



PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL

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DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY

Pasadena High School (PHS), home of the Mighty Eagles, is one of six high schools in Pasadena ISD. PHS is a four-year comprehensive public high school located in Pasadena, TX. The city of Pasadena is located in eastern Harris County along the Houston ship channel. It is a major industrial area featuring a number of oil refineries and a paper mill. Pasadena is home to approximately 153,000 residents with school serving nearly 55,000 students. PHS currently has an average enrollment of 2,423 students with a senior class of 551. During the 2014-2015 school year, approximately 65% of Pasadena High School students continued their education beyond high school. While several former students have attended Columbia, MIT, Harvard, Yale, Stanford, and Rice. Most of our students begin at San Jacinto College and go on to the University of Houston, University of Texas, or Texas A&M University. The ethnicity report for PHS shows the following percentages:

Black or African American	1%
Hispanic/Latino	95%
Other	1%
White	3%

FACULTY

Pasadena High School has a teaching staff of approximately 150 teachers with an average class load of 28. The school's professional staff also includes seven assistant principals, eight counselors, one college now coordinator, and two diagnosticians.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

The Pasadena High School academic year consists of two semesters, each divided into two grading periods. The school is on a seven period schedule. Students may earn up to seven credits per year during the regular school day. Other opportunities for earning credit include Community Evening School, Summer Sessions, Virtual School, and Dual Credit & Technical courses at San Jacinto College. Pasadena Early College High School is available to students. Honors and Advanced Placement courses are available as well as special education programs for those requiring a modified curriculum. English for English Language Learners (ELL) instruction is an option for monolingual students and is embedded in the teaching of our courses. Course selections provide opportunities for both college and vocational preparation. Dual Credit is offered in both core and elective courses. Graduation requirements are those established by the Texas Education Agency. Students at Pasadena High School are expected to graduate on the Texas Recommended or Distinguished Graduation plans. Class rank is based on cumulative grade point averages (GPA) for grades 9-12. A student's GPA is determined by dividing the total number of grade points by the number of semester courses attempted. All state accredited courses are considered in the calculation. Grade points are awarded according to course rigor.

GRADING SYSTEM

A numerical grading system is used to reflect the students' achievement. Letter grade equivalents are as follows:

<u>Numerical Value</u>	<u>Letter Grade Equivalent</u>
90-100	A
80-89	B
75-79	C
70-74	D
Below 70	F



TRANSCRIPT

The registrar handles all transcripts.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

A weighted point system provides for equity between courses significantly more difficult “premium” and the regular subjects. This system separates course grade point values into four categories: 1) regular courses; 2) College Board Advanced Placement, Pre AP, honors; 3) Dual credit (DC) college courses; and 4) basic courses. Weighted grade points are awarded only for those courses taken during the school day.

Numeric Avg.	Premium	DC	Regular	Basic	Numeric Avg.	Premium	DC	Regular	Basic
100	6.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	85	4.5	3.9	3.5	2.5
99	5.9	5.0	4.9	3.9	84	4.4	3.9	3.4	2.4
98	5.8	5.0	4.8	3.8	83	4.3	3.9	3.3	2.3
97	5.7	5.0	4.7	3.7	82	4.2	3.9	3.2	2.2
96	5.6	5.0	4.6	3.6	81	4.1	3.9	3.1	2.1
95	5.5	5.0	4.5	3.5	80	4.0	3.9	3.0	2.0
94	5.4	5.0	4.4	3.4	79	3.8	2.8	2.8	1.8
93	5.3	5.0	4.3	3.3	78	3.6	2.8	2.6	1.6
92	5.2	5.0	4.2	3.2	77	3.4	2.8	2.4	1.4
91	5.1	5.0	4.1	3.1	76	3.2	2.8	2.2	1.2
90	5.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	75	3.0	2.8	2.0	1.0
89	4.9	3.9	3.9	2.9	74	2.8	1.8	1.8	0.9
88	4.8	3.9	3.8	2.8	73	2.6	1.8	1.6	0.8
87	4.7	3.9	3.7	2.7	72	2.4	1.8	1.4	0.7
86	4.6	3.9	3.6	2.6	71	2.2	1.8	1.2	0.6
					70	2.0	1.8	1.0	0.5

STATE-APPROVED PREMIUM POINT PRE-AP & AP COURSES

Recognizing the importance of a rigorous curriculum, Pasadena High School encourages students to participate in the College Board Advance Placement (AP) program. During the 2014-2015 school year, approximately 33% of graduating seniors at PHS were enrolled in at least two AP and/or Dual Credit courses. Pre-AP courses in core curriculum areas are offered as a preparation for the following AP courses:

- * Algebra II
- * Band III-IV
- * Economics
- * Human Geography
- * Spanish I-III
- * AP Biology
- * Biology
- * English I-IV
- * Music Theory
- * Statistics
- * AP Physics I
- * Calculus
- * Environmental Systems
- * Newspaper
- * U.S. History
- * AP Physics II
- * Chemistry I
- * French I-IV
- * Orchestra III-IV
- * World History
- * AP Spanish Lang.
- * Choral Music III-IV
- * Geometry
- * Pre-Calculus
- * AP Spanish Lit.
- * Debate I-III
- * Government
- * Psychology

TEST SCORES

The following breakdown shows the average performance of Pasadena High School students on the SAT and ACT for the school year 2015-2016:

	SAT	NEW SAT	ACT
Critical Reading	408	ERW 480	Composite 19
Math	432	Math 494	
Writing	394		
Average Score	1234	Average Score 974	

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We recognize the importance of student life and leadership at Pasadena HS. We have over 50 active student organizations on our campus including athletic programs, career and technical student organizations, UIL Academics, Academic Decathlon, Fine Arts programs, Journalism programs, and a variety of student interest groups. For a full list, please see our webpage.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Students who achieve 4.0 GPA's are given the Academic Excellence award. National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta are the highest academic honor societies.