



Built on Tradition – Cultivated Through Excellence

MISSION

Paramus Public Schools, built on a tradition of excellence and innovation, in partnership with its community, empowers students to succeed as global citizens who add value to the world.

THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY

Paramus High School is a comprehensive public high school of approximately 1200 students in grades nine through twelve located in a suburban, residential community in Bergen County, about eight miles west of Upper Manhattan. The racial makeup of the borough is approximately 66% White, 29% Asian, 3% Black or African American, >1% from other races, and 2% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latinos of any race are approximately 11% of the population. New Jersey Monthly magazine ranked Paramus as the 26th best place to live in its 2015 rankings of the "Best Places to Live" in New Jersey.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Designed to motivate and challenge all students, the academic program at Paramus High School is driven by equity and the highest possible learning expectations for students. During their high school career, students have access to an impressive range of course offerings and programs mindfully selected to provide our students with every advantage through the New Jersey public school system. We are committed to ensuring our students have the education they need to succeed after graduation and the opportunity to enjoy the high school experience. All learning experiences are academically rigorous and intended to prepare students for success in college, career, and citizenship.

GRADING

Paramus High School's academic year is divided into two semesters with official grades reported in early February for semester one courses and late June for semester two and full-year courses. The GPA is calculated on a weighted 4.0 scale with an extra .75 for all Honors courses and an extra 1.5 for all Advanced Placement courses. Final grades are determined using the following formula: Full-year courses - each marking period = 22.5% and final exam = 10%; Semester courses – each marking period = 45% and final exam = 10%.

Grade	QPs	Honors	AP	Grade	QPs	Honors	AP
A+ = 97-100	4.33	5.08	5.83	C+ = 77-79	2.33	3.08	3.83
A = 93-96	4.00	4.75	5.50	C = 73-76	2.00	2.75	3.50
A- = 90-92	3.66	4.41	5.16	C- = 70-72	1.66	2.41	3.16
B+ = 87-89	3.33	4.08	4.83	D+ = 67-69	1.33	2.08	2.83
B = 83-86	3.00	3.75	4.50	D = 65-66	1.00	1.75	2.50
B- = 80-82	2.66	3.41	4.16	<i>*PHS does not report rank. 7th SEM rank determines Valedictorian.</i>			

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The high school's comprehensive program is further enhanced by a co-curriculum program that includes 44 interscholastic athletic programs and over 60 clubs and activities. For the twelfth consecutive year, Paramus was named one of the "Best Communities for Music Education in America" and was designated as a model school for arts education in the state of New Jersey, ranking in the top 10%.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Paramus High School offers twenty-six (26) AP courses. Fulfillment of entrance criteria and teacher recommendation are required for enrollment in an AP course. An appeals process allows students who do not meet the criteria to be considered for placement.

English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History I, U.S. History II, European History, U.S. Government & Politics, Psychology, German Language & Composition, Italian Language & Composition, Spanish Language & Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Macro/Microeconomics, Art History, Photography, Studio Art: 2-D/3-D Art & Design, Music Theory

2021 SCHOOL PROFILE

Paramus High School

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Enrollment

Approx. 1200 Students

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of 120 credits and meet Graduation Assessment Requirements set forth by the NJ Dept. of Education.

- 4 years of English Lang. Arts
- 3 years of Mathematics
- 3 years of Science
- 3 years of Social Studies
- 1 years of World Language
- 4 years of Phys. Ed/Health
- 1 year of Fine/Perf. Arts
- 1 year of 21st C Life/Careers
- ½ year of Financial Literacy

National Merit Scholarship Program

2 Semifinalists

AP Scores

2020-21 (All Grades)

594 Total Exams

294 AP Students

67% earned 3 or higher

33% earned 4 or 5

SAT Test Scores

2020–2021

Average Scores

ERW: 596

Math: 624

ACT Test Scores

2020–2021

Average Scores

Composite: 26.2

Math: 25.7

Science: 25.5

STEM: 25.8

English: 26.6

Reading: 26.4

Post-Secondary Outcomes

Class of 2021

80% Four-year college

12% Two-year college

8% Other

Adelphi University	Georgetown University	Ohio State University	The New School
Albany Coll-Pharm. Sci.	Georgia Institute of Tech	Ohio University	The Univ. of Alabama
Allegheny College	Grand Canyon Univ.	Pace University	The Univ. of Arizona
American University	Hartwick College	Penn State University	The Univ. of Tampa
Arcadia University	High Point University	Penn State Univ.- Abington	The U. of Texas-SA
Art Ctr College of Design	Hofstra University	Penn State Univ.-Altoona	University at Buffalo
Babson College	Howard University	Penn State Univ.-Fayette	Univ. of Bridgeport
Barry University	Illinois State University	Pratt Institute-Main	Univ. of British Col.
Baylor University	Indiana U.-Bloomington	Princeton University	U. of California-Irvine
Belmont University	Iona College	Providence College	Univ. of California.-LA
Bentley University	Ithaca College	Purdue University	U. of Calif.-San Diego
Berkeley Coll. Woodland	James Madison Univ.	Quinnipiac University	U. of Central Florida
Binghamton University	Jefferson (Phila. Univ.)	Ramapo College of NJ	U. of Colorado-Bould.
Bloomsburg Univ. of PA	Johns Hopkins Univ.	Rensselaer Polytech Inst.	Univ. of Connecticut
Boston College	Johnson & Wales U.	Rhode I. School of Des.	Univ. of Delaware
Boston University	Juniata College	Rider University	University of Florida
Brandeis University	Kean University	Roanoke College	University of Hartford
Bryant University	Kutztown Univ. of PA	Rochester Inst. of Tech	U. of Ill. Urbana-C.
Caldwell University	Lafayette College	Rollins College	University of Maine
Cal. State U.-Chan. Isl.	Lebanon Valley College	Rowan University	U. of Maryland-Coll. Park
Cal. State U.-San Marc.	Lehigh University	Rutgers U.-New Bruns.	UMass-Amherst
Case Western Res. U.	Liberty University	Rutgers University-Nwk.	UMass-Boston
Clemson University	LIM College	Sacred Heart University	UMass -Lowell
Coastal Carolina Univ.	Lincoln Tech. Institute	Saint Elizabeth University	University of Miami
College of Charleston	Long Island University	School of Visual Arts	U. of Mich.-Ann Arbor
Coll. of William and Mary	Longwood University	Seton Hall University	Univ. of New England
Columbia University	Louisiana State Univ.	Shepherd University	U. of New Hampshire
Cornell University	Loyola Marymount U.	Siena College	Univ. of New Haven
Culinary Inst. of America	Loyola U. Chicago	Skidmore College	University of Penn.
CUNY BM Baruch Coll.	Lycoming College	Southeastern University	Univ. of Pittsburgh
CUNY Brooklyn College	Lynn University	Spelman College	Univ. of Rhode Island
CUNY Hunter College	Manhattan College	St. John Fisher College	Univ. of Rochester
CUNY John Jay College	Marist College	St. John's University-NY	University of Scranton
DePaul University	Maryland Inst. Coll. Art	St. Thomas Aquinas Coll.	U. of So. Carolina -C.
Drew University	Marymount Man. Coll.	State U. of NY-New Paltz	Univ. of South Florida
Drexel University	Mass. Coll. of Pharm.	Stevens Institute of Tech	U. of So. California
East Stroudsburg U.-PA	McGill University	Stevenson University	U. of the Arts – Lon.
Ecclesia College	Mercy College	Stockton University	Univ. of the Sciences
Elizabethtown College	Michigan State Univ.	Stonehill College	University of Toronto
Elon University	Misericordia University	Stony Brook University	University of Vermont
Emerson College	Monmouth University	Suffolk University	Ursinus College
Emory University	Monroe Coll-New Roch.	SUNY at Albany	Vaughn College-Aero
Fairfield University	Montana State Univ.	SUNY at Fredonia	Vermont Tech. Coll.
Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.	Montclair State Univ.	SUNY College at Potsdam	Villanova University
Fashion Institute of Tech	Muhlenberg College	SUNY Cortland	Virginia Polytech Inst.
Felician University	New Jersey City Univ.	Susquehanna University	Wagner College
Florida Atlantic Univ.	NJ Institute of Tech	Syracuse University	Wake Forest Univ.
Florida Gulf Coast Univ.	NY Institute of Tech	Temple University	West Virginia Univ.
Fordham University	New York University	The Amer. Univ. of Paris	West. New Eng. Univ.
Franklin and Marshall	Northeastern University	The College of New Jersey	William Paterson Univ.
George Washington U.	Northwestern University	The College of Saint Rose	Wofford College
	Nova Southeastern Univ.	The Inst. of Culinary Ed.	