

Pacific Grove High School: 2026-2027 School Profile

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PGHS ADMINISTRATION

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ACCREDITATION

PGHS is accredited by the Western
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COUNSELORS & SUPPORT STAFF

[Margaret Rice](#), Academic Counselor, Grades 11 & 12
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COMMUNITY

Pacific Grove ("PG") is a small coastal city located on the Monterey Peninsula of Central California. Pacific Grove covers a 2.86 square mile area and has a population of approximately 14,600 residents. Pacific Grove's military community and tourist-based industries attract families with varied cultural backgrounds.

SCHOOL VISION

Pacific Grove High School (PGHS) aims to cultivate culturally aware, employable, healthy, active students who are eager learners, conscientious digital citizens, environmental stewards, and effective communicators.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

PGHS serves students in grades 9-12+ who reside in the Pacific Grove Unified School District. PGUSD provides high-quality public education to all students in Pacific Grove and parts of the neighboring town of Pebble Beach.

2026-27 Enrollment: 536 Students		Ethnicity *		
9th: 140 students	11th: 124 students	White: 69%	Hispanic: 20%	Asian: 20%
10th: 142 students	12th: 127 students	Native American: 3%	African American: 3%	Pacific Islander: 1%
12+ (Transition): 3 Students		Other / Declined to State: 10%		

* Discrepancy in the total percentage is due to the option for students to report two or more ethnicities.

16.27% of PGHS students are enrolled in the Free/Reduced Price Benefits for the National School Lunch Program.

SCHOOL STRUCTURE

PGHS operates on a two-semester, modified-block system. Freshmen are required to take a minimum of seven classes. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are required to take a minimum of six classes. Five credits are earned for successful completion of each semester of a course.

GRADING SYSTEM

- PGHS does not report class rank. Grade distribution information is provided to add context to student-reported GPA.
- PGHS GPA is calculated using a 4.0 scale. PGHS transcripts list both unweighted and weighted GPAs.
- +/-'s are not included in the grading rubric for unweighted or weighted GPA.
- Weighted GPA includes all Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses taken in grades 9-12.

GPA CALCULATION			GRADE DISTRIBUTION: CLASS OF 2026 (Class size: 119)		
	College Prep Courses	AP, Honors, & Dual-Enrollment	GPA Range	# of Students (Unweighted)	# of Students (Weighted)
A	4	5	4.00+	9	34
B	3	4	3.75-3.99	16	18
C	2	3	3.50-3.74	16	15
D	1	1	3.00-3.49	34	19
F	0	0	2.50-2.99	27	20
			2.49-below	17	13

PGHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS			
English	40 Credits	Visual and Performing Arts	10 Credits of VAPA or LOTE
History/Social Science	40 Credits	Electives	80 Credits
Mathematics	20 Credits	Physical Education	20 Credits
Science	20 Credits	Minimum grade for credit	"D-" Grade
Language Other than English	10 Credits of LOTE or VAPA	Credits required for graduation	230 Credits
Community Service: 48 Hours (200+ for special recognition)			

ATHLETICS				CLASS OF 2026 POST-GRADUATE PLACEMENT		
Baseball	Dance	Soccer	Track & Field	4-Year College	50 students	42%
Basketball	Football	Softball	Volleyball	2-Year College	51 students	43%
Cheer	Golf	Swimming	Water Polo	Military	8 students	5%
Cross Country	Lacross	Tennis	Wrestling	Other	14 students	10%

COLLEGE PREP & CTE COURSEWORK OFFERED

All AP, Dual Enrollment, and Honors courses are offered based on minimum student enrollment.
Courses marked (*) are offered in alternate-year rotations.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT			
Art & Design: 2D Art	Calculus BC	Environmental Science	Statistics
Art & Design: 3D Art	Computer Science A*	French Language & Culture	US Government & Politics
Art & Design: Photography	English Language	Human Geography*	US History
Calculus AB	English Literature*	Spanish Language & Culture	World History

DUAL ENROLLMENT							
College & Career Access Pathway (CCAP) courses offered in partnership with Monterey Peninsula College							
Computer Science	Counseling	Engineering	English	Hospitality	Psychology	Sociology	Speech

HONORS COURSES					
2D + 3D Art Portfolio	Chemistry 1	Drama	Engineering 3	English 1	Integrated Math 3 (Trigonometry)
Algebra 2 with Trigonometry	Creative Writing	Economics	Engineering Design Capstone	English 2	Photography Portfolio

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) PATHWAYS					
2D + 3D Art & Design	Studio Photography	Engineering Design	Food Services & Hospitality	Hospitality, Tourism, & Recreation	Systems Programming

2025-26 AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

AP TESTING: MAY 2026		
179 students took 341 exams in 15 unique subjects	85% earned a passing score of 3 or better 26% earned a perfect score of 5 Average score: 3.43	17% earned AP Scholar recognition 10% earned Scholar with Honor 11% earned Scholar with Distinction

SAT TESTING	ACT TESTING	GOLDEN STATE SEAL	CA SEAL OF BILITERACY
Average score: 1342 48% placed in 99th percentile	Average score: 31 50% placed in 95th percentile	Earned by 86 students	Earned by 36 students