



PALOS VERDES HIGH SCHOOL

2026–2027 SCHOOL PROFILE

PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA • CEEB 052358

1,679

STUDENTS

33

AP COURSES

31

HONORS COURSES

100+

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

2024 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Exemplary High Performing

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Palos Verdes High School is a WASC-accredited comprehensive public high school serving grades 9–12. PVHS combines a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum with distinctive academic, career-connected, artistic, athletic and leadership opportunities in a close-knit coastal community.

THE SEA KING EXPERIENCE

PVHS operates on an alternating block schedule with three 115-minute periods each day and an optional Zero Period. Students can pursue extensive AP and Honors coursework with no school wide AP course limit, plus AP Capstone, Dual Enrollment, engineering, research, media, arts, athletics and 100+ student-run organizations.

9TH GRADE

410

10TH GRADE

457

11TH GRADE

427

12TH GRADE

385

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Authentic experiences that let Sea Kings engineer, research, report, lead and create.



LIVE FROM 205

Award-winning broadcast journalism producing a bi-weekly newscast, podcasts, sports, entertainment and community stories. Students have earned 100+ individual Student Television Network awards, six team awards and ten Awards of Excellence.



PVIT / ENGINEERING

Project Lead the Way engineering plus advanced competition teams in underwater robotics, FIRST/VEX robotics, rockets, UAVs and autonomous systems. PVIT won the 2025 MATE ROV World Championship in the RANGER class.



SCIENCE RESEARCH

Multi-year independent research in natural and social sciences. Over three years, 55+ projects placed at district fairs, 35+ students earned Special Awards, and Sea Kings advanced to the California State Science Fair and Regeneron ISEF.



DRAMA AND MUSICAL THEATER

Students train with professional choreographers and vocal directors through mainstage productions, showcases, festivals, and technical theater. PVHS productions have earned prestigious Southern California honors, including Jerry Herman Best Production and JRAY Musical of the Year.



STUDENT MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS

Award-winning student publications that give Sea Kings authentic experience in journalism, design, photography, creative writing, editing, and publishing. Students produce *The Point* newspaper, *The Triton* yearbook, and *Tradewinds* literary magazine, developing their voices while documenting and shaping the story of PVHS.



DUAL ENROLLMENT CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Through PVHS's partnership with Los Angeles Harbor College, students can earn college credit while still in high school. Signature pathways include the established Business program, along with new Sports Medicine and Biotechnology programs that connect rigorous coursework to high-demand college and career fields.

ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

AP CAPSTONE

AP Seminar + AP Research build advanced skills in inquiry, evidence, collaboration and presentation.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Competitive simulations develop diplomacy, research, collaboration and confident public speaking.

LEADERSHIP

ASB and Be the Change lead school culture through activities, spirit, service, 100+ clubs, kindness and belonging.

AVID

College-readiness program: 100% Dual Enrollment participation, 86% completed an AP course, and 100% of 2026 seniors earned four-year university acceptance.

ACADEMIC PROFILE

757

AP Students

1,669

AP Exams

7

National Merit Semi-Finalists

18

National Merit Commended
Scholars

AP ACHIEVEMENT

85% AP pass rate 333 AP Scholars

128 Scholars with
Distinction 38 AP Capstone
Diplomas

GRADING & CLASS RANKING

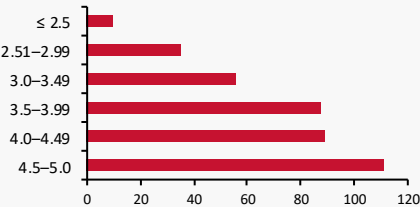
PVHS reports both unweighted and weighted GPA. Weighted GPA begins with the unweighted GPA and adds 0.2 grade points for each designated weighted course per semester. Outside-PVPUSD coursework does not receive PVHS weighted credit. Dual enrollment courses taken on campus through PVHS dual enrollment program are weighted.

PVHS does not rank students.

CLASS OF 2027 SENIOR
ACADEMIC GPA DISTRIBUTION

Weighted Academic GPA • 385 seniors

Students



AP & HONORS COURSE LIST

AP COURSES (33)

- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Chinese Language & Culture
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- Environmental Science
- European History
- French Language & Culture
- Human Geography
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Music Theory
- Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
- Physics C: Mechanics
- Physics 1
- Physics 2
- Psychology
- Research
- Seminar English 10
- Pre Calculus AB
- Spanish Language & Culture
- Statistics
- Studio Art: 2-D Design
- Studio Art: 3-D Design
- Studio Art: Drawing
- U.S. Government & Politics
- U.S. History
- World History

HONORS COURSES (31)

- Advanced Broadcast Journalism 1-4
- Advanced Drama 3/4
- Advanced Jazz Band
- Advanced Media Design
- Aerospace Design Honors
- Algebra 1 Honors
- Algebra 2 Honors
- Biology Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- Chinese 3 Honors
- English 1 Honors
- English 2 Honors
- French 3 Honors
- Geometry Honors
- Intro to Engineering
- Korean 3 Honors
- Korean 4 Honors
- Marine Bio Honors
- Physio Anatomy Honors
- Spanish 3 Honors
- PLTW Computer Science
- PLTW Engineering

SEA KING ATHLETICS

Academic excellence meets championship competition.

102

SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Class of 2026

15

NCAA SCHOLARSHIPS

Class of 2026 student-athletes

35

WENT ON TO PLAY IN
COLLEGE

Class of 2026 student-athletes

32

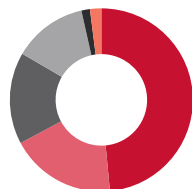
ATHLETIC TEAMS

Baseball • Basketball • Beach Volleyball • Cheer • Cross Country • Flag Football • Football • Golf • Lacrosse • Soccer • Softball • Surf • Swim • Tennis • Track & Field • Volleyball • Water Polo

OUTCOMES & STUDENT BODY

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Students



White	48.5%
Hispanic/Latino	18.7%
Asian	16.2%
Multiracial	13.1%
Black/African American	1.5%
Other / Unknown	2.0%

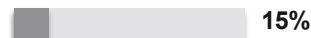
POSTSECONDARY OUTCOMES

Class of 2026

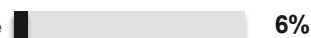
4-Year College



2-Year College



Other/ Gap Year/ Military / Workforce



CLASS OF 2026 COLLEGE MATRICULATION

The Class of 2026 was admitted to more than 250 institutions. The colleges below are where PVHS graduates matriculated in Fall 2026.

American University
American University Paris
Anderson University
Arizona State University
Baldwin Wallace University
Barnard College
Baylor University
Boise State University
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Butler University
California Baptist University
California Institute of Technology (Caltech)
Cal Maritime Academy
California Poly State University-Humboldt
California Poly State University-Pomona
California Poly State University-San Luis Obispo
California State University-Chico
California State University-Dominguez Hills
California State University-Fullerton
California State University-Long Beach
California State University-Northridge
California State University-San Marcos
Cerritos Community College

Chapman University
Concordia University
Cornell University
Cuesta College
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
El Camino College
Emerson College
Georgetown University
Grand Canyon University
Harvard College
Harvey Mudd College
Indiana University-Bloomington
Lehigh University
Long Beach City College
Los Angeles Harbor College
Loyola Marymount University
Manhattan College
Marist University
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Mount Saint Mary's University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Occidental College
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Parsons School of Design - Paris
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University

Point Loma Nazarene University
Pomona College
Purdue University-Main Campus
Rutgers University
Sacramento State University
San Diego Mesa College
San Diego State University
San Jose State University
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Monica College
Seton Hall University
Southern Methodist University
Stanford University
Stonehill College
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
The University of New Orleans
Tulane University
United States Merchant Marines Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles
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 Denver
University of Hawaii, Manoa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Nevada-Reno
University of New Orleans
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Redlands
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
The University of Texas at Austin
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Washington - Seattle
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St Louis
Wesleyan University
Yale University

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