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

* 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 2020-21, all students enrolled in AP classes may opt out of taking the exam in Spring 2021.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST RESULTS FOR MAY 2020

230 AP Exams were taken by 112 students in grades 10–12 (out of a 10–12 enrollment of 148).

Score	Number of Tests	Percent of Total
5	80	35
4	87	38
3	41	18
2	19	8
1	3	1

Mean Score: 4.01

AP School Scholar Awards

49 students were recognized as AP School Scholars

- 25 AP Scholars with Distinctions (10 were also named National AP Scholars, 1 AP International Diploma)
- 6 AP Scholars with Honor
- 18 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 2021, 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. Final Exams were not given in Spring 2020, and will again be canceled for Semester 1 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 2021

49 Students in the Class of 2021

- 1 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist
- 2 National Merit Commended Students
- 2 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 3 AP Scholars with Honor
- 8 AP Scholars

GPA FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

First Quintile	4.47 – 4.23
Second Quintile	4.22 – 4.00
Third Quintile	3.94 – 3.82
Fourth Quintile	3.76 – 3.50
Fifth Quintile	3.46 – 2.19

SAT AND ACT TEST STATISTICS

Prior to the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020, only a small percentage of the Class of 2021 had taken either the ACT or SAT. With most colleges and universities being test optional for 2021–22, combined with the continued restrictions and general unavailability of testing in California, only a few Pinewood students plan to take either the ACT or the SAT this fall. Consequently we believe providing test scores for the Class of 2021 presents an inaccurate picture. The following are SAT and ACT test results for the Classes of 2020 and 2019 as of June of their senior years.

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

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

	ERW	Math	Total
Range	530–800	550–800	1010–1560
Mid 50%	660–730	640–750	1340–1460
Mean	690	683	1374

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

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 2018, 2019, and 2020 were admitted to the following colleges and universities.

AMDA College of the Performing Arts	Johns Hopkins University **	The University of Sheffield
American University	Johnson & Wales University	The University of Texas, Austin °
Arizona State University	Lake Forest College	The University of the Arts *
Bard College	Lehigh University *	Trinity College °
Bates College	Leiden University College The Hague	Trinity University
Beacon College	Lewis & Clark College	Tufts University **
Belmont University °	Loughborough University	United States Military Academy—Westpoint
Bentley University	Loyola Marymount University **	University of Amsterdam °
Berklee College of Music °	Manhattan College	University of Bath *
Boston College	Maryland Institute College of Art °	University of Bristol
Boston University **	Marymount Manhattan College	University of British Columbia
Brandeis University *	McGill University	University College London
Brigham Young University	Miami University—Oxford	University of California
Provo **	Missouri University of Science & Technology	Berkeley **
Hawaii *	Muhlenberg College	Davis
Idaho °	New York University **	Irvine °
Brown University *	Northeastern University **	Los Angeles **
Bucknell University	Northwestern University °	Merced °
California Lutheran University	Oberlin College °	Riverside °
Cal Poly Pomona	Occidental College *	San Diego °
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo **	Oregon Institute of Technology	Santa Barbara °
California State University	Oregon State University °	Santa Cruz °
Bakersfield	Pace University	University of Colorado, Boulder °
Channel Islands	Pennsylvania State University	University of Connecticut
Chico *	Pepperdine University *	University of Denver *
Dominguez Hills	Pitzer College *	University of Georgia
East Bay	Pomona College °	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign *
Long Beach	Pratt University	University of Miami
Monterey Bay	Purdue University °	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor **
Sacramento °	Reed College	University of Minnesota
San Marcos	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Carleton College	Rice University *	University of Oregon **
Case Western Reserve University °	Rochester Institute of Technology °	University of Pennsylvania °
Chapman University °	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Pittsburgh
College of William and Mary	Royal Holloway University of London	University of Portland °
Colorado School of Mines	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Puget Sound **
Colorado State University	San Diego State University	University of Rochester °
Columbia University °	San Francisco 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 **
Dartmouth College °	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of St. Andrews °
Dennison University *	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of the Pacific
Drew University	Sciences Po—UC Berkeley Dual Degree *	University of Tampa
Drexel University	Scripps College °	University of Toronto
Duke University **	Seattle University °	University of Utah **
Edinburgh College	Skidmore College	University of Virginia
Elon University	Sonoma State University	University of Washington *
Emerson College	Southern Methodist University **	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Emory University *	Southern Virginia University	Utah State University °
Fordham University	St. Lawrence University °	Utah Valley University
George Fox University	St. Olaf University *	Vassar College *
Georgetown University	Stanford University °	Villanova University °
Georgia Institute of Technology	Stevens Institute of Technology	Wake Forest University **
Gettysburg College °	Stonehill College	Washington State University
Gonzaga University	Syracuse University	Washington University in St. Louis **
Haverford College °	Texas Christian University °	Wellesley College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges *	Texas State University	Wesleyan University
Hofstra University °	The George Washington University °	Western Washington University
Illinois Institute of Technology	The Ohio State University	Westmont College
Imperial College London *	The University of Alabama	Whitman College
Indiana University **	The University of Arizona	Whittier College
Ithaca College	The University of Edinburgh	Willamette University
		Williams College
		Yale University **

* Indicates where one or more students from the Class of 2020 matriculated

° Colleges/universities currently attended by 2018 and 2019 graduates