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THE SCHOOL AND FACULTY

Pinewood School, founded in 1959, is an independent, coeducational, 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
Physical Education	2 years
English: Writing	1.5 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

United States History**

Biology ***
Chemistry

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.

** US History Honors is part of the two-year Pinewood Scholars Program which also includes two seminar classes and a senior capstone project.

*** 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 2019

250 AP Exams were taken by 104 students in grades 10–12 (out of a 10–12 enrollment of 147).

Score	Number of Tests	Percent of Total
5	89	36
4	92	37
3	53	21
2	15	6
1	1	

Mean Score: 4.01

AP School Scholar Awards

58 students were recognized as AP School Scholars

- 33 AP Scholars with Distinctions (4 were also named National AP Scholars)
- 12 AP Scholars with Honor
- 13 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 2020, each quintile is comprised of approximately ten students.

GRADING AND GPA CALCULATION

GPA is weighted and calculated for all courses taken at Pinewood (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 2020

53 Students in the Class of 2020

- 1 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist
- 10 National Merit Commended Students
- 10 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 9 AP Scholars with Honor
- 6 AP Scholars

GPA FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

First Quintile	4.52 – 4.28
Second Quintile	4.26 – 4.09
Third Quintile	4.06 – 3.83
Fourth Quintile	3.81 – 3.44
Fifth Quintile	3.43 – 2.72

SAT AND ACT TEST STATISTICS

The following are SAT and ACT test results for the Classes of 2020 and 2019 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 2020 (32 of 53 Juniors as of June 2019)

	ERW	Math	Total
Range	590–800	550–800	1170–1560
Mid 50%	660–730	620–760	1270–1480
Mean	694	685	1378

SAT: Class of 2019 (30 of 42 Seniors as of June 2019)

	ERW	Math	Total
Range	530–780	480–800	1010–1560
Mid 50%	660–730	640–750	1340–1460
Mean	690	683	1374

ACT: Class of 2020 (22 of 53 Juniors as of June 2019)

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Comp
Range	23–36	18–35	24–36	20–36	22–36
Mid 50%	32–35	27–30	31–35	28–33	31–34
Mean	33	29	33	31	31

ACT: Class of 2019 (25 of 42 Seniors as of June 2019)

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Comp
Range	25–36	20–36	16–36	20–36	21–36
Mid 50%	30–35	28–33	32–35	28–33	30–33
Mean	32	30	33	31	31

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, yearbook, 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 2017, 2018, and 2019 were admitted to the following colleges and universities.

American University	Iowa State University	The George Washington University °
Arizona State University	Ithaca College	The Ohio State University
Babson College °	James Madison University	The University of Alabama
Bard College	John Hopkins University °	The University of Arizona °
Bates College	Johnson & Wales University	The University of Edinburgh °
Baylor University	Lake Forest College	The University of Tampa
Beacon College	Lehigh University	The University of Texas, Austin °
Belmont University °	Lewis & Clark College °	Trinity College °
Bentley University	Loyola Marymount University **	Trinity University
Berklee College of Music *	Loyola University Chicago	Tufts University **
Boston College	Manhattan College	Tulane University
Boston University **	Marist College °	United States Military Academy—Westpoint
Brandeis University °	Maryland Institute College of Art *	University of Amsterdam *
Brigham Young University	Marymount Manhattan College	University of California
Provo **	McGill University °	Berkeley **
Hawaii	Miami University	Davis
Idaho °	Middlebury College	Irvine °
Bucknell University	Missouri University of Science & Technology	Los Angeles *
California Lutheran University	Montana State University	Merced **
Cal Poly Pomona *	Muhlenberg College	Riverside °
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo **	New York University **	San Diego **
California State University	Northeastern University **	Santa Barbara °
Bakersfield	Northern Arizona University °	Santa Cruz *
Channel Islands	Northwestern University °	University of Chicago °
Chico	Oberlin College °	University of Colorado, Boulder °
Dominguez Hills	Occidental College	University of Denver °
East Bay	Oregon Institute of Technology	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign *
Long Beach	Oregon State University °	University of Kansas
Monterey Bay	Pace University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Sacramento °	Pennsylvania State University	University of Miami
San Marcos °	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Michigan °
Carleton College	Pomona College *	University of Oregon °
Case Western Reserve University *	Portland State University	University of Pennsylvania °
Chapman University °	Pratt University	University of Portland °
Clark University	Purdue University °	University of Puget Sound °
Clemson University	Regis University	University of Rochester *
Colgate University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of San Diego
College of William & Mary	Rice University °	University of San Francisco °
Colorado School of Mines	Rochester Institute of Technology *	University of South Carolina
Colorado State University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Southern California °
Columbia University °	Saint Mary's College of California °	University of St. Andrews *
Connecticut College	San Diego State University	University of the Pacific
Cornell University **	San Francisco State University	University of Toronto
Dartmouth College °	San Jose State University °	University of Utah **
Drew University	Santa Clara University °	University of Vermont
Drexel University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Virginia
Duke University **	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Washington °
Elon University	Scripps College *	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Emerson College	Seattle University °	Utah State University **
Fordham University	Simon Fraser University	Utah Valley University °
George Fox University	Skidmore College °	Villanova University °
Georgetown University °	Sonoma State University	Wake Forest University **
Georgia Institute of Technology	Southern Methodist University **	Washington State University
Gettysburg College °	Southern Virginia University	Washington University in St. Louis °
Gonzaga University	St. Lawrence University °	Wellesley College
Gordon College	Stanford University **	Wesleyan University
Harvard University °	Stevens Institute of Technology	Western Washington University
Haverford College °	Stonehill College	Westminster College
Hofstra University *	Syracuse University	Westmont College
Humboldt State University	Texas A&M University	Whitman College
Illinois Institute of Technology	Texas Christian University °	Whittier College
Indiana University °	Texas State University	Willamette University
		Williams College °
		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
		Yale University *

* indicates where one or more students from the Class of 2019 matriculated

° colleges/universities currently attended by 2017 and 2018 graduates