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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 295 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
Modern Language	3 years
English: Writing	2.5 years * (2 years**)
Physical Education	2 years
Visual and Performing Arts	1.5 years
Computer Science	.5 year
Upper Division Electives	minimum two courses
Community Service	20 hours per year

* Students may test out of the last semester of writing by scoring 3 or higher on the AP English Language exam.

** Beginning with the Class of 2018.

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

AP Courses

British Literature	English Language*
Precalculus	English Literature
	Calculus AB
	Calculus BC
	Statistics
French 4	French Language
Spanish 4	Spanish Language
	Studio Art: Drawing
	Studio Art: 2D Design
	Art History
	World History
	United States History
	United States Government
Biology **	Biology **
Chemistry	Chemistry
	Physics C
	Music Theory***

* All juniors take AP English Language.

** 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.

*** Course may not be offered every 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 2017

264 AP Exams were taken by 121 students in grades 10–12 (out of a 10–12 enrollment of 153)

Score	Number of Tests	Percent of Total
5	92	35
4	93	35
3	47	18
2	21	8
1	11	4

Mean Score: 3.89

AP School Scholar Awards

53 students were recognized as AP School Scholars
 27 AP Scholars with Distinctions (10 were also named National AP Scholars, 1 was named an AP International Diploma recipient)
 12 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 2018, 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.

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 2018

56 students in the Class of 2018
 1 National Merit Semifinalist
 6 National Merit Commended Students
 7 AP Scholars with Distinction
 6 AP Scholars with Honor
 10 AP Scholars

GPA for the Class of 2018

First Quintile	4.42–4.29
Second Quintile	4.28–4.06
Third Quintile	4.02–3.78
Fourth Quintile	3.77–3.44
Fifth Quintile	3.43–2.53

SAT and ACT Test Statistics

The following are SAT and ACT test results for the Classes of 2018 and 2017 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 2018 (39 of 56 Juniors as of June 2017)

	ERW	Math	Total
Range	530–770	480–800	1020–1540
Mid 50%	610–700	570–700	1190–1420
Mean	659	636	1295

SAT: Class of 2017 (22 of 52 Seniors as of June 2017)

	ERW	Math	Total
Range	580–790	490–800	1080–1560
Mid 50%	670–730	650–760	1270–1460
Mean	683	682	1365

ACT: Class of 2018 (28 of 56 Juniors as of June 2017)

	English	Math	Reading Science	Comp	
Range	22–36	22–35	23–36	16–36	23–36
Mid 50%	29–34	26–30	29–34	26–31	29–32
Mean	32	28	31	28	30

ACT: Class of 2017 (42 of 52 Seniors as of June 2017)

	English	Math	Reading Science	Comp	
Range	21–36	18–36	19–36	19–36	20–36
Mid 50%	31–35	25–33	29–34	26–34	27–33
Mean	32	29	31	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 2015, 2016, and 2017 were admitted to the following colleges and universities.

American University	Lafayette College	Union College
Amherst College °	Lake Forest College	University of Alabama
Arizona State University	Lehigh University	University of Arizona *
Babson College °	Lewis and Clark College °	University of British Columbia
Bard College	Linfield College	University of California
Bates College	Loyola Marymount University *°	Berkeley *°
Baylor University	Loyola University Chicago °	Davis
Bentley University	Macalester College	Irvine
Boston College	Marist College °	Los Angeles °
Boston University *	Massachusetts' College of Pharmacy °	Merced
Brandeis University *°	McGill University *	Riverside *
Brigham Young University	Miami University	San Diego *°
Provo *°	Middlebury College °	Santa Barbara *°
Hawaii	Montana State University	Santa Cruz °
Idaho	New York University *°	University of Chicago *°
California Baptist University *	Northeastern University *°	University of Colorado, Boulder *°
California Institute of Technology °	Northern Arizona University °	University of Connecticut
Cal Poly Pomona	Northwestern University *	University of Denver *°
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo *°	Notre Dame de Namur University	University of Hartford
California State University	Nova Southeastern University °	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Channel Islands	Occidental College °	University of Kansas
Chico	Ohio State University	University of Kentucky
East Bay	Oregon State University	University of La Verne
Fullerton	Pepperdine University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Long Beach	Pratt Institute	University of Miami
Los Angeles	Purdue University *	University of Michigan
Monterey Bay	Queen's University	University of Minnesota
Sacramento	Quinnipiac University	University of Mississippi
San Marcos *	Reed College	University of Montana, Missoula
Carleton College °	Regis University	University of Nebraska, Lincoln °
Carnegie Mellon University *°	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of New Hampshire, Durham
Case Western Reserve University	Rhode Island School of Design °	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Chapman University *°	Rice University *°	University of Oregon *
Clark University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of the Pacific
Clemson University	Rutger's University	University of Pennsylvania °
Colgate University	Saint Martin's University	University of Pittsburgh °
Colorado School of Mines	Saint Mary's College of California *°	University of Portland
Colorado State University	San Diego State University	University of Puget Sound
Connecticut College °	San Francisco State University	University of Redlands °
Cornell University *°	San Jose State University *	University of Richmond °
DePaul University	Santa Clara University *°	University of Rochester
DePauw University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of San Diego °
Dickinson College	Scripps College °	University of San Francisco *°
Drexel University	Seattle University °	University of South Carolina
Duke University *°	Seton Hall University	University of Southern California *°
Elon University °	Skidmore College *	University of Toronto
Emerson College	Sonoma State University	University of Utah °
Emory University °	Southern Methodist University °	University of Vermont
Fordham University	St. Edward's University	University of Virginia °
Georgetown University °	St. John's University	University of Washington *
George Washington University °	Stanford University *°	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Georgia Institute of Technology	Stonehill College	Utah State University *°
Gettysburg College *	Suffolk University	Utah Valley University °
Gonzaga University °	SUNY, Buffalo °	Villanova University
Gordon College	Swarthmore College °	Wake Forest University *
Harvard University *	Syracuse University	Washington State University
Hillsdale College	Texas A&M University	Washington University in St. Louis *°
Hobart and William Smith Colleges °	Texas Christian University °	Webster University
Hofstra University °	The King's College	Wesleyan University
Humboldt State University	The New School—Eugene Lang °	Western Washington University °
Indiana University °	The University of Edinburgh *	Wheaton College (MA)
Iowa State University	Trinity University	Whitman College °
James Madison University	Tufts University *°	Whittier College °
Juniata College	Tulane University	Willamette University
		Williams College *°
		Worcester Polytechnic Institute

* indicates where one or more students from the Class of 2017 matriculated

° colleges/universities currently attended by 2015 and 2016 graduates

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