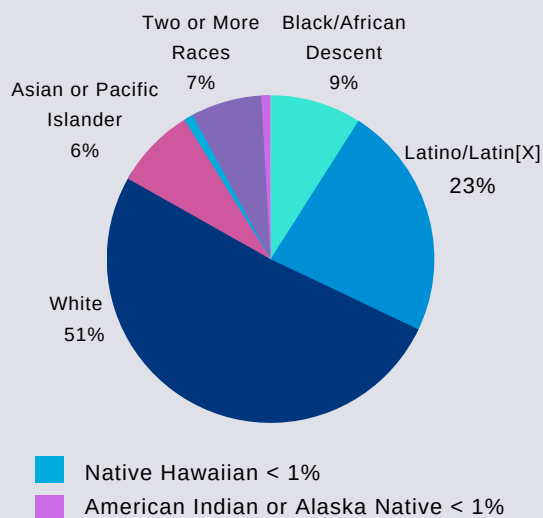# PCHS SCHOOL PROFILE

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.

STUDENT BODY

- Two or More Races 7%
- Black/African Descent 9%
- Asian or Pacific Islander 6%
- Latino/Latin[X] 23%
- White 51%
- Native Hawaiian < 1%
- American Indian or Alaska Native < 1%

Total Enrollment: 3014 Students
Graduation Rate: 98%
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
English Literature
Environmental Science
European History
French Language
Government & Politics US
Human Geography
Italian Language
Music Theory
Physics (E&M/M)
Spanish Language
Statistics
US History
World History

UC-Approved Honors Level Courses offered:
African American Lit
American Literature
Anatomy
Biology
California Literature
CCC War Lit
Chemistry
Chicano/a Lit
Contemporary Comp
Environmental Science
French 4
Human Anatomy
Math Analysis
Neuroscience
Physics
Physiology
Spanish 3
U.S. History
Wind Ensemble

Other Honors Level Courses offered:
Algebra 2
Economics
French 3
Geometry
Italian
Marine Biology
Principles of American Democracy
Spanish 2
World History
World Literature

Additional Options:
Partnership with West Los Angeles College where students can take courses to earn Pali credit and college credit

*Not Offered in 2023

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 2023 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. This year due to the AB140 bill, students had the option to take a Pass/No Credit grade.

TEST SCORES

In May 2023, 2,036 AP exams were administered in 26 subjects, with 30% of the students scoring 5, 30% scoring 4, and 24% scoring 3, for an overall pass rate of 84%. Pass rates for AP courses:

Biology	78%	English Lang	77%	Human Geo	83%	Physics CM	69%	Studio 2D	100%
Calculus AB	100%	English Lit	94%	Italian	83%	Psychology	68%	Studio 3D	75%
Calculus BC	100%	Envir Science	83%	Macroeconomics	92%	Spanish Lang	98%	US Gov	94%
Chemistry	93%	Euro History	82%	Music Theory	62%	Statistics	90%	US History	80%
Computer Sci	94%	French	100%	Physics CEM	40%	Studio Drawing	100%	World History	88%
Comp Princ	86%								

Class of 2023
8 National Merit Finalists
2 National Merit Scholarship Winners
18 NMSQT Commended Students

Mean SAT (2023)
1261

Mean SAT (2023)
EWR: 637
Math: 624
Total: 1261

ACT (2023)
Mean Composite Score: 28.3
Breakdown by Section
Math: 28.3
Science: 26.9
Stem: 26.8
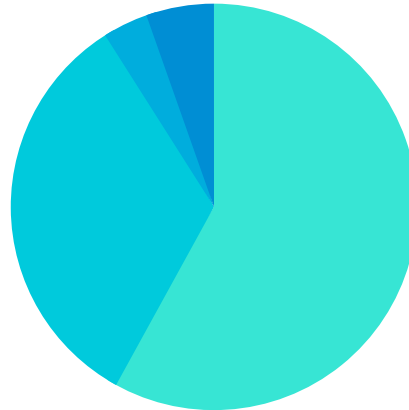English: 29.7
Reading: 29.9
Writing: 8.5
ELA: 28.9

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.

2023 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

- Four-Year University - 58%
- Two-Year Colleges
  Trade/Vocational School - 33%
- Military/Work/Gap - 3.6%
- Unreported/Undecided - 5.4%

Palisades Charter High graduates of 2018 to 2022 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	Pratt Institute	U of Puget Sound
AMDA	Columbia College Chicago	Knox College	Princeton University	United States Air Force
American U of Paris	Columbia University	Leeds College of Art & Design	Purdue University	Academy
American University	Connecticut College	Lehigh University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	United States Military Academy
Arizona State	Cornell University	Lewis & Clark College	RISD	U of Denver
Art Center College of Design	Dartmouth College	Loyola Chicago	Roosevelt University	U of Pennsylvania
Auburn Univ	Denison University	Loyola Marymount U	Rowan University	U of Edinburgh
Azusa Pacific University	DePaul University	Manhattan S, of Music	SAI Chicago	U of Illinois
Babson College	Dickinson College	Marist College	Santa Clara University	U of Iowa
Bard College	Drexel University	MIT	Sarah Lawrence	U of Kentucky
Barnard College	Duke University	Miami University	Seton Hall University	U of La Verne
Bates College	Durham University	Middlebury College	Sewanne University	U of London
Belmont Univ	Eastern Michigan University	Montana State University	Soka Univ	U of Oregon
Berklee Col of Music	Elon University	Morehouse College	Sophia University	U of Pisa
Berlin U of the Arts	Emerson College	Mt. Holyoke College	Southern Methodist University	U of Pittsburgh
Berlin University of the Arts	Emory Univ	Mt. St. Mary's Univ	Southern University	U of Rochester
Boston University	Endicott College	New York University	Southern Utah University	UNLV
Brigham Young University	Fordham University	Northeastern University	Spelman College	UNR
Brown University	George Washington University	Northern Arizona U	Stanford University	Vassar College
Bucknell University	Georgetown University	Northwest Lineman College	Stony Brook University	Washington State University
Butler University	Georgia Tech	Northwestern Univ	Suffolk University	Wellesley College
Butte College	Gonzaga University	Oberlin College	Syracuse University	Xavier University of Louisiana
Cal Lutheran Univ	Hartwich College	Occidental College	Texas A & M University	Yale University
Cal Poly SLO	Harvard University	Ohio State University	The Evergreen State	
California College of the Arts	Hobart & William Smith	Ohio Wesleyan University	The New School	.. and more!
Calvin College	Hofsta University	Oregon State	Trinity College	
Carnegie Mellon University	Howard University	Otis College of A & D	U Mass Amherst	
Chapman University	IE University - Madrid	Pace University	U of Arizona	
Clark Atlanta University	Indiana University	Penn State	U of CO Boulder	
CO School of Mines	Jackson State University	Pepperdine University	U of Hawaii Manoa	Class of 2023 on next page.
Colgate College	Johns Hopkins Univ	Pitzer College	U of Michigan	
College of Idaho	Johnson & Wales University	Point Loma Nazarene	U of Montana	
Colorado College	Kalamazoo College	Prairie View A&M Univ	U of Notre Dame	

2023 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

Alabama (3)
Alabama A&M University (1)
The University of Alabama (1)
Tuskegee University (1)

Arizona (9)
Arizona State University (6)
University of Arizona (2)
Grand Canyon University (1)

California (453)
AMDA College of the Performing Arts - Los Angeles (1)
Aveda Institute-Los Angeles (1)
Biola University (1)
California State University Maritime Academy (1)
California State Polytechnic University - San Luis Obispo (9)
California Institute of Technology (1)
California Lutheran University (1)
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona (4)
California State University-Bakersfield (1)
California State University-Chico (2)
California State University-Dominguez Hills (2)
California State University-Fullerton (1)
California State University-Long Beach (3)
California State University-Los Angeles (3)
California State University-Monterey Bay (2)
California State University-Northridge (18)
California State University-Sacramento (1)
California State University-San Marcos (1)
California State University-Stanislaus (1)
University of California-Berkeley (19)
University of California-Davis (13)
University of California-Irvine (6)
University of California-Los Angeles (27)
University of California-Merced (3)
University of California-Riverside (2)
University of California-San Diego (7)
University of California-Santa Barbara (27)
University of California-Santa Cruz (17)
Cerritos College (1)
Chapman University (2)
Charles R Drew University of Medicine and Science (1)
Claremont McKenna College (2)
El Camino Community College (5)
Fullerton College (1)
University of La Verne (1)
Los Angeles Recording School (1)
Los Angeles Southwest College (1)
Los Angeles Trade Technical College (5)
Los Angeles Valley College (1)
Loyola Marymount University (5)
Moorpark College (2)
Mount Saint Mary's University (3)
Occidental College (1)

Otis College of Art and Design (1)
Pasadena City College (2)
Pepperdine University (3)
Los Angeles Pierce College (2)
Pitzer College (1)
University of Redlands (2)
San Diego City College (1)
San Diego State University (3)
University of San Diego (1)
San Francisco State University (1)
University of San Francisco (1)
San Jose State University (1)
Santa Barbara City College (4)
Santa Monica College (204)
Scripps College (1)
Sierra College (1)
University of Southern California (7)
Stanford University (1)
The Culinary Institute of America (1)
Universal Technical Institute- Long Beach (2)
West Los Angeles College (7)

Colorado (19)
University of Colorado Boulder (15)
Colorado State University-Fort Collins (1)
University of Denver (3)

Connecticut (2)
Mitchell College (1)
Wesleyan University (1)

DC (4)
Howard University (1)
The George Washington University (3)

Florida (4)
University of Miami (4)

Georgia (4)
Morehouse College (1)
Savannah College of Art & Design- Savannah (1)
Savannah College of Art & Design- Atlanta (2)

Hawaii (5)
University of Hawaii at Manoa (4)
Hawaii Pacific University (1)

Illinois (6)
University of Chicago (1)
Columbia College Chicago (1)
DePaul University (1)
Loyola University Chicago (2)
Northwestern University (1)

2023 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

Indiana (11)
Indiana University-Bloomington (6)
University of Notre Dame (3)
Purdue University (2)

Louisiana (2)
Southern University and A & M College (1)
Tulane University of Louisiana (1)

Maine (1)
Colby College (1)

Maryland (4)
Goucher College (1)
Johns Hopkins University (1)
University of Maryland- Eastern Shore (1)
University of Maryland- College Park (1)

Massachusetts (20)
Berklee College of Music (1)
Boston University (5)
Brandeis University (1)
Emerson College (2)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design (1)
University of Massachusetts-Amherst (2)
Northeastern University (5)
Smith College (1)
Tufts University (1)
Williams College (1)

Michigan (7)
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (7)

Minnesota (1)
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (1)

Montana (1)
The University of Montana (1)

Nevada (2)
University of Nevada-Las Vegas (2)

New Hampshire (4)
Dartmouth College (4)

New Jersey (2)
Drew University (1)
Stevens Institute of Technology (1)

New York (30)
Barnard College (1)
Cornell University (1)
Hobart William Smith Colleges (1)
New York School of Interior Design (1)

New York University (5)
Pace University, New York City Campus (1)
Pratt Institute (2)
Syracuse University (7)
The New School (9)
Vassar College (2)

North Carolina (2)
Duke University (1)
Wake Forest University (1)

Ohio (1)
Ohio State University (1)

Oregon (15)
University of Portland (1)
Reed College (1)
University of Oregon (12)
Willamette University (1)

Pennsylvania (4)
Grove City College (1)
Lehigh University (1)
University of Pennsylvania (2)

Rhode Island (2)
Brown University (1)
Rhode Island School of Design (1)

South Carolina (2)
College of Charleston (1)
Francis Marion University (1)

Tennessee (3)
Belmont University (1)
Fisk University (1)
Vanderbilt University (1)

Texas (6)
Baylor University (1)
Southern Methodist University (4)
The University of Texas at Austin (1)

Utah (3)
Brigham Young University (2)
University of Utah (1)

Virginia (3)
Ferrum College (1)
Hampton University (1)
Washington and Lee University (1)

Washington (13)
Gonzaga University (2)
University of Puget Sound (2)
Washington State University (1)
University of Washington-Seattle Campus (6)
Western Washington University (2)

Wisconsin (17)
Lawrence University (1)
University of Wisconsin-Madison (16)

International Universities (15)
American University in London (1)
The American University of Paris (4)
The University of British Columbia (1)
Corpus Christi College, British Columbia (1)
Falmouth University (1)
Hogskolen Alesund (1)
Queen Margaret University (1)
Simon Fraser University (1)
Trinity College Dublin (1)
University of St Andrews (1)
University of the Arts London (1)
University of Victoria (1)