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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
Pre-calculus

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
Studio Art: Drawing
Studio Art: 2D Design
Art History
Modern World History
United States History
United States Government
Chemistry
Physics C
Comp. Science Principle

* 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.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST RESULTS FOR MAY 2022

247 AP Exams were taken by 114 students in grades 10–12 (out of a 10–12 enrollment of 151).

Score	Number of Tests	Percent of Total
5	80	32
4	74	30
3	49	20
2	34	14
1	10	4

Mean Score: 3.73

AP School Scholar Awards

49 students were recognized as AP School Scholars

- 18 AP Scholars with Distinctions
- 17 AP Scholars with Honor
- 14 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 2023, 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 given in most college prep classes, 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 2023

50 Students in the Class of 2023

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

GPA FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

First Quintile	4.48 – 4.37
Second Quintile	4.36 – 4.16
Third Quintile	4.08 – 3.73
Fourth Quintile	3.70 – 3.46
Fifth Quintile	3.44 – 3.12

SAT AND ACT TEST STATISTICS

The following are SAT test results for the Classes of 2023 and 2022 as of June of their respective junior and senior years. Since the start of the pandemic and the introduction of the test optional policy on the part of most colleges and universities, the number of Pinewood students taking the SAT and/or ACT are far smaller than pre-pandemic levels. Our ACT numbers remain too small to provide a valuable measure of assessment.

SAT: Class of 2023 (24 of 50 Juniors as of June 2022)

	ERW	Math	Total
Range	500–780	510–790	1010–1560
Mid 50%	680–720	640–740	1330–1460
Mean	690	680	1370

SAT: Class of 2022 (36 of 55 Seniors as of June 2022)

	ERW	Math	Total
Range	510–800	510–800	1060–1600
Mid 50%	600–720	600–730	1180–1460
Mean	658	656	1313

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 2020, 2021, and 2022 were admitted to the following colleges and universities.

AMDA College of the Performing Arts	High Point University	The University of Sheffield (UK)
American University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges °	The University of Texas, Austin
Amherst College	Hofstra University °	The University of the Arts °
Arizona State University	Illinois State University	Trinity College °
Babson College	Imperial College London (UK) °	Tufts University °
Baylor University	Indiana University °	Tulane University °*
Belmont University °	Iowa State University	University of Arizona
Berklee College of Music °	Ithaca College	University College London (UK)
Bond University (Australia) °	Johns Hopkins University °	University of Bath (UK) °
Boston College	Kings College London (UK)	University of Bristol (UK)
Boston University **	La Salle University	University of British Columbia (Canada)
Brandeis University °	Lake Forest College	University of California
Brigham Young University	Lehigh University °	Berkeley **
Provo °	Lewis & Clark College	Davis
Hawaii °	Loughborough University (UK)	Los Angeles °*
Idaho °	Loyola Marymount University **	Merced *
Brown University °	Loyola University Chicago **	Riverside *
Bryn Mawr College	Marymount Manhattan College	San Diego °*
California Lutheran University	McGill University (Canada)	Santa Barbara *
Cal Poly Humboldt	Miami University—Oxford *	Santa Cruz *
Cal Poly Pomona	Michigan State University	University of Chicago *
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo °	Montana State University	University of Cincinnati
California State University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Colorado, Boulder *
Chico °	New York University °	University of Connecticut
Dominguez Hills	Northeastern University °	University of Denver **
East Bay	Northwestern University	University of Delaware
Fullerton °	Oberlin College	University of Georgia
Long Beach *	Occidental College °	University of Hartford
Los Angeles	Oregon State University	University of Hawaii, Hilo *
Northridge	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Houston
Sacramento °	Pacific University *	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign °
San Marcos	Pennsylvania State University	University of Maryland
Capilano University (Canada) °	Pepperdine University °	University of Massachusetts
Carleton College	Pitzer College **	University of Miami
Carnegie Mellon University °	Pomona College *	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor °
Case Western Reserve University	Pratt Institute	University of Minnesota °
Chapman University **	Purdue University **	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Colby College	Reed College	University of Oregon **
Colgate University	Rice University °	University of Pittsburgh
College of Charleston	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Portland °
Colorado College °	Rutgers University	University of Puget Sound °
Colorado State University	Saint Mary's College of California *	University of Rochester
Columbia University **	San Diego State University *	University of San Diego °
Connecticut College	San Jose State University	University of San Francisco
Cornell University *	Santa Clara University **	University of Southern California °
Culinary Institute of America, California *	Sarah Lawrence College	University of the Pacific
Dennison University °	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Toronto (Canada)
DePaul University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago °	University of Utah °
Drew University	Sciences Po—UC Berkeley Dual Degree °	University of Vermont
Duke University °	Scripps College	University of Virginia
Edinburgh College (UK)	Seattle University °	University of Washington **
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne (Switzerland) °	Seton Hall University	University of Wisconsin, Madison °
Elon University	Skidmore College	Utah Valley University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Sonoma State University	Vassar College °
Emerson College °	Southern Methodist University **	Villanova University
Emory University °	Southern Virginia University	Wake Forest University °
Fordham University °	St. Olaf University °	Washington State University
George Washington University *	Stanford University *	Washington University in St. Louis °
Georgetown University	Syracuse University	Wesleyan University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Texas A & M University	Wheaton College, MA *
Gonzaga University *	Texas Christian University °	Whitman College
Hamilton College	The Ohio State University	Whittier College
Haverford College	The University of Edinburgh (UK)	Willamette University
		Williams College
		Yale University °

* Indicates where one or more students from the Class of 2022 matriculated

° Colleges/universities currently attended by 2020 and 2021 graduates