

PORT CHESTER

HIGH SCHOOL

PROFILE



2020-2021



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COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Port Chester High School is located on a 20 acre campus on the border between the villages of Port Chester and Rye Brook in Westchester County, New York. The school has provided quality education to the students of Port Chester and neighboring portions of Rye Brook since 1932.

Port Chester is a wonderfully diverse suburban community on Long Island Sound, approximately 27 miles from Manhattan. The village of two square miles and over 29,000 residents is a former manufacturing center that is home now to a commercial and residential rebirth centered on multimillion dollar developments and expansion of its downtown and harbor areas.

Port Chester High School shares the district's mission of "Success For Every Student." Our school is the flagship of the district, an institution that students and staff are proud to call home.

COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES

Port Chester High School recognizes the educational value inherent in student participation in the life of the school. A strong activities program is available to students and is designed to meet their school-related interests and needs. We offer opportunities for students to develop and grow through participation in numerous co-curricular and athletic activities.

In the pulsing beat of the award winning marching band, one hears the drumming of the heart of the school. As our athletes race across field and court, one feels the adrenaline rush of Ram pride. And in art, choir, theatre, journalism, student government, and a multitude of activities, students can challenge their potential and broaden themselves.

Special recognition is offered through the National Honor Society, Mathematics Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta), Science Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Thespian Honor Society, and the French, Italian, and Spanish National Honor Societies.

About a third of our students participate in at least one sport. Port Chester High School offers a full boys and girls interscholastic sports program at the modified, junior varsity, and varsity levels.

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
Football	Basketball	Baseball
Soccer	Wrestling	Softball
Volleyball	Indoor Track	Track and Field
Cross Country	Bowling	Boys' Tennis
Cheerleading	Boys' Swimming	Golf
Girls' Tennis		
Girls' Swimming		

STUDENT BODY AND FACULTY

Port Chester High School is a four-year, comprehensive high school accredited by the New York State Board of Regents and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Students may select a program of studies that includes honors and college preparatory courses, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses, fine art studies, special education, English as new language, bilingual programs, and vocational education through the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Our students share diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, educational, and socioeconomic backgrounds and represent over 28 nations. Some have lived in the district for generations, while many others have only recently immigrated to the United States. About one-third of our students are current or former English Language Learners, and our cultural diversity enriches the school community and educational environment.

Over 1,545 students are enrolled—82 percent are Hispanic, 12 percent are white (non-Hispanic), 4 percent are black, and 2 percent are from other backgrounds. A culturally rich student body is one of our greatest strengths, and together we look to build on the school's legacy and rich traditions.

The professional staff at Port Chester High School includes 99 teachers, 7 counselors, 9 teaching assistants, 2 psychologists, a librarian, 2 school nurses, 8 office staff, 22 other support staff, and 4 administrators. The faculty is committed to providing a supportive learning environment and to the development of each student's potential.

Students are supported by professionals who value the importance of academic achievement and are dedicated to ensuring that students receive the highest quality education possible. Everyone here feels part of a team whose mission is to help students do their best by creating a positive atmosphere that permits students to learn and teachers to teach.

GRADUATE PROFILE

Over half of our graduates are the first in their families to pursue higher education. The percent of our students who do go on to college is a testament to their commitment to overcoming the often linguistic, financial, and cultural challenges that they face.

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Higher Education	88%	90%	92%	93%	95%
Four-Year Colleges	52%	56%	47%	46%	53%
Two-Year Colleges	36%	34%	44%	46%	42%
Other Institutions	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%
Military	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Employment	10%	6%	6%	3%	3%
Other	0%	0%	0%	3%	1%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to complete a minimum of 22 credits for graduation.

English	4 credits	Physical Education	2 credits
Social Studies	4 credits	Second Language	1 credit
Science	3 credits	Art/Music	1 credit
Mathematics	3 credits	Health	½ credit
		Electives	3½ credits

A numeric grading system is used. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and college level courses are weighted 1.1, honors courses are weighted 1.05, and Regents courses are weighted 1.025.

GRADING SCALE

A+ =97-100	B+ =87-89	C+ =77-79	D+ =67-69
A =93-96	B =83-86	C =73-76	D =65-66
A- =90-92	B- =80-82	C- =70-72	F =0-64

Port Chester High School does not assign students a rank in class.

COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES CURRENTLY OR RECENTLY OFFERED

- Westchester Community College
 - Early College Experience Program—Pre-Calculus, Entrepreneurship, English 12-ECE, College Algebra Functions and Models, and Basic Musicianship/Music Theory 1
 - Transition Partnership Program—English 12 and Math For College
- SUNY-Albany
 - Three-year Science Research Program leading to the Intel Science competition

HONORS, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE, AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Last year, over one-third of the total student body successfully completed at least one Honors, Advanced Placement, or College Level course at Port Chester High School. In 2013, Port Chester High School became authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education.

Honors courses currently or recently offered:
 English 9 Pre-IB/AP and English 10 Pre-IB/AP
 Global History 1-H, Global History 2-H, and U.S. History 11-H
 Earth Science H, Chemistry H, and Physics H
 Geometry H and Algebra 2 H

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program courses currently or recently offered:

IB Film	IB Mathematical Studies	IB Spanish
IB Biology	IB Chemistry	IB Italian
IB History	IB Theory of Knowledge	IB French
IB Visual Arts	IB English Language	IB Music
IB Mathematics SL	IB English B	

Advanced Placement courses currently or recently offered:

AP World History	AP Calculus AB
AP U.S. History	AP Calculus BC
AP English Language	AP Statistics
AP English Literature	AP Physics 2
AP Spanish Language & Culture	AP Environmental Science
AP Spanish Literature & Culture	AP Computer Science Principles
AP Italian Language & Culture	AP U.S. Government & Politics

Enrollment in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and college level courses is open to students who possess the desire to participate and the background, skills, and potential to be successful.

It is our aspiration that PCHS graduates are well-prepared to become globally competent citizens and leaders.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES BY PORT CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Adelphi University	Georgetown University	Ohio University	Tulane University
Alfred University	Gettysburg College	Pace University	U.S. Air Force Academy
Arizona State University	Goucher College	Parsons School of Design	U.S. Military Academy
Art Institute of Chicago	Hamilton College	Pennsylvania State University	U.S. Naval Academy
Auburn University	Harvard University	Princeton University	Union College
Baruch College	Hobart and William Smith College	Providence College	University of Alabama
Bentley College	Hofstra University	Purdue University	University of Arizona
Boston College	Howard University	Quinnipiac College	University of Bridgeport
Boston University	Hunter College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Colorado
Brown University	Iona College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Connecticut
Bryant College	Ithaca College	Rutgers University	University of Delaware
Bucknell University	James Madison University	Sacred Heart University	University of Hartford
Carnegie Mellon University	John Jay College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Maryland
Castleton State College	Johns Hopkins University	Seton Hall University	University of Massachusetts
Catholic University	Johnson and Wales University	Siena College	University of Miami
Central Connecticut State University	Keene State University	Southern Connecticut State University	University of New Haven
City College of New York	Lehigh University	Spelman College	University of Pennsylvania
Colgate University	Lehman College	Springfield College	University of Rhode Island
College of Charleston	Lincoln Technical Institute of Technology	St. John's University	University of Richmond
College of Mount Saint Vincent	Louisiana State University	St. Thomas Aquinas	University of Rochester
Columbia University	Manhattan College	SUNY-Albany	University of South Carolina
Concordia University (Montreal)	Manhattanville College	SUNY-Binghamton	University of Southern California
Cooper Union	Marist College	SUNY-Buffalo	University of Tampa
Cornell University	Marymount College	SUNY-College of Environmental Science & Forestry	University of Vermont
Cottey College	Mercy College	SUNY-Cortland	University of Virginia
Culinary Institute of America	Middlebury College	SUNY-Fredonia	Utica College
Dartmouth College	Mitchell College	SUNY-Geneseo	Villanova University
Dominican College	Monroe College	SUNY-Polytechnic	Washington and Jefferson College
Drexel University	Morgan State University	SUNY-Potsdam	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Duke University	New York Institute of Technology	SUNY-Purchase	Wesleyan University
Fairfield University	New York University	SUNY-Stony Brook	West Virginia University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Nichols College	SUNY-Westchester	Western Connecticut State University
Fashion Institute of Technology	Norfolk State University	Syracuse University	Western New England College
Fordham University	Northwestern University	Temple University	Wilkes University
Franklin and Marshall College	Ohio State University	Towson University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
George Washington University		Tufts University	Yale University

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