

Palisades Charter High School

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PROFILE 2016-2017

IMPORTANT TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION: Palisades Charter High School is now using the Infinite Campus student information system, and has discontinued use of the LAUSD student information system. The GPA reported on a transcript is listed as "Unweighted GPA (w/ Bonus Points);" please see GPA/CLASS RANK description on next page. Our GPA and rank calculation process is unchanged from previous years.

Palisades Charter High School is a financially independent comprehensive four-year public high school. In 1993 a Charter was approved by the Los Angeles Unified School District and the California State Department of Education, which specified accountability for higher levels of student achievement. In 2003, all school stakeholder groups unanimously supported the transition to financial independence and accountability. Palisades Charter High School is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation governed by an elected Board of Directors, and is a California Distinguished School.

Palisades Charter High School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) until 2018. The school year includes two semesters of 20 weeks each. Periods 1 through 6 meet every other day for approximately 100 minutes each. Periods 0 and 7 are optional and meet daily for 55 minutes; they are primarily elective courses (drama, orchestra, etc.).

STUDENT BODY

Total enrollment 3038

Geographic Diversity: Students from more than 100 ZIP Codes attend Palisades Charter High School.

Ethnic Diversity

African-American	14%	Asian	9%
Hispanic	21%	White	54%
Other	2%		

CURRICULUM

AP Courses offered:

Art - Drawing	Chemistry	Gov't & Politics US	European History
Art - 2D & 3D	Computer Science	Physics	Music Theory
U.S. History	English Language	Spanish Language	Calculus AB and BC
Biology	English Lit. /Comp.	Spanish Literature	Environmental Science
World History	Statistics	French Language	Art History (not offered in '16-'17)
			Human Geo (not offered in '16-'17)

UC-Approved Honors Level Courses offered:

American Literature	Math Analysis
Spanish 3	U.S. History
Contemporary Comp	Chemistry
Physics	French 4
Physiology	Calif. Literature

Other Honors Level Courses offered:

English 10	World Literature	Algebra 2
World History	Marine Biology	Geometry
Biology	French 3	Spanish 2
Adv. Composition	Spanish for Native Speakers 2	
Economics	Principles of American Democracy	

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Total credits required: 230 (5 credits = 1 semester class)

English	40 credits	Health	5 credits	Electives	75 credits
Social Science	30 credits	Physical Educ.	20 credits		
Science	20 credits	Visual/Perf. Arts	10 credits		
Mathematics	20 credits	Applied Technology	10 credits		

Students earn elective credits for college eligibility by completing additional math, science, and foreign language courses. Students are required to take 5 credits of Computer Science. Students must complete ten hours of community service per year. Students must pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) and participate in the state testing programs each year enrolled at Palisades.

Class of 2017 GPA/CLASS RANK

Preliminary rank is calculated on a 4.0 scale based on all grades earned in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades. If classes are repeated, both grades are included. Only AP grades are weighted in computing GPA (unweighted GPA is augmented .025 point per AP per semester). Final rank is calculated on 9th, 10th, 11th and first semester 12th grades. The grading system is A-B-C-D-F; D is a passing grade for high school graduation purposes. Courses completed outside of Palisades Charter High School are included on the transcript only if the course or the credits are required for graduation.

GPA Distribution:	First Decile	4.0049 – 4.3762	Fourth Decile	3.3861 – 3.5972
	Second Decile	3.7917 – 4.0024	Fifth Decile	3.1816 – 3.3857
	Third Decile	3.6000 – 3.7910		

TEST SCORES

Class of 2016	6 National Merit Finalists		4 National Hispanic Recognition Program Participants					
	22 NMSQT Commended Students		2 National Achievement Program Outstanding Participants					
Class of 2015	6 National Merit Finalists		3 National Hispanic Recognition Program Participants					
	19 NMSQT Commended Students							
Class of 2016:	<u>Mean NEW SAT (2016)</u>		<u>Mean OLD SAT (2014-15)</u>		<u>Mean SAT Subject Scores (2014-15)</u>			
	<small>(students who also took Subject Tests)</small>							
	ERW	576	CR	614	Literature	633	Math Level 2	666
	Math	576	Math	633	US History	660	Biology E	620
			Writing	622	World History	628	Biology M	690
					Chemistry	653	Physics	583

In May 2016, 1819 AP exams (an increase of 5.7% from 2015) were administered in 21 subjects, with 26% of the students scoring 5, 29% scoring 4, and 27% scoring 3, for an overall pass rate of 82%. Pass rates for AP courses:

Biology	89%	English Lang	84%	Human Geog	85%	Statistics	97%
Calculus AB	98%	English Lit	80%	Music Theory (not offered)		Studio Art	96%
Calculus BC	100%	Envir Science	60%	Physics CEM	37%	US Gov	90%
Chemistry (not offered)		Euro History	76%	Physics CM	66%	US History	74%
Computer Sci	92%	French Lang	68%	Spanish Lang	93%	World History	85%
				Spanish Lit	86%		

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Class of 2016:	Four-year Colleges	53%	U of California	16%	California State U	12%
			Out of state public	7%	CA Private	6%
			Out of state private	11%	Foreign	1%
	Two-year Colleges/ Trade/Voc	38%	Military/Work/Gap	3%	Unreported/Undecided	6%

Palisades Charter High graduates of 2015 and 2016 **enrolled** in the following colleges and universities:
University of California – all campuses; California State University – 18 of 23 campuses

Academy of Art U	Carleton College	George Washington U	U of Michigan	Pomona College	St. Andrew's Univ
AMDA	Carnegie Mellon U	Georgetown Univ	Michigan State	Pratt Institute	St. Catherine U
American U of Paris	Chapman University	Georgia Tech	U of Montana	U of Puget Sound	St. John's Queens
Amherst College	Claremont McKenna	Hampshire College	Morehouse College	Purdue University	St. Lawrence Univ
U of Arizona	Clark	Howard University	UNLV & UNR	RISD	Stanford University
Arizona State	U of CO Boulder	U of Hawaii Manoa	Univ of New Mexico	Rice University	Swarthmore College
Art Center Pasadena	Colgate University	IDC Herzliya	New York University	RIT	UT Austin
Azusa Pacific U	Colorado College	University of Illinois	U of Notre Dame	Saint Josephs Univ	The New School
Bard College	Columbia University	Indiana University	Northern Arizona U	USF	Tulane University
Barnard College	U of Connecticut	University of Iowa	Northeastern U	SAI Chicago	Tuskegee University
Berklee Col of Music	Connecticut College	Johns Hopkins Univ	Northwestern U	Santa Clara University	Univ of St. Andrews
Boston University	Cornell University	Kalamazoo College	Oberlin College	Sarah Lawrence	Vanguard University
U of British Columbia	Columbia Col Chicago	Lewis & Clark	Ohio University	Scripps College	U of Washington
Brigham Young Univ	DePaul University	Loyola Marymount U	University of Oregon	Seattle University	Wellesley College
Brown U	Dickinson College	Loyola Chicago	Oregon State	Soka Univ	Wesleyan University
Bucknell University	Doshisha University	Manhattan Sch - Music	Otis College of A & D	USC	Wheaton College
Butler University	Emerson College	U Mass Amherst	Univ of Pennsylvania	Sophia University	Whittier College
Cal Baptist University	The Evergreen State	Menlo Collge	Pepperdine University	Southern Oregon U	U of Wisconsin
Cal Lutheran Univ	Fordham University	M.Inst.of Tech	Point Loma Nazarene	Spelman College	...and others