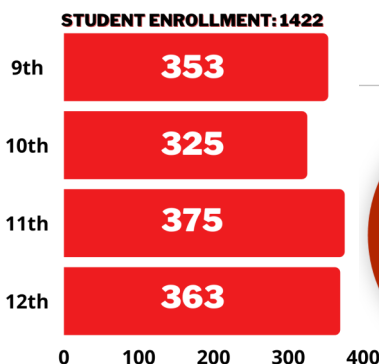




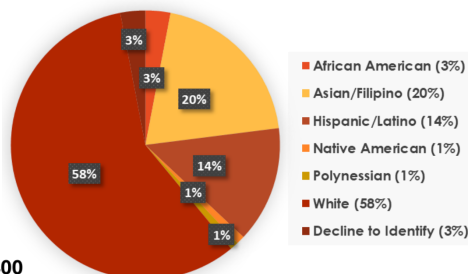
Mission Statement PVHS places a very high emphasis on the academic success and emotional well-being of all students. Various programs, for all levels of students, challenge each PVHS student to reach his or her maximum potential. PVHS ensures students are well-equipped with the academic skills which allow them to follow their own unique academic pursuits and extracurricular endeavors in high school and beyond.

District and Community Palos Verdes High School (PVHS) is a 9-12 comprehensive high school that is nationally recognized for its academic excellence with an annual college matriculation rate of over 95%. PVHS regularly receives six-year accreditation by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) and is currently fully accredited through 2026. The academic program at PVHS is unique in PVPUSD due to its celebrated college preparatory BLOCK SCHEDULE which routinely draws intellectually curious, artistic, athletic and STEM focused students from within the district to its campus. PVHS follows a traditional two-semester calendar with the block schedule offering three block periods of 115 minutes in each period each day. Students are offered an optional Zero Period class that meets daily for 55 minutes.

The PVPUSD allows students to take as many classes as they wish above the minimum six classes for freshmen/sophomores, five classes for juniors and four for seniors. PVHS students follow an A–G curriculum with 95% of the Class of 2022 meeting the full requirements which qualified them for admission to University of California campuses. Palos Verdes High school is proud to boast a 100% graduation rate over the past decade.



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Recognizing the challenges of school closure during spring semester of the 2019–2020 school year, PVPUSD utilized "no harm grading" for second semester only, ensuring that no student's final grade would be lower than their third quarter grade. Students also had the option of choosing "alternate grading" from the traditionally issued letter grades. Upon parent/guardian or adult student request, grades of A, B, or C are issued a Pass (P) grade. The alternate grade for a D is Credit (CR). Any student who earned an F received a No Credit (NC) grade.

In accordance with California Assembly Bill 104, students in grades 9–12 during the 2020–2021 school year had the opportunity to request letter grade/s earned from any course in that school year as currently reflected on their transcript be changed to a Pass or No Pass grade. Students had the option for a grade of Pass (P) in classes where they earned grades of A, B, C or D or a grade of No Pass (NP) in classes where they earned a grade of F. This grade change option was available to students for a 15-day period in accordance with AB 104 and all requested grade changes are reflected on students' transcripts.

PVPUSD has not been a test site for SAT and ACT exams since February 2020. Students did not have access to taking exams throughout the Los Angeles county area.*

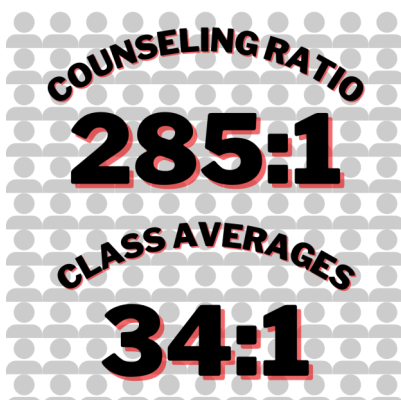


**NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
SEMIFINALISTS**

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COMMENDED SCHOLARS

19



Scholar Athletes

The Class of 2022 had 80 individual athletes that were awarded Scholar Athlete Awards for maintaining a 3.7 unweighted GPA throughout high school. Of those 80 athletes, 11 participated in more than one sport.



Athletic Teams

Baseball
Basketball (B&G)
Beach Volleyball—Girls
Cheer
Cross Country (B&G)
Football
Golf (B&G)
Lacrosse (B&G)
Soccer (B&G)

Softball
Song
Surf (B&G)
Swim (B&G)
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball (B&G)
Water Polo (B&G)

Grading System and Class Ranking Policy

All credit courses taken in grades 9–12, including courses taken during the summer through community college or at high schools taken outside of PVPUSD, are included in determining the cumulative GPA.

Letter grades of A, B, C, D, and F are counted in computing the grade point average with the exception of courses earning: P = Pass, CR = Credit, NC = No Credit, AU = Audit, W = Withdraw, and I = Incomplete.

Transcripts list both the UNWEIGHTED and WEIGHTED GPA. The WEIGHTED GPA is determined by calculating the unweighted GPA then adding 0.2 grade points for each weighted course in a semester. Per board policy, courses taken outside of PVPUSD do not receive weighted credit on the PVHS transcript.

Foreign Language in Middle School

Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District intermediate school students have the opportunity to enroll in high school foreign language courses through the secondary level. This coursework does NOT appear on the high school transcript.

THE GPA IS AVERAGED IN THREE WAYS

CUMULATIVE GPA for all classes
(including PE/Athletics) Grades 9–12

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

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

PVHS does not rank its students per district policy

CLASS OF 2023 GRADE DISTRIBUTION

GPA range (Weighted)	Number of students
4.5–5.0	78
4.0–4.49	88
3.5–3.99	82
3.0–3.49	60
2.51–2.99	35
2.5 and below	30
New – no GPA yet	1

PVHS does not release student disciplinary records per district policy.

2022 Testing Profile

Limited testing available to PVHS students since

ACT Test Results

Mean Score

English	28.0
Mathematics	26.2
Reading	28.8
Science	26.3
Writing	7.5
Composite	27.5

SAT Test Results

50th percentile Data

Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	636
Mathematics	662
Total	1298

Advanced Placement (AP) Tests

598 students took 1129 tests in 32 subjects

78% scored 3 or higher

19% scored a grade of 5

AP Scholars Rosters

	No. of Scholars	Avg. Score
AP Scholar	88	3.19
AP Scholar with Honor	41	3.70
AP Scholar with Distinction	92	4.12
AP Capstone Diploma	10	3.68

February 2020 due to COVID–19 shutdown*

Graduation Requirements

220 credits required for graduation

5 credits for each semester completed

Subject	# OF SEMESTERS	# OF CREDITS
English	8	40
World History	2	10
United States History	2	10
Government	1	5
Economics	1	5
Mathematics	4	20
Biological Science	2	10
Physical Science	2	10
Visual/Performing Arts or Foreign Language	4	20
Electives	14	70
PE	4	20
TOTAL	44	220

Transcript Designations

COURSE TITLES

AP	Advanced Placement course
H	Honors course
MCR	Meets College Requirements
ELD	English Language Development

CODES

+	AP/H course earning weighted credit
r	Repeated course

GRADE DEFINITIONS

A, B, C, D, P = Pass **F** = Failure

CR	Credit/Passing Mark
NM	No Mark
W	Withdraw
I	Incomplete

Honors & AP Classes 2022–2023 School Year

HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE

AP World History
AP European History
AP U.S. History
AP American Government
AP Economics
AP Comparative Government
AP Human Geography
AP Psychology

ENGLISH

English 1 Honors
English 2 Honors
English 3 Honors
AP English Language
AP English Literature

MATHEMATICS

Geometry Honors
Algebra 1 Honors
Algebra 2 Honors
Pre-Calculus Honors
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Advanced Calculus
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science A

SCIENCE

Biology 1 Honors
AP Biology 2
Chemistry 1 Honors
AP Chemistry 2
Marine Biology Honors
Physiology/Anatomy Honors
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2
AP Physics C

WORLD LANGUAGE

Chinese 3 Honors
AP Chinese Language
French 3 Honors
AP French Language
Spanish 3 Honors
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature
Korean 3 Honors
Korean 4 Honors

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS

Advanced Orchestra
Drama 3 Advanced
Drama 4 Advanced
Jazz Band 2
AP Music Theory
AP Studio Art 2D
AP Studio Art 3D
AP Drawing

AP CAPSTONE

AP Research
AP Seminar

TOTAL AP COURSES: 32

TOTAL HONORS COURSES: 21

A full list of course descriptions is available at www.pvhs.pvpusd.net

Class of 2022 College Admissions

Palos Verdes High School Class of 2022 students were admitted to over 300 colleges including all California State Universities and all University of California campuses. Students were also admitted to 4 Ivy League schools.

Schools in **bold** are where you will find our students in the Fall of 2022.

American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Augustana College (IL)
Azusa Pacific University
Baylor University
Beacon College
Belmont University
Bentley University
Biola University
Boise State University
Boston College
Boston University
Brigham Young University-Idaho
British Columbia Institute of Technology
Brown University
Bucknell University
Butler University
Cal Maritime
California Baptist University
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona
California State University-Bakersfield
California State University-Channel Islands
California State University-Chico
California State University-Dominguez Hills
California State University-East Bay
California State University-Fresno
California State University Fullerton
California State Polytechnic University-Humboldt
California State University-Long Beach
California State University-Los Angeles
California State University-Monterey Bay
California State University-Northridge
California State University-Sacramento
California State University-San Bernardino
California State University-San Marcos
Carnegie Mellon University
California State University-Stanislaus
Carnegie Mellon University
Carroll College
Case Western Reserve University
Champlain College
Chapman University
Christopher Newport University
Clemson University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of William and Mary
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado State University-Fort Collins
Colorado State University-Global Campus
Columbia College-Chicago
Concordia University-Irvine
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Creighton University
Cuesta College
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
Earlham College
Eckerd College
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (EHL)

El Camino Community College District
Elon University
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising-LA
Fordham University
Franklin University Switzerland
Fresno City College
Gardner-Webb University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Governors State University
Grand Canyon University
Grinnell College
Hawaii Pacific University
Hendrix College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Howard University
Humboldt State University
Idaho State University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University-Bloomington
Indian University-Purdue University-Indianapolis
International People's College, Denmark
James Madison University
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Lewis University
Linfield College-McMinnville Campus
LIU Post
Long Beach City College
Los Angeles City College
Los Angeles Harbor College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Manhattan College
Marquette University
Marymount California University
Marymount University
Marry University of Saint Louis
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Montana State University
Muhlenberg College
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Occidental College
Orange Coast College
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
Pace University-New York
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus
Pennsylvania State University-Beaver
Pennsylvania State University-Berks
Pennsylvania State University-Erie
Pennsylvania State University-Harrisburg
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Portland State University
Pratt Institute

Purdue University-Main Campus
Reed College
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Richmond American International University London
Rio Hondo College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saddleback College
Saint Martin's University
Saint Mary's College of California
Saint Mary's University
San Diego Christian College
San Diego Mesa College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Clara University
Santa Monica College
Sarah Lawrence College
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Simon Fraser University-Burnaby
Skidmore College
Sonoma State University
Southern Methodist University
Southern Oregon University
Southern Utah University
Southern Virginia University
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University-College Station
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The American University of Paris
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of British Columbia of Paris
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas at San Antonio
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Union College
United States Air Force Academy
University at Buffalo
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of Calgary
University of California Berkeley
University of California Davis
University of California Irvine
University of California Los Angeles
University of California Merced
University of California Riverside
University of California San Diego
University of California Santa Barbara
University of California Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton

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University of Hartford
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of La Verne
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
University of New Hampshire-Main Campus
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Texas
University of Northern Colorado
University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburg Campus
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina-Columbia
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews
University of the Pacific
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Victoria
University of Virginia-Main Campus
University of Washington-Seattle Campus
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St Louis
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western Kentucky University
Westmont College
Whitman College
Whitworth University
Willamette University
Williams College
Woodbury University
Yale University

Of the 354 PVHS Senior graduates, 293 will be attending an institution of higher education, which is 83% of the senior class. Of those students attending an institution of higher education, 80% are going to a 4-year institution and 20% are going to a 2-year institution. Our remaining 17% of the senior class have indicated that they have a variety of options including taking a gap year, vocational/technical school, joining the military, entering the workforce and still considering a college.

PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE

Advancement via Individual Determination – AVID

AVID seeks to ensure that students in the academic middle are equipped with the skills necessary to be successful in college. The success of the program is evidenced by the fact that 100% of the AVID Class of 2021 were accepted to a four-year university.

Associated Student Body

The ASB Leadership class implements and oversees all student activities at PVHS, including pep rallies, dances, awareness weeks, and school-wide community services programs. ASB strives to engage students and create a welcoming, spirited, enriched, and involved school community. The ASB Student Council oversees over 100 student-run organizations on campus in areas of academics, politics, culture, religion, athletics, special interest, and philanthropy.

Be the Change

The BTC Leadership class is a function of the ASB. Student leaders focus on enhancing the school culture for all Sea Kings. Their emphasis is creating an open atmosphere where diversity, acceptance, communication, collaboration, and tolerance are paramount. Activities generated by BTC impact the entire school campus through community service, awareness, events, and education.

Link Crew

Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen to feel comfortable throughout their first year of high school. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew trains members of the Junior and Senior class to be Link Leaders. As positive role models, Link Leaders are motivators, leaders, and teachers who guide freshmen to discover successful ways of transitioning to high school.

Literary Magazine – Tradewinds

Members of Tradewinds interview each spring for a position of leader or staff member. Tradewinds staff study poetry, write poetry and gather submissions from the greater student body for publication. Members also recite poetry at open mic night at local coffee houses. Tradewinds' annual publication is housed inside the Triton Yearbook. The Tradewinds staff is responsible for the design and production of the magazine along with the judging of the annual poetry, art, and photography contest.

Live From 205 – Student Media Services

An award-winning broadcast journalism program. The 205 News Team produces a newscast including sports, commercials, and news stories. Live from 205 has succeeded at the Student Television Network national competition, winning over 70 individual

Student Awards, three Team Awards, and five Excellence Awards, making 205 the number one high school weekly news show in the country. (www.livefrom205.com)

Model United Nations

MUN is an international program allowing high school and college students to compete and engage in debate about global issues in mock UN committees at conferences throughout the state and country. PVHS participates in conferences at UCLA, UC Berkeley, USC, and various high school run conferences among others. In the last several years, the MUN program received multiple recognition and awards, including research, commendations, and outstanding awards.

Newspaper – The Point

More than 30 students work together to create The Point student newspaper seven times per year. This highly collaborative publication requires student to report, investigate, interview, write, and photograph in order to publish a professional newspaper. Students write news, features, opinions, arts and entertainment, and sports articles that are published in the newspaper and on the website. The Point is regarded as one of the top high school news publications in the South Bay area, and the program give students the opportunity to develop important skills involving communication, writing, editing, leadership, and teamwork. (www.pvhspoint.org)

Open Orchard Productions

Students at Palos Verdes High School employ their creative, writing, journalistic, editing, and technological skills to develop their own radio production organization. Open Orchard Productions is an accredited elective class (Broadcast Journalism I and II). Students' podcasts have aired over 30 times on national radio stations; four of our students were named "Best Teen Radio Producers" of the year by PRX; OOP won a grant from Transom (Atlantic Public Radio); two students have made podcasts for our contact at NPR West/Youth Radio; and students have been hired three times to create content for local professionals. Students have toured Los Angeles production studios including Paramount, Sony, Technicolor, Disney, KCRW, KPCC, and NPR West. (openorchardproductions.com)

Palos Verdes Institute of Technology – PVIT

PVIT is featured as one of the first high school robotics programs in the nation, competing as the only high school against top universities in the 2005 DARPA "Grand Challenge." PVIT utilizes the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) curriculum which offers a flexible sequence of courses that builds students' engineering and technological skills. In addition,

through PVIT's Engineering Advanced Project class, teams building underwater robots, rockets, high altitude balloons, autonomous robots, an electric car, and more, have competed and placed regionally, nationally, and internationally in high-end engineering competitions. PVHS has linked math/science classes with OLTW courses which are recognized by UC and CSU and meet the "G" subject requirement. PVIT courses are as follows: Introduction to Engineering, Physics, Engineering Advanced Projects 1-4, Digital Electronics, Engineering Design and Development, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Aerospace Engineering, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science, and AP Physics. (www.pvit.org)

Science Research

Science Research is a one to four year sequential course designed for highly motivated students to advance an understanding of research. Students can undertake their independent research in life sciences, physical sciences, mathematics, computer or social sciences. Student commitment to long-term focused research, demonstrating initiative, perseverance, and creativity is fostered. There are over 100 researchers in the PVHS Science Research program. Students compete first at the district PVPSEF Regional Science and Engineering Fair. The top 13 projects advance to the Los Angeles County Fair to compete for awards and prizes with the opportunity to advance to the California State Fair and International ISEF Science Fairs. PVHS researchers compete at a high level and have won numerous awards including cash prizes, Earthwatch expedition trips, and trips to the California State Science Fair.

Yearbook – The Triton

The Triton has over 75 student participants and has garnered several national awards for design in journalism. The publication has received three Gold Medalist awards from Columbia Scholastic Press Association, four All-American awards from the National Scholastic Press Association and four First Place with Distinction awards from American Scholastic Press Association. This summer, the staff received first place for design – this win marked the 8th first place win in a row – at the National Yearbook Camp held at the University of San Diego. The team also won the People's Choice Award. In September, a group of Triton leaders attended an invitation-only Creative Design Weekend with the top seven high schools in the nation. The Triton publication is a student-run program which provides leadership opportunities, builds marketable computer and design skills and develops school-to-career job skills.

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