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THE SCHOOL AND FACULTY

Pinewood School, founded in 1959, is an independent, co-educational, nondenominational college preparatory day school serving grades K–12. Upper Campus enrollment in Los Altos Hills (grades 7–12) is 300 students; K–6 enrollment, at two separate campuses in Los Altos, is 290 students. The student teacher ratio at Upper Campus is approximately 7 to 1 and the maximum class size is eighteen students. Upper Campus faculty includes forty-four full-time and four part-time teachers, thirty-three of whom hold advanced degrees. Pinewood is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

THE COMMUNITY AND THE STUDENTS

Los Altos Hills and Los Altos are located in the heart of Silicon Valley. Drawing from communities throughout the San Francisco Peninsula and greater San Jose, our student body is comprised of students from diverse cultural, religious, socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds who seek rigorous academics and support a high standard of behavior. Pinewood provides a nurturing environment where every student is encouraged to become a well-rounded individual, an insightful learner and critical thinker, a self-motivated student, a clear communicator and a respectful member of any community. 100% of Pinewood graduates attend college.

THE CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Pinewood’s curriculum is college preparatory; six academic courses per semester are required of most students. For those students enrolled in three or more AP classes, the minimum requirement is five academic classes per semester. Exceptions may be made for students taking college courses in addition to their Pinewood course work, or for those students who enter after grade nine. Graduation requirements are:

English: Literature	4 years
Social Studies	3 years
Math	3 years
Lab Science	3 years
World Language	3 years
English: Writing	2 years
Physical Education	2 years
Visual and Performing Arts	1.5 years
Computer Science	.5 year
Upper Division Electives	minimum two courses
Community Service	20 hours per year

SCHEDULE

The school year is comprised of two semesters of approximately eighteen weeks each. All classes meet every other day (four classes per day) on a rotating four-day repeating schedule.

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Pinewood is committed to providing Advanced Placement and Honors level courses to all eligible students. Eligibility for enrollment in AP and Honors courses is determined by teacher recommendation and/or department consent. The maximum number of AP classes in which students may enroll is limited to five (5) for seniors, and four (4) for juniors. Regardless of grade level, Pinewood counsels students as to the appropriateness of taking advanced classes with respect to individual needs and abilities. AP World History is available to qualified sophomores.

Honors Courses

American Literature
Precalculus

French 4
Spanish 4

AP Courses

English Language*
English Literature
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics
French Language
Spanish Language
Studio Art: Drawing
Studio Art: 2D Design
Art History
World History
United States History
United States Government
Biology **
Chemistry
Physics C
Comp. Science Principles

* All juniors take AP English Language.

** Biology Honors is the first half of a two-year sequence for AP Biology. All students who wish to take AP Biology must complete the full two-year curriculum. Pinewood does not offer a one-year stand-alone AP Biology course.

All sophomores and juniors enrolled in AP classes are expected to take the corresponding AP Exams; juniors will be counseled on an individual basis as to the appropriateness of taking the AP English Language exam. Seniors may opt out of taking an AP Exam with the approval of the College Counselor, the AP course teacher, the student’s parents, and a member of the administration.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST RESULTS FOR MAY 2018

263 AP Exams were taken by 108 students in grades 10–12 (out of a 10–12 enrollment of 153)

Score	Number of Tests	Percent of Total
5	78	30
4	93	35
3	70	27
2	17	6
1	5	2

Mean Score: 3.84

AP School Scholar Awards

58 students were recognized as AP School Scholars

29 AP Scholars with Distinctions (4 were also named National AP Scholars)

14 AP Scholars with Honor

15 AP Scholars

NOTES ON GPA AND HONORS/AP CLASSES

- All AP and Honors courses receive an additional point when calculating GPA.
- Enrollment in AP or Honors classes is determined by teacher recommendation. All students receive guidance with regards to their individual curriculum paths.
- Pinewood students are allowed to take AP or Honors courses beginning in the tenth grade.
- AP course enrollment is capped at 5 classes per year for seniors and 4 classes per year for juniors.

These policies are designed to encourage qualified students to challenge themselves by attempting higher level work.

CLASS RANKING

Pinewood School does not rank students. Decile or quintile placement may be given, but it should be evaluated within the context of the class size. For the Class of 2019, each quintile is comprised of approximately eight students.

GRADING AND GPA CALCULATION

GPA is weighted and calculated for all courses taken at Pine-wood (courses taken elsewhere are NOT calculated in GPA). College prep classes receive 1.5 units per semester; PE and non-college prep classes receive 0.5 units per semester. Honors and AP courses receive an additional grade point in GPA calculation. Two-hour final exams are required in every college prep class and the exam grade accounts for 20% of the semester course grade.

Gradescale

	%	pts	H/AP		%	pts	H/AP
A =	93–100	4.00	5.00	B+ =	87–89	3.30	4.30
A- =	90–92	3.70	4.70	B =	83–86	3.00	4.00
				B- =	80–82	2.70	3.70
C+ =	77–79	2.30	3.30	D+ =	67–69	1.30	2.30
C =	73–76	2.00	3.00	D =	63–66	1.00	2.00
C- =	70–72	1.70	2.70	D- =	60–62	0.70	1.70
F =	0–59	0.00	0.00				

CLASS OF 2019

42 students in the Class of 2019

4 National Merit Commended Students

8 AP Scholars with Distinction

5 AP Scholars with Honor

9 AP Scholars

GPA FOR THE CLASS OF 2019

First Quintile 4.45–4.33

Second Quintile 4.32–4.19

Third Quintile 4.18–3.95

Fourth Quintile 3.90–3.76

Fifth Quintile 3.65–3.00

SAT AND ACT TEST STATISTICS

The following are SAT and ACT test results for the Classes of 2019 and 2018 as of June of their respective junior and senior years. By the end of senior year, all students will have taken one test or the other, many will have taken both.

SAT: Class of 2019 (30 of 42 Juniors as of June 2018)

	ERW	Math	Total
Range	480–780	460–800	940–1540
Mid 50%	650–740	630–720	1310–1450
Mean	683	673	1351

SAT: Class of 2018 (45 of 58 Seniors as of June 2018)

	ERW	Math	Total
Range	530–770	490–800	1040–1570
Mid 50%	640–710	600–740	1220–1450
Mean	674	665	1331

ACT: Class of 2019 (22 of 42 Juniors as of June 2018)

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Comp
Range	25–36	20–36	16–36	20–36	21–36
Mid 50%	28–34	28–33	30–34	28–34	30–34
Mean	31	30	31	30	31

ACT: Class of 2018 (36 of 58 Seniors as of June 2018)

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Comp
Range	21–36	17–35	19–36	18–36	19–36
Mid 50%	29–34	26–31	29–35	26–31	28–32
Mean	31	28	32	29	30

ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Pinewood students are encouraged to pursue individual talents and interests through extracurricular activities and athletic participation. The high school athletic program includes girls' and boys' basketball, soccer, tennis, cross-country, swimming, track and field, and golf; boys' baseball; and girls' softball and volleyball. School-sponsored activities include Interact, year-book, journalism, drama, speech and debate, choir, robotics, special interest clubs, service clubs, and honor societies.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Pinewood students are required to complete twenty hours of volunteer time per year in service-oriented activities.

COLLEGE ADMISSION AND PLACEMENT

Approximately 98% of each class enrolls at a four-year college or university following graduation from Pinewood. The remaining 2% enroll at two-year community colleges with the intention of completing their education at a four-year institution. Pinewood graduates in the Classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018 were admitted to the following colleges and universities.

Amherst College °	Lehigh University *	The University of Alabama
Arizona State University	Lewis and Clark College °	The University of Arizona °
Babson College °	Linfield College	The University of Edinburgh *
Bard College	Loyola Marymount University °	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Bates College	Loyola University Chicago °	The University of Tampa
Baylor University	Manhattan College	The University of Texas, Austin *
Belmont University *	Marist College °	Trinity College *
Bentley University	Marymount Manhattan College	Trinity University
Boston College	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy °	Tufts University **
Boston University °	McGill University °	Tulane University
Brandeis University °	Miami University	Union College
Brigham Young University	Missouri University of Science & Technology	University of California
Provo **	Montana State University	Berkeley °
Hawaii	Muhlenberg College	Davis
Idaho *	New York University **	Irvine *
California Institute of Technology °	Northeastern University **	Los Angeles °
California Lutheran University	Northern Arizona University °	Merced *
Cal Poly Pomona	Northwestern University °	Riverside °
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo °	Oberlin College *	San Diego **
California State University	Occidental College °	Santa Barbara **
Bakersfield	Oregon Institute of Technology	Santa Cruz °
Channel Islands	Oregon State University *	University of Chicago °
Chico	Pace University	University of Colorado, Boulder **
Dominguez Hills	Pennsylvania State University	University of Denver °
Long Beach	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Kansas
Monterey Bay	Portland State University	University of Kentucky
Sacramento *	Purdue University **	University of La Verne
San Marcos °	Queen's University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Carleton College °	Reed College	University of Miami
Carnegie Mellon University °	Regis University	University of Michigan *
Case Western Reserve University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Minnesota
Chapman University **	Rhode Island School of Design °	University of Mississippi
Clark University	Rice University °	University of Nebraska, Lincoln °
Clemson University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of New Hampshire, Durham
Colgate University	Roosevelt University	University of Oregon °
Colorado School of Mines	Saint Mary's College of California **	University of Pennsylvania **
Colorado State University	San Diego State University	University of Portland *
Connecticut College °	San Francisco State University	University of Puget Sound *
Cornell University °	San Jose State University °	University of Redlands °
Dartmouth College *	Santa Clara University **	University of Richmond
Drexel University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Rochester
Duke University **	Seattle University **	University of San Diego
Elon University °	Seton Hall University	University of San Francisco °
Emerson College	Simon Fraser University	University of South Carolina
Fordham University	Skidmore College °	University of Southern California **
Georgetown University °	Sonoma State University	University of Toronto
George Fox University	Southern Methodist University **	University of Utah **
Georgia Institute of Technology	Southern Virginia University	University of Vermont
Gettysburg College °	St. Edward's University	University of Virginia °
Gonzaga University	St. John's University	University of Washington °
Gordon College	St. Lawrence University *	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Harvard University °	Stanford University °	Utah State University **
Haverford College *	Stevens Institute of Technology	Utah Valley University **
Hobart and William Smith Colleges °	Stonhill College	Villanova University *
Hofstra University	Suffolk University	Wake Forest University **
Humboldt State University	Swarthmore College °	Washington State University
Indiana University °	Syracuse University	Washington University in St. Louis **
Iowa State University	Texas A&M University	Wesleyan University
Ithaca College	Texas Christian University **	Western Washington University °
James Madison University	Texas State University	Westminster College
John Hopkins University *	The George Washington University *	Westmont College
Juniata College	The King's College	Whitman College
Lafayette College	The Ohio State University	Whittier College
		Willamette University
		Williams College °
		Worcester Polytechnic Institute

* indicates where one or more students from the Class of 2018 matriculated
° colleges/universities currently attended by 2016 and 2017 graduates