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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 300 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.

#### Honors Courses

American Literature  
Precalculus

French 4  
Spanish 4

United States History\*\*

Chemistry  
Biology 1 and 2 \*\*\*

#### AP Courses

English Language\*

English Literature  
Calculus AB  
Calculus BC  
Statistics

French Language  
Spanish Language  
Drawing

2D Art and Design

Art History  
Modern World History

United States History  
United States Government

Chemistry

Physics C

Computer 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.

\*\*\* Honors Biology 2: Advanced Topics is a senior year AP equivalent honors course. All students who wish to take Honors Biology 2 must complete Honors Biology 1 in junior year.

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. Due to the COVID-19 protocols in place for Semester 2 of 2019–20 and all of 2020–21, all students enrolled in AP classes were given the option to opt out of taking exams in the spring of 2020 and 2021.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST RESULTS FOR MAY 2021

222 AP Exams were taken by 112 students in grades 10–12 (out of a 10–12 enrollment of 156).

Score	Number of Tests	Percent of Total
5	62	28
4	54	24
3	68	31
2	35	16
1	3	1

Mean Score: 3.62

### AP School Scholar Awards

48 students were recognized as AP School Scholars

- 18 AP Scholars with Distinctions
- 8 AP Scholars with Honor
- 22 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 2022, each quintile is comprised of approximately eleven 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. Final Exams were not given in Spring 2020, and were again canceled for for all of 2020–21.

### 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 2022

54 Students in the Class of 2022

- 2 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist
- 2 National Merit Commended Students
- 8 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 5 AP Scholars with Honor
- 7 AP Scholars

## GPA FOR THE CLASS OF 2022

First Quintile	4.46 – 4.24
Second Quintile	4.22 – 4.09
Third Quintile	4.06 – 3.79
Fourth Quintile	3.78 – 3.43
Fifth Quintile	3.40 – 2.62

## SAT AND ACT TEST STATISTICS

Pinewood advised the Class of 2022 to not take the SAT or ACT. However, at the prompting of parents and students, the school did arrange a School Test Date in April 2021 and a number of juniors chose to take the test. Those results are provided here along with SAT scores for the Class of 2020 as of June of their senior year. (Neither SAT nor ACT scores for the Class of 2021 are provided here as the number of students able to take those tests was significantly limited by COVID-19. Likewise, since only a small handful of the Class of 2022 have taken the ACT, the ACT test results provided here are for the Class of 2020 as of June of their senior year.

### SAT: Class of 2022 (35 of 55 Juniors as of June 2021)

	ERW	Math	Total
Range	520–800	510–800	1060–1600
Mid 50%	600–720	590–720	1280–1480
Mean	658	657	1314

### SAT: Class of 2020 (41 of 53 Seniors as of June 2020)

	ERW	Math	Total
Range	530–800	540–800	1070–1560
Mid 50%	660–730	630–770	1280–1480
Mean	692	688	1380

### ACT: Class of 2020 (26 of 53 Juniors as of June 2020)

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Comp
Range	23–36	17–35	24–36	20–36	21–36
Mid 50%	32–35	27–32	31–35	27–33	30–34
Mean	33	28	32	30	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 2019, 2020, and 2021 were admitted to the following colleges and universities.

AMDA College of the Performing Arts	Indiana University °	Tufts University **
American University	Ithaca College	Tulane University *
Arizona State University	Johns Hopkins University **	United States Military Academy—Westpoint
Baylor University	Johnson & Wales University	University of Amsterdam (Netherlands) °
Beacon College	Kings College London (UK)	University of Bath (UK) °
Belmont University °	Lake Forest College	University of Bristol (UK)
Berklee College of Music °	Lehigh University *	University of British Columbia (Canada)
Boise State University	Leiden University College (Netherlands)	University College London (UK)
Bond University (Australia) *	Lewis & Clark College	University of California
Boston College	Loughborough University (UK)	Berkeley **
Boston University °	Loyola Marymount University **	Davis
Brandeis University °	Loyola University Chicago °	Irvine
Brigham Young University	Maryland Institute College of Art °	Los Angeles °
Provo °	Marymount Manhattan College	Merced °
Hawaii **	McGill University (Canada)	Riverside
Idaho *	Miami University—Oxford	San Diego **
Brown University *	Michigan State University	Santa Barbara
Brunel University (UK)	Missouri University of Science & Technology	Santa Cruz °
Bryn Mawr College	Montana State University	University of Colorado, Boulder
California Lutheran University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Connecticut
Cal Poly Pomona	New York University **	University of Denver *
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo **	Northeastern University **	University of Georgia
California State University	Northwestern University	University of Hartford
Chico °	Oberlin College °	University of Houston
Fullerton *	Occidental College *	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign °
Los Angeles	Oregon State University °	University of Iowa
Northridge	Pace University	University of Massachusetts
Sacramento °	Pennsylvania State University	University of Miami
San Marcos	Pepperdine University °	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor °
Capilano University (Canada) *	Pitzer College **	University of Minnesota
Carleton College	Pomona College °	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Carnegie Mellon University *	Pratt University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Case Western Reserve University °	Purdue University **	University of Oregon **
Chapman University *	Reed College	University of Pennsylvania °
College of Charleston	Rice University **	University of Pittsburgh
College of William and Mary	Rochester Institute of Technology °	University of Portland *
Colorado College *	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Puget Sound °
Colorado State University	Royal Holloway University of London (UK)	University of Rochester °
Columbia University *	Saint Mary's College of California	University of San Diego *
Connecticut College	San Diego State University	University of San Francisco
Cornell University °	Santa Clara University **	University of Southern California **
Dennison University *	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of St. Andrews (UK) °
DePaul University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago *	University of the Pacific
Drew University	Sciences Po—UC Berkeley Dual Degree °	University of Tampa
Duke University **	Scripps College °	University of Toronto (Canada)
Edinburgh College (UK)	Seattle University °	University of Utah **
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne (Switzerland) *	Skidmore College	University of Vermont
Elon University	Southern Methodist University °	University of Virginia
Embrey-Riddle Aeronautical University	Southern Virginia University	University of Washington **
Emerson College *	St. Lawrence University °	University of Wisconsin, Madison *
Emory University *	St. Olaf University °	Utah State University °
Fordham University *	Stanford University °	Utah Valley University
Furman University	Syracuse University	Vassar College
Georgetown University	Texas Christian University *	Villanova University °
Georgia Institute of Technology	The George Washington University °	Wake Forest University °
Gettysburg College °	The Ohio State University	Washington State University
Gonzaga University	The University of Arizona	Washington University in St. Louis **
Haverford College °	The University of Edinburgh (UK)	Wellesley College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges *	The University of Sheffield (UK)	Wesleyan University
Hofstra University °	The University of Texas, Austin °	Western Washington University
Illinois Institute of Technology	The University of the Arts °	Westmont College
Imperial College London (UK) *	Trinity College °	Whitman College
		Whittier College
		Williams College
		Yale University **

\* Indicates where one or more students from the Class of 2021 matriculated

° Colleges/universities currently attended by 2019 and 2020 graduates