SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY
The Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District serves the communities of Palos Verdes Estates, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, and Rolling Hills Estates. The area is 21 miles southwest of metropolitan Los Angeles and draws predominantly middle to high-income business and professional residents. The District’s reputation for having a superior educational system attracts many families to this suburban area and its schools. Two early childhood centers, ten elementary schools, three intermediate schools, one continuation high school, and two comprehensive high schools accommodate approximately 11,400 students in the District.

THE SCHOOL
Palos Verdes Peninsula High School (PVPHS) is a 4-year comprehensive public high school, nationally recognized for academic excellence. PVPHS is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and has regularly received six-year accreditations. The school follows a traditional semester schedule, with seven 53 minute periods in the school day. Freshmen and sophomores are required to take 6 classes each semester, juniors 5 classes and seniors 4 classes. The District allows students to take as many classes as they wish above the minimum. For the class of 2019, 99.83% of the students graduated, 88% completed more than the minimum requirements, and 83% met the A-G requirements thus qualifying for admission to University of California campuses.

RANKINGS AND RECOGNITIONS
PVPHS is routinely recognized as an exemplary high school at local, state, and national levels. In 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2019 a PVPHS student received the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Award, the highest honor for graduating high school seniors in the nation.

Other recent acknowledgements include:
#7 in California and #87 in the nation in the Niche Best Public High Schools
#44 in California and #331 in the nation and the #235 STEM school in the nation by US News & World Report
California Department of Education Gold Ribbon School
California School Boards Association’s Golden Bell Award
California Department of Education’s Civic Engagement Award

CERTIFICATED STAFF
4 administrators, 98 teachers,
7 counselors, 1 athletic director,
1 activities director, 2 psychologists,
2 student support specialists,
1 librarian, and 1 nurse

Our Mission Statement
To inspire and educate all students as they pursue their full potential within a vibrant, compassionate, and diverse learning community.
HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES
Honors and AP classes are open to all students

These courses receive a weighted grade on the transcript in recognition of the advanced nature of the coursework

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<td>Science</td>
<td>Biology 1 Honors, AP Biology, Chemistry 1 Honors, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, Marine Biology Honors, Physiology/Anatomy Honors, AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2, AP Physics C</td>
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<td>Visual &amp; Performing Arts</td>
<td>Advanced Orchestra, Drama 1 Advanced, Drama 3 Advanced, Drama 4 Advanced, Jazz Band 2, AP Music Theory, AP Art History, AP Studio Art 2D, AP Studio Art 3D, AP Studio Art Drawing</td>
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TOTAL AP COURSES OFFERED: 32
TOTAL HONORS COURSES OFFERED: 27

CLASS RANK AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE
Per District policy, students are not ranked

Credit courses taken in grades 9-12, including classes taken during the summer through community college and off-campus and online schools are included in determining the cumulative GPA

The GPA is calculated in three ways

CUMULATIVE GPA for all classes (with PE/Athletics) Grades 9-12
ACADEMIC GPA (no PE/Athletics) Grades 9-12
ACADEMIC GPA (no PE/Athletics) Grades 10-12

Transcripts list both the WEIGHTED and UNWEIGHTED GPA
WEIGHTED GPA is determined by calculating the un-weighted GPA and adding 0.2 points for each weighted course

In each semester, the maximum number of weighted points available is 1.0 (5 courses), for a highest possible GPA of 5.0

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<th>Grades</th>
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Other Designations
A - First semester of a yearlong course
B - Second semester of a yearlong course
H - Honors
AP - Advanced Placement
MCR - Meets College Requirements
ELD - English Language Development
r - Repeated course
* - Non-Academic
+ - Weighted grade

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
CLASS of 2019
Unit requirements: 220 credits for graduation
5 credits earned for each semester course

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<th>Subject</th>
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<td>TOTAL SCORE</td>
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<td>Biology M</td>
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**2018 ACT Test Results**

- Composite: 27.8, State: 22.7, Nat’L: 20.8
- Reading: 27.6, State: 23.0, Nat’L: 21.3
- Science: 26.9, State: 22.1, Nat’L: 20.7

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT 2019**

- 1,101 students took a total of 2,376 exams in 33 different subjects
- 85% of scores were 3 or higher; these scores may qualify for college credit

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**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Class of 2020

- 19 National Merit Semifinalists
- 45 National Merit Commended Scholars

**2019 CAASPP RESULTS**

- California Assessment of Student Performance that met or exceeded
  - PVPHS: 62.70, State: 55.96
  - ELA: 76.00, State: 31.37

**AP SCHOLARS ROSTER 2019**

- AP Scholars: 143
- AP Scholars w/ Honors: 73
- AP Scholars w/ Distinction: 231
- National AP Scholars: 68
- AP Capstone Diplomas: 2
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