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## THE SCHOOL AND FACULTY

***Pinewood students seek knowledge, demonstrate character, build confidence, and experience joy in an uplifting community***

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 full-time and seven 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 challenging 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.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

## CURRICULUM AND COURSE LOAD

Pinewood's curriculum is college preparatory. The required course load for most students is six academic courses per semester. 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.

## 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. 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	Chemistry
Mandarin 4	Biology 1
Spanish 4	Biology 2
Graphic Design	Data Science

### Advanced Placement Courses

English Language*	Calculus AB
English Literature	Calculus BC
French Language	Statistics
Spanish Language	Chemistry
2D Art and Design	Physics C: Mechanics
Drawing	Modern World History
Art History	United States History
Computer Science Principles	United States Government

\* All juniors take AP English Language.

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.

## AP EXAM RESULTS FOR MAY 2023

255 AP Exams were taken by 111 students in grades 10–12 (out of a 10–12 enrollment of 142).

<i>Passing</i>	<i>Number of Tests</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>
5	110	43
4	87	34
3	41	16
2 and below	17	7

Mean Score: 4.13

### AP School Scholar Awards

54 students were recognized as AP School Scholars

33	AP Scholars with Distinction
4	AP Scholars with Honor
17	AP Scholars

## NOTES ON HONORS and AP CLASSES

- 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.

## FINAL EXAMS

Two-hour final exams are given in high school level courses in literature, writing, math, and science, and the exam score accounts for 20% of the semester course grade.

## GRADING and GPA CALCULATIONS

- GPA is weighted and calculated for all Pinewood courses
- All AP and Honors courses receive an additional point
- Courses taken outside of Pinewood may appear on a student transcript, but are NOT calculated in GPA

## GRADING SYSTEM

### *Passing*

A	93–100	B+	87–89	C+	77–79
A-	90–92	B	83–86	C	73–76
		B-	80–82	C-	70–72

### *No Credit*

D+	67–69	F	0–59
D	63–66		
D-	60–62		

## 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.

## CLASS RANKING

Pinewood School does not rank students.

## REPORTING DISCIPLINE

Pinewood students and counselors will report discipline history to colleges if requested.

## CLASS OF 2024

38 Students in the Class of 2024

- 2 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist
- 8 National Merit Commended Students
- 13 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 2 AP Scholars with Honor
- 4 AP Scholars

## GPA FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

GPA Range	4.432–2.800
Weighted Mean	3.989
Unweighted Mean	3.685

## 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 student government, 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 ENROLLMENT FOR THE CLASSES OF 2020–2023

Pinewood graduates from the Classes of 2020–2023 have been admitted to the following schools and matriculated to those in **bold italic**.

American University	Connecticut College	<b>Loyola Marymount University *</b>	<b>San Jose State University</b>
Amherst College	University of Connecticut	<b>Loyola University Chicago</b>	<b>Santa Clara University *</b>
Arizona State University	<b>Cornell University *</b>	Macalester College	<b>Sarah Lawrence College</b>
University of Arizona	<b>Culinary Institute of America,</b>	University of Maryland	Savannah College of Art and
<b>Art Center College of Design</b>	<b>California</b>	Marymount Manhattan College	Design
Babson College	<b>Dartmouth College</b>	University of Massachusetts	<b>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</b>
Bard College	<b>Davidson College</b>	McGill University (Canada)	<b>Sciences Po–UC Berkeley</b>
Barnard College	University of Dayton	<b>Miami University, Oxford</b>	Scripps College
Bates College	University of Delaware	<b>University of Miami</b>	<b>Seattle University</b>
<b>University of Bath (UK)</b>	<b>Denison University</b>	Michigan State University	Seton Hall University
Baylor University	DePaul University	<b>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor *</b>	Skidmore College
Belmont University	<b>University of Denver *</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	Sonoma State University
Berklee College of Music	<b>Duke University *</b>	University of Missouri	<b>Southern Methodist University *</b>
<b>Bond University (Australia)</b>	Eastern Washington University	Montana State University	<b>Southern Utah University</b>
Boston College	<b>EHL (Switzerland)</b>	Montclair State University	Southern Virginia University
<b>Boston University *</b>	Edinburgh College (UK)	Mount Holyoke College	<b>St. Olaf College</b>
<b>Brandeis University</b>	<b>University of Edinburgh (UK)</b>	University of New Hampshire	<b>Stanford University</b>
<b>Brigham Young University, Provo *</b>	Elon University	<b>New York University *</b>	<b>Syracuse University *</b>
<b>Brigham Young University, Idaho *</b>	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	<b>Texas A &amp; M University</b>
<b>Brigham Young University, Hawaii *</b>	University	University of North Carolina,	<b>Texas Christian University</b>
<b>University of Brighton (UK)</b>	<b>Emerson College</b>	Chapel Hill	The Ohio State University
University of Bristol (UK)	<b>Emory University</b>	<b>Northeastern University *</b>	The New School
<b>Brown University</b>	University of Exeter (UK)	Northern Arizona University	The University of British
Bryn Mawr College	Florida State University	Northwestern University	Columbia (Canada)
Cal Poly Humboldt	<b>Fordham University</b>	Oberlin College	The University of Sheffield (UK)
<b>Cal Poly San Luis Obispo *</b>	Franklin and Marshall College	<b>Occidental College *</b>	<b>The University of Tennessee</b>
California College of the Arts	<b>Franklin University Switzerland</b>	<b>Ohio University</b>	The University of Texas, Austin
<b>California State University</b>	Furman University	Oregon State University	<b>University of Toronto (Canada)</b>
<b>Chico</b>	George Mason University	<b>University of Oregon</b>	Trinity College
Dominguez Hills	<b>George Washington University *</b>	Otis College of Art and Design	<b>Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)</b>
East Bay	Georgetown University	Pace University	<b>Tufts University *</b>
Fresno	Georgia Institute of Technology	<b>Pacific University</b>	<b>Tulane University *</b>
<b>Fullerton</b>	University of Georgia	Pennsylvania State University	Union College
<b>Long Beach</b>	<b>Gonzaga University *</b>	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>	University College London (UK)
Los Angeles	Goucher College	<b>Pepperdine University</b>	University of Northern Colorado
<b>Monterey Bay</b>	Hamilton College	University of Pittsburgh	<b>University of Southern California *</b>
Northridge	University of Hartford	<b>Pitzer College *</b>	University of the Arts
Sacramento	Haverford College	Plymouth University (UK)	University of the Pacific
<b>San Marcos</b>	Hawaii Pacific University	<b>Pomona College</b>	<b>Utah State University</b>
<b>University of California</b>	<b>University of Hawaii, Hilo</b>	<b>University of Portland *</b>	<b>University of Utah *</b>
<b>Berkeley *</b>	High Point University	Pratt Institute	Utah Valley University
Davis	<b>Hobart and William Smith Colleges</b>	<b>Providence College *</b>	Vanderbilt University
<b>Irvine</b>	Hofstra University	<b>University of Puget Sound *</b>	<b>Vassar College</b>
<b>Los Angeles *</b>	University of Houston	<b>Purdue University *</b>	University of Vermont
<b>Merced</b>	Illinois State University	Queen's University Belfast (UK)	University of Virginia
<b>Riverside</b>	<b>University of Illinois, Urbana-</b>	Quinnipiac University	<b>Villanova University</b>
<b>San Diego *</b>	<b>Champaign</b>	University of Redlands	Virginia Tech
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	<b>Imperial College London (UK)</b>	Reed College	<b>Wake Forest University</b>
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	<b>Indiana University</b>	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Washington & Jefferson College
<b>Capilano University (Canada)</b>	Iowa State University	University of Rhode Island	Washington State University
Carleton College	University of Iowa	<b>Rice University</b>	<b>Washington University in St. Louis *</b>
<b>Carnegie Mellon University *</b>	Ithaca College	Ringling College of Art and Design	<b>University of Washington *</b>
<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	<b>Johns Hopkins University *</b>	Rochester Institute of Technology	Wesleyan University
<b>Chapman University *</b>	University of Kansas	University of Rochester	Westmont College
<b>University of Chicago *</b>	University of Kentucky	Rose-Hulman Institute of	<b>Wheaton College, MA</b>
University of Cincinnati	Kenyon College	Technology	Whitman College
Clark University	Kings College London (UK)	Royal Holloway University of	Whittier College
Clemson University	La Salle University	London (UK)	Willamette University
<b>Colby College *</b>	Lafayette College	Rutgers University	William and Mary
Colgate University	Lake Forest College	Saint Joseph's University	<b>Williams College</b>
College of Charleston	Lawrence University	<b>Saint Mary's College of California</b>	<b>University of Wisconsin, Madison</b>
<b>Colorado College</b>	<b>Lehigh University *</b>	<b>San Diego State University</b>	University of Wyoming
Colorado State University	Lewis & Clark College	<b>University of San Diego</b>	Xavier University
<b>University of Colorado, Boulder *</b>	Loughborough University (UK)	San Francisco State University	<b>Yale University</b>
<b>Columbia University *</b>	Louisiana State University	University of San Francisco	* attended by 2 or more graduates