

PROFILE 2020-2021



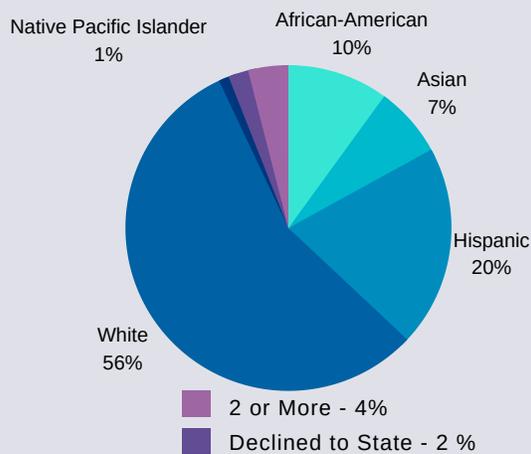
PCHS SCHOOL PROFILE

Palisades Charter High School
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PCHS AT A GLANCE - 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 Trustees, and is a California Distinguished School.

Palisades Charter High School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) until 2024. 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. These periods are used for students who would like to take additional electives such as; AP Computer Science Principles, language courses, drama and orchestra courses. Effective as of March 12, 2020, all PCHS students transitioned to eLearning.

STUDENT BODY



Total Enrollment: 3000 Students

Graduation Rate: 98.9%

Geographic Diversity: 113 ZIP Codes

CURRICULUM

AP Courses offered:

Art – Drawing
Art – 2D & 3D
*Art History
Biology
Calculus AB & BC
Chemistry
Comp Principles
Computer Science
English Language
Environmental Science
European History
French Language
Government & Politics US
Italian Language
Macroeconomics
Music Theory
Physics (E&M/M)
Statistics
*Spanish Language
US History
World History
*not offered 2020

UC-Approved Honors

Level Courses offered:

African American Lit
American Literature
Anatomy
California Literature
CCC War Lit
Chemistry
Chicano/a Lit
Contemporary Comp
Environmental Science
French 4
Math Analysis
Neuroscience
Physics
Physiology
Spanish 3
U.S. History

Other Honors Level

Courses offered:

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

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

English	40 Credits	Physical Education	20 Credits
Social Science	30 Credits	Visual/Performing Arts	10 Credits
Science	20 Credits	Applied Technology	10 Credits
Mathematics	20 Credits	Electives	75 Credits
Health	5 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. (Waived during COVID)

Class of 2020 GPA/CLASS RANK - Effective August 1, 2020 PCHS will no longer use ranking. Grades are 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). 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.

Effective as of the 2020-2021 school year, Palisades Charter High School will no longer rank our students. This decision was approved by our Board of Directors in efforts to more accurately depict our student's individual academic performance. Palisades Charter High School offers an extremely rigorous program including college level AP courses, very demanding honors level courses alongside a very strong high school curriculum.

TEST SCORES

In May 2020, 2,043 AP exams were administered in 23 subjects, with 31% of the students scoring 5, 31% scoring 4, and 24% scoring 3, for an overall pass rate of 86%. Pass rates for AP courses:

Biology	84%	Comp Princ	92%	Human Geo	85%	Statistics	82%	US History	90%
Calculus AB	74%	English Lang	81%	Music Theory	56%	Studio Drawing	94%	World History	90%
Calculus BC	92%	English Lit	81%	Physics CEM	55%	Studio 2D	98%		
Chemistry	88%	Envir Science	84%	Physics CM	90%	Studio 3D	100%		
Computer Sci	91%	Euro History	88%	Spanish Lang	98%	US Gov	84%		

Class of 2020

7 National Merit Finalists
8 National Hispanic Recognition Program Participants
26 NMSQT Commended Students
3 National Hispanic Scholars

Class of 2019

4 National Merit Finalists
24 NMSQT Commended Students
8 National Hispanic Recognition Program Participants

Mean SAT (2019)

EWR: 543
Math: 567
Total: 1110

Mean ACT (2018)

Composite: 26.5

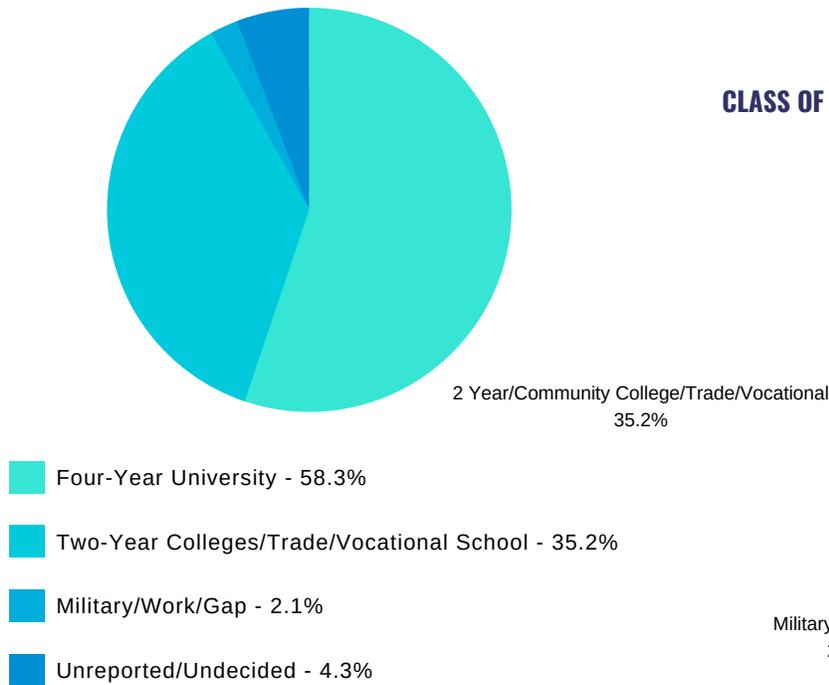
Mean ACT (2019)

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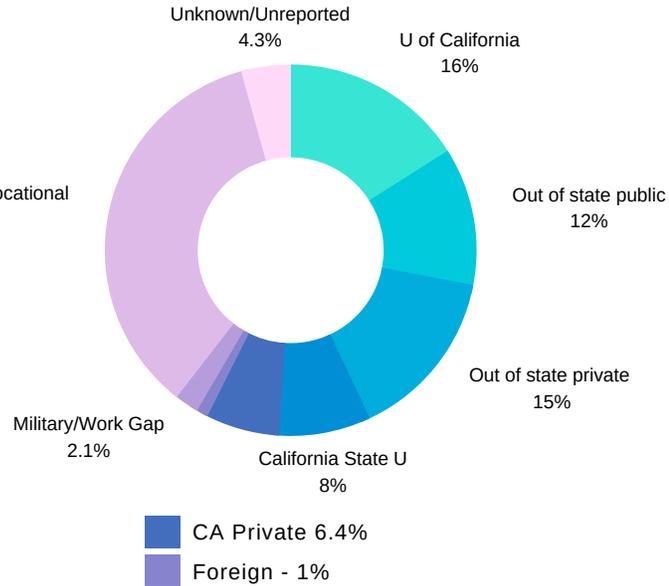
IMPORTANT TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

The GPA reported on a transcript is listed as "Unweighted GPA (w/ Bonus Points);" please see GPA description above. Our GPA calculations are unchanged from previous years.

2020 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS



CLASS OF 2020 COLLEGE MATRICULATION BREAKDOWN



Palisades Charter High graduates of 2018 to 2020 enrolled in the following colleges and universities: University of California – all campuses; California State University – 16 of 23 campuses

Alabama State University	Colorado State University	Kenyon College	Prairie View A&M Univ	U of Notre Dame
AMDA	Columbia College Chicago	Knox College	Pratt Institute	U of Puget Sound
American U of Paris	Columbia University	Leeds College of Art & Design	Princeton University	United States Air Force Academy
American University	Connecticut College	Lehigh University	Purdue University	United States Military Academy
Arizona State	Cornell University	Lewis & Clark College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Denver
Art Center College of Design	Dartmouth College	Loyola Chicago	RISD	University of Pennsylvania
Auburn Univ	Denison University	Loyola Marymount U	Roosevelt University	University of Edinburgh
Azusa Pacific University	DePaul University	Manhattan S. of Music	Rowan University	University of Illinois
Babson College	Dickinson College	Marist College	SAI Chicago	University of Iowa
Bard College	Drexel University	MIT	Santa Clara University	University of Kentucky
Barnard College	Duke University	Miami University	Sarah Lawrence	University of La Verne
Bates College	Durham University	Middlebury College	Seton Hall University	University of London
Belmont Univ	Eastern Michigan University	Montana State University	Sewanee University	University of Oregon
Berklee Col of Music	Elon University	Morehouse College	Soka Univ	University of Pisa
Berlin U of the Arts	Emerson College	Mt. Holyoke College	Sophia University	University of Pittsburgh
Berlin University of the Arts	Emory Univ	Mt. St. Mary's Univ	Southern Methodist University	University of Rochester
Boston University	Endicott College	New York University	Southern University	UNLV & UNR
Brigham Young University	Fordham University	Northeastern University	Southern Utah University	Vassar College
Brown University	George Washington University	Northern Arizona U	Spelman College	Washington State University
Bucknell University	Georgetown University	Northwest Lineman College	Stanford University	Wellesley College
Butler University	Georgia Tech	Northwestern Univ	Stony Brook University	Xavier University of Louisiana
Butte College	Gonzaga University	Oberlin College	Suffolk University	Yale University
Cal Lutheran Univ	Hartwich College	Occidental College	Syracuse University	
Cal Poly SLO	Harvard University	Ohio State University	Texas A & M University	
California College of the Arts	Hobart & William Smith	Ohio Wesleyan University	The Evergreen State	.. and more!
Calvin College	Hofsta University	Oregon State	The New School	
Carnegie Mellon University	Howard University	Otis College of A & D	Trinity College	
Chapman University	IE University - Madrid	Pace University	U Mass Amherst	
Clark Atlanta University	Indiana University	Penn State	U of Arizona	
CO School of Mines	Jackson State University	Pepperdine University	U of CO Boulder	
Colgate College	Johns Hopkins Univ	Pitzer College	U of Hawaii Manoa	
College of Idaho	Johnson & Wales University	Point Loma Nazarene	U of Michigan	
Colorado College	Kalamazoo College		U of Montana	