5 courses), for a highest possible GPA of 5.0

DESIGNATIONS FOUND ON THE TRANSCRIPT

Grades

A, B, C, D, P (Pass), CR (Credit) - passing marks
F - Failure
NC - No Credit
AU - Audit
W - Withdrawal
I - Incomplete
NM - No Mark

Other Designations

A - First semester of a yearlong course
B - Second semester of a yearlong course
H - Honors
AP - Advanced Placement
MCR - Meets College Requirements
ELD - English Language Development
r - Repeated course
* - Non-Academic
+ - Weighted grade

Course Numbers

1xxxx - 1st semester PVPHS course
2xxxx - 2nd semester PVPHS course
4xxxx - High school level summer school course
5xxxx - Off-campus course
9xxxx - College course
xxxxxE - Online PVPHS course

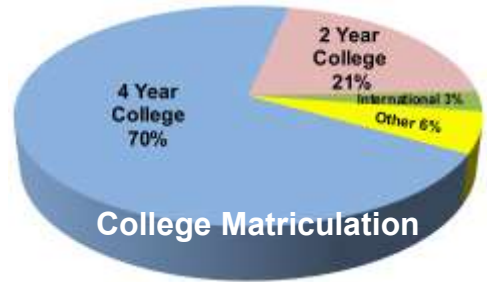
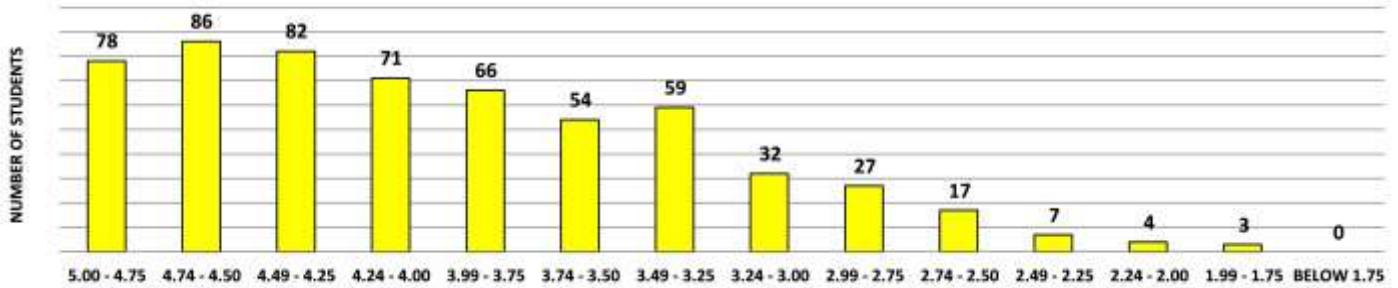
INTERNSHIPS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

The work experience program allows students to gain practical experience in a variety of jobs in industry, business, or the professions. Students receive a grade and school credit for work and related instructional assignments.

Upperclassmen may interview for summer internships with local industry partners. Weekly instructional assignments and student journals and portfolios complement the students' career exploration.

Up to 40 credits (5 credits per semester) may be applied toward the total graduation credit requirement through successful completion of these programs.

Class of 2018 Weighted GPA Distribution



TESTING PROFILE

2017 SAT Test Results	MEAN	#TESTS
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	622	360
Mathematics	644	360
TOTAL SCORE	1263	360

2017 ACT Test Results 337 tested	PVPHS	State	Nat'l
Composite	27.5	22.8	21.0
English	27.9	22.5	20.3
Mathematics	27.7	22.7	20.7
Reading	27.3	23.1	21.4
Science	26.7	22.2	21.0

2017 SAT Subject Test	MEAN	#TESTS
Math Level 2	728	186
Literature	660	33
US History	655	65
Chemistry	711	115
Physics	667	35
Biology E	628	21
Biology M	698	16
Chinese with Listening	768	11
Japanese with Listening	756	24
Korean with Listening	626	14
Spanish	666	31

ADVANCED PLACEMENT 2018
1,063 students took a total of 2483 exams in 30 different subjects

84% of scores were 3 or higher; these scores may qualify for college credit

AP Score	# EXAMS	% OF TOTAL
5	712	29%
4	743	30%
3	638	26%
2	280	11%
1	110	4%

WORLD LANGUAGE ENROLLMENT

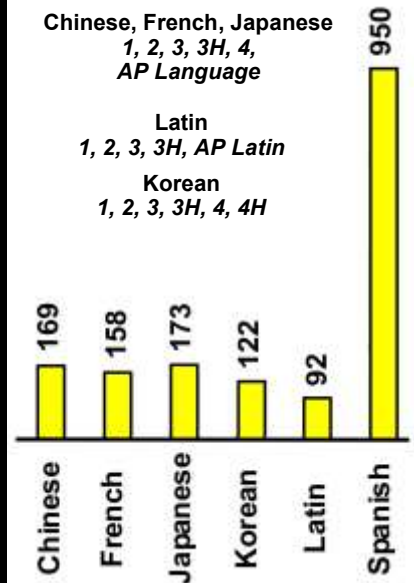
Language Levels Offered

Spanish
1, 2, 2 MCR, 3 MCR, 3, 3H, 4, 5,
AP Language, AP Literature

Chinese, French, Japanese
1, 2, 3, 3H, 4,
AP Language

Latin
1, 2, 3, 3H, AP Latin

Korean
1, 2, 3, 3H, 4, 4H



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Class of 2019

- 16 National Merit Semifinalists
- 56 National Merit Commended Scholars
- 5 National Hispanic Scholars

2018 CAASPP Results California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

	PVPHS	State
ELA	81.17	55.96
MATH	71.03	31.37

WORLD LANGUAGE IN THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Palos Verdes Unified School District intermediate school students have the opportunity to enroll in PVPHS world language courses through the second level. This course work does NOT appear on the high school transcript.

Science, Mathematics, Engineering, Research, Technology (SMERT)

The SMERT program introduces students to scientific principles, mathematical concepts, engineering fields, research, and technological skills. Our technology classroom building houses industry-leading 3D design software, state-of-the-art computer labs, 3D printers, and CNC machines. Through our partnership with Project Lead the Way we are able to offer college level curriculum. Classes include AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, Intro to Engineering Design, Digital Electronics, Principles of Engineering, Engineering Design and Development, Aerospace Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture and Web design. Our new VEX program allows students to design and build their own robots. Peninsula SMERT students compete regionally and nationally on our Robotics, Cyber Patriot, TSA TEAMS, Science Olympiad, Science Bowl, Ocean Science Bowl, Math, Physics, and Solar Engineering teams. Students also intern with local industry, serve as mentors to others and participate in conferences.

Science Research

Our nationally and internationally recognized program allows students to work with experts in a wide variety of science disciplines. PVPHS students have been highly successful in local, state, national, and international competitions.

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

PVPHS has 190 students enrolled in the AVID program. The mission of AVID is to ensure that all students succeed in a rigorous college preparation program. PVPHS provides AVID students intensive support with tutorials and strong student/teacher relationships.

Mock Trial

Students prepare for and argue legal cases in front of a panel of judges and attorneys in local and regional competitions. The Constitutional Rights Foundation sponsors the Mock Trial Program at PVPHS.

Model United Nations (MUN)

MUN is a highly acclaimed academic program that stresses the skills of debate, research, collaboration, and cooperation through representing a variety of countries in competition.

Speech and Debate

Speech and Debate focuses on developing student skills in public speaking and argumentation in a competitive format.

Teen Court

PVPHS has an on-campus courtroom. Supervising judges from the Superior Court of L.A. County work closely with students enrolled in Teen Court. Students are exposed to the realities of the legal system as members of the jury.

Advanced Projects

This program allows students to augment the curricular experience through completion of a comprehensive project at an accelerated pace.

Student Clubs

There are more than 100 student organized clubs active on campus. Each fall students can apply to charter a club in the areas of academics, politics, culture, religion, athletics, philanthropy, and special interests. Currently, chartered student clubs include the following: Best Buddies, Poetry Club, Veterans Appreciation Club, Harry Potter Club, Dugout Club, Vegetarian Club, Photography Club, Tea Drinking Club, Books Over Seas, and many more!

School Publications

The school yearbook, *La Pantera*, is renowned throughout the country as a recipient of multiple state and national awards.

The school newspaper, *The Pen* has been honored with the NSPA First Class rank as well as the NSPA's Best of Show award.

The PVPHS literary magazine, *Beard Full of Butterflies*, provides students the opportunity to submit original writings, photos, and art work for publication.

Eye of the Panther (EOP)

The EOP program is a weekly newscast that is written, edited, directed, and filmed entirely by PVPHS students.

Arts Education

PVPHS has a long history of excellence and innovation in the Visual Arts. Our on-campus Bradbury Smith Art Gallery, which hosts student art shows throughout the year, reflects our ongoing commitment to the visual arts in our learning community. Students have the opportunity to pursue personal interests in:

Ceramics, Sculpture, Glassblowing, Drawing and Painting, Photography, Video Production, Digital Animation, Graphic Design, Jazz and Concert Band, Orchestra, Marching Band, Chamber Choir, Jazz Choir, Women's Choir, Drama, Musical Theater, and Choreography and Dance.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

More than 350 PVPHS students participate in our five award winning leadership programs.

Associated Student Body (ASB)

The ASB Leadership class organizes student activities at PVPHS.

The 37 elected and appointed ASB officers implement activities on campus with the ultimate purpose of creating a welcoming, inclusive, and spirited school environment.

Link Crew

Link Crew is a high school transition program that warmly welcomes all freshmen and transfer students to PVPHS. The program is designed to help new students throughout their first year at our school.

Peer Leaders Uniting Students (PLUS)

PLUS is a peer-to-peer student leadership program that empowers students to identify and address issues that promote positive youth development and the conditions for student learning.

Service Learning Leadership

The Service Learning Leaders serve our school and extended communities. After examining local and global issues, these students actively volunteer with and contribute to many causes, while raising awareness of social justice issues on our campus.

Principal's Advisory Council (PAC)

The PAC meets regularly with the principal to discuss ways to improve our campus.

ATHLETICS

Recognized as an athletic powerhouse since the school's inception in 1991, PVPHS teams have won 229 league championships, 41 CIF Titles, 10 State Titles, and 4 National Titles. PVPHS has been awarded the CIF Southern Section Sportsmanship Award several times recognizing the character of our student athletes.

Baseball

Boys' Basketball

Boys' Cross Country

Boys' Golf

Boys' Lacrosse

Boys' Soccer

Boys' Surf

Boys' Swimming

Boys' Tennis

Boys' Track and Field

Boys' Volleyball

Boys' Water Polo

Cheer Squad

Choreo Dance

Football

Girls' Basketball

Girls' Cross Country

Girls' Golf

Girls' Lacrosse

Girls' Soccer

Girls' Surf

Girls' Swimming

Girls' Tennis

Girls' Track and Field

Girls' Volleyball

Girls' Water Polo

PEP Flags

Softball

Song Squad

Varsity Dance

Wrestling

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES

National Art Honor Society

National Chinese Honor Society

National Honor Society for Dance Arts

National English Honor Society

National French Honor Society

National Honor Society

International Thespian Society

Japanese National Honor Society

National Junior Class League (Latin)

Korean National Honor Society

Mu Alpha Theta National Mathematics Honor Society

Quill and Scroll National Honor Society

National Science Honor Society

National Social Studies Honor Society

Spanish Honor Society

Tri-M Music Honor Society