

# PASCACK VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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## PASCACK VALLEY ~ PROFILE 2023 - 2024

**COMMUNITIES:** Pascack Valley High School is one of two high schools in the Pascack Valley Regional High School District. Pascack Valley High School serves the northern Bergen County communities of Hillsdale and River Vale, New Jersey. The towns are neighboring suburban communities with a combined population of approximately 20,000. The location, 20 miles northwest of New York City, enables residents to take advantage of the many cultural and educational resources of a large city. Residents enjoy a middle to upper-middle class socio-economic level with the majority of adults employed as professionals and business executives. A high percentage of adults in both communities are college graduates. The community has high expectations and aspirations for its schools.

**SCHOOL:** Pascack Valley High School is a four-year college preparatory school with an enrollment of approximately 1000 students. The 2023 graduating class was comprised of 255 students. The school is a member of the National Association of College Admission Counselors and supports the Association's Code of Ethics & Professional Practices. Pascack Valley High School consistently ranks in the top tier of New Jersey high schools as rated by the *New Jersey Monthly Magazine*.

**e-LEARNING:** The Pascack Valley Regional High School District was the first district in New Jersey to provide wireless laptops to all students and teachers to be used in classrooms and at home. This initiative, currently in the 19th year, impacts teaching, learning and communications between school and home while creating a community of learners between teachers and students. Advanced technological skills better prepare our students to enter college and the work place.

**PASCACK SCHEDULE:** To view the current Pascack schedule, please visit the district website at [www.pascack.org](http://www.pascack.org).

**ACCREDITATION:** Pascack Valley High School is accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education.

### POST SECONDARY PLANS OF RECENT GRADUATES

	2021	2022	2023
Total Graduates	296	287	255
% 4- Yr. College	85	83	89
% 2- Yr. College	9	10	8
% Other	6	7	3

### NATIONAL/STATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Class of 2022

National Merit Commended ..... 4

#### Class of 2022

AP Scholars.....33

AP Scholars with Honors.....17

AP Scholars with Distinction .....19

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT 2023

A total of 221 students took 419 Advanced Placement exams in 21 different subjects. Advanced Placement tests were taken in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese Language & Culture, Computer Science, English Language/Composition, English Literature/Composition, Environmental Science, Italian Language, Macroeconomics, Physics I, Physics II, Seminar, Spanish Language, Statistics, Studio Art 2D, Studio Art Drawing, US Government & Politics, United States History and World History.

## COLLEGE BOARD SAT SCORES

CLASS OF 2022

	<u>PV</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>National</u>
<b>ERW</b>	601	541	529
<b>Mathematics</b>	615	540	521
<b>Total</b>	1216	1081	1050

## ACT SCORES

CLASS OF 2022

	<u>PV</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>National</u>
<b>English</b>	23.1	24.9	19.0
<b>Mathematics</b>	23.0	23.9	19.3
<b>Reading</b>	23.1	25.1	20.4
<b>Science</b>	22.5	24.0	19.9
<b>Composite</b>	23.0	24.6	19.8

## GRADING SYSTEM AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Grade Point Average is computed by a process which includes all subjects for which credit is given and all grades including failures. Honors and Advanced Placement grades are weighted the same, receiving one additional point.

### GRADING SCALE/VALUES

	<u>Grading</u>	<u>College Prep</u>	<u>Honors/AP</u>
	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Courses</u>
A+	98-100	4.33	5.33
A	93-97	4.00	5.00
A-	90-92	3.67	4.67
B+	87-89	3.33	4.33
B	83-86	3.00	4.00
B-	80-82	2.67	3.67
C+	77-79	2.33	3.33
C	73-76	2.00	3.00
C-	70-72	1.67	2.67
D+	67-69	1.33	2.33
D	63-66	1.00	2.00
D-	60-62	0.67	1.67
F	0-59	0.00	
P	PASS		
F	FAIL		

WP Withdraw/Passing I Incomplete NC No Credit  
WF Withdraw/Failing MEX Medically Excused

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must earn a minimum of 120 credits, which include:

English	4 Years	20 Credits
World History	1 Year	5 Credits
United States History	2 Years	10 Credits
Mathematics	3 Years	15 Credits
Science	3 Years	15 Credits
World Language	2 Years	10 Credits
Physical Education/Health	4 Years	20 Credits
Fine/Practical/Performing Arts	2 Years	10 Credits
Financial Literacy	1/2 Year	2.5 Credits

In addition, all students must meet the minimum standard on the NJGPA or other assessments as outlined by the NJDOE.

## DISTRIBUTION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE

CLASS OF 2024

(As of the 6th semester)

Given the rigorous nature of the curriculum and a highly motivated student body, the Pascack Valley Regional High School District does not rank students.

<u>Quintile</u>	<u>GPA Range</u>
1	5.00 - 4.12
2	4.11 - 3.77
3	3.76 - 3.42
4	3.41 - 2.86
5	2.85 - 1.53

# COURSE OFFERINGS

\* Courses marked with an asterisk are eligible for college credit via dual enrollment

## ENGLISH:

**AP:** AP Language and Composition  
AP Literature and Composition  
AP Seminar

**Honors:** Honors English 1, 2, 3, 4  
Honors Language, Myth & Human Culture\*  
Honors Literature of the Holocaust\*  
Honors American Studies  
Honors Advanced 21st Century Journalism & Media

**College Prep:**  
Public Speaking  
Creative Writing  
English 1, 2, 3, 4  
American Studies +  
Language, Myth & Human Culture  
Sports and Literature  
Film and Literature  
21st Century Journalism & Media  
Literature of the Holocaust

## MATHEMATICS:

**AP:** AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
AP Computer Science-A

**Honors:** Honors Geometry  
Honors Algebra 2/Trigonometry  
Honors Pre-Calculus  
Honors Computer Science  
Advanced Topics in Calculus  
Advanced Topics in Computer Science

**College Prep:**  
Algebra 1  
Algebra I Enhanced  
Geometry  
Geometry Enhanced  
Algebra 2/Trigonometry  
Algebra 2/Trigonometry Enhanced  
Pre-Calculus  
Calculus\*  
Computer Science Principles  
College Algebra  
Discrete Math  
Intro to Comp. Science & App. Dev.  
Statistics 1, 2

## SCIENCE:

**AP:** AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Env. Science  
AP Physics I, AP Physics II, AP Physics C

**Honors:** Honors Biology  
Honors Chemistry  
Honors Physics  
Honors Forensics - SUPA\*  
Honors Reserch in Molecular Genetics I, II, III  
Honors Anatomy & Physiology

## SCIENCE: (continued)

**College Prep:**  
Biology  
Biological Science  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Physics/Technology  
Astronomy  
Earth's Natural Disasters  
Conceptual Physics  
Environmental Biology  
Chemistry in the Community  
Anatomy and Physiology  
Environmental Studies  
Science, Ethics, Technology & Society

## SOCIAL STUDIES:

**AP:** AP World History  
AP US History 1, 2  
AP Economics  
AP Government & Politics

**Honors:** Honors World History 1, 2  
Honors SUPA Public Affairs\*  
Honors History of Sport in America  
Honors Psychology\*

## College Prep:

World History  
US History 1, 2  
American Studies +  
Anthropology  
Constitutional Law  
Economics  
Sociology  
Analysis of History through Film  
Current World Problems  
Psychology 1, 2  
Religion in America

## WORLD LANGUAGES:

**AP:** AP French\*  
AP Italian\*  
AP Spanish Language & Culture\*  
AP Spanish Literature & Culture\*

**Honors:** Honors French 2, 3, 4\*  
Honors Spanish 2, 3, 4\*  
Honors Italian 2, 3, 4\*  
Honors Chinese 2, 3, 4\*, 5\*  
Honors Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1, 2, 3

## College Prep:

French 1, 2, 3, 4\*, 5\*  
Italian 1, 2, 3, 4\*  
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4\*, 5\*  
Chinese 1, 2, 3, 4\*, 5\*  
ESL  
Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1, 2, 3

## ARTS:

AP Studio Art: Drawing  
AP Studio Art: 2D Design  
AP History of Art

## ARTS: (continued)

**Honors:** Honors Advanced Ceramics & Sculpture 2  
Honors Advanced Studio Art 2\*  
Honors Advanced Photography\*

**College Prep:**  
Ceramics  
Ceramics & Sculpture 1  
Drawing  
Studio Art 1  
Fine Arts  
Photography  
Crafts

## BUSINESS:

Entrepreneurship  
Financial Investment\*  
Financial Literacy  
Blended Financial Literacy  
Principle of Business  
Marketing  
Management Leadership\*

## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE:

Advanced Clothing Construction  
Advanced Fashion Design  
Clothing Construction  
Culinary Arts I, II  
Fashion Design  
Interior Design  
Early Childhood & Family Education I, II, III

## MUSIC:

Choir/Lunch  
Chamber Choir, Concert Choir  
Concert Band  
Concert Band/Marching Band  
Guitar I  
Music Technology  
Music Theory I  
AP Music Theory

## TECHNOLOGY:

Graphic Communication Technology I, II  
Honors Engineering Design I\*, II\*  
Introduction to Web Design  
Technological Design  
Video Production  
Advanced Video Production  
Broadcast Television Production  
Architecture  
Honors Research in Innovation & Design  
Graphics Design 1, 2  
Robotics & Game Design  
Introduction to Innovation & Design

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH:

Physical Education/Health 9, 10, 11, 12

## VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL: (VHS)

Multiple Course Offerings

## VOCATIONAL PROGRAM:

Satellite Program at Bergen County  
+ Double Period Courses

**Ms. Sarah Bilotti**

*Superintendent of Schools*

**Dr. Barry Bachenheimer**

*Director Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment*

**Mr. John Puccio**

*Principal*

**Mrs. Alison Petaccia**

*Assistant Principal*

**Mr. Thomas Gallione**

*Assistant Principal*

**Dr. Sean Struncis**

*District Supervisor of School Counseling*

**Dr. Frank Andrisani, Counselor**

**Mrs. Mary Jo Callanan, Counselor**

**Mrs. Stephanie Distasi, Counselor**

**Ms. Maggie Ely, Counselor**

**Mr. Jordan Kapp, Counselor**

**Ms. Jennifer Kuo, Counselor**

**Mrs. Christie Rossig**

*Student Assistance Counselor*

**Ms. Joanna Katz**

*Student Family Resource Liaison*

## REPRESENTATIVE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2020-2023

American University	Johns Hopkins University	Swathmore College
Amherst College	Johnson & Wales University	Syracuse University
Arizona State University	Kean University	Temple University
Babson College	La Salle University	Trinity College
Bard College	Lafayette College	Tufts University
Barnard College	Lehigh University	Tulane University
Bates College	Louisiana State University	Union College
Baylor University	Loyola University	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Bentley University	Lynn University	United States Military Academy
Bergen Community College	Manhattan College	University of Alabama
Bloomsburg University	Manhattanville College	University of Arizona
Boston College	Marist College	University of California, Berkeley
Boston University	Marquette University	University of California, Irvine
Brandeis University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California, Los Angeles
Brown University	McDaniel College	University of Chicago
Bucknell University	McGill University	University of Colorado
California Institute of Technology	Michigan State University	University of Connecticut
Carnegie Mellon University	Middlebury College	University of Delaware
Case Western Reserve	Monmouth University	University of Florida
Catholic University of America	Montclair State University	University of Georgia
Clark University	Moravian College	University of Illinois
Clemson University	Muhlenberg College	University of Iowa
Coastal Carolina University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Kentucky
Colgate University	New York University	University of Maryland
College of Charleston	North Carolina State University	University of Massachusetts
College of New Jersey	Northeastern University	University of Miami
College of William and Mary	Northwestern University	University of Michigan
Columbia University	Occidental College	University of Mississippi
Cornell University	Ohio State University	University of Nebraska
Dartmouth College	Ohio University	University of New Hampshire
Dickinson College	Pace University	University of North Carolina
Drew University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Notre Dame
Drexel University	Pepperdine University	University of Pennsylvania
Duke University	Princeton University	University of Pittsburgh
Duquesne University	Providence College	University of Rhode Island
East Carolina University	Purdue University	University of Richmond
East Stroudsburg University	Quinnipiac University	University of Rochester
Elon University	Radford University	University of San Francisco
Emerson College	Ramapo College	University of Scranton
Emory University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of South Carolina
Fairfield University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Southern California
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Richard Stockton College	University of Tampa
Fashion Institute of Technology	Rider University	University of Tennessee
Florida Atlantic University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Texas
Florida State University	Roger Williams University	University of Vermont
Fordham University	Rowan University	University of Virginia
Franklin and Marshall College	Rutgers University	University of Wisconsin
George Mason University	Sacred Heart University	Vanderbilt University
George Washington University	Savannah College of Art & Design	Vassar College
Georgetown University	San Diego State University	Villanova University
Georgia Tech University	Sarah Lawrence College	Virginia Tech University
Gettysburg College	Seton Hall University	Wagner College
Hamilton College	Siena College	Washington Univ. in St. Louis
Harvard University	Skidmore College	Wake Forest University
Haverford College	St. John's University	Wesleyan University
High Point University	Stevens Institute of Technology	West Chester University
Hofstra University	SUNY at Binghamton	West Virginia University
Indiana University	SUNY at Buffalo	William Paterson University
Iona College	SUNY at Cortland	Xavier University
Ithaca College	Susquehanna University	Yale University
James Madison University		