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	*PHS does not report rank. 7th SEM rank determines Valedictorian.*			

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

Paramus High School

AP Scores

2021-22 (All Grades)

656 Total Exams
311 AP Students

74 **%** earned 3 or higher
47% earned 4 or 5

SAT Test Scores

2021–2022

Average Scores

ERW: 570

Math: 579

ACT Test Scores

2021–2022

Average Scores

Composite: 25

Math: 25

Science: 25

STEM: 25

English: 30

Reading: 25

Post-Secondary Outcomes

Class of 2022

71% Four-year college

13% Two-year college

16% Other

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Albany Coll-Pharm. Sci.	Georgia Institute of Tech	Peabody Conservatory at JHU	The New School
Allegheny College	Gonzaga University	Pennsylvania College of Tech	The Univ. of Alabama
American University	Grand Canyon Univ.	Penn State Univ.-Altoona	The Univ. of NC-Chapel Hill
Anna Maria College	Hampton University	Penn State Univ.Berks	The Univ. of TN
Arcadia University	Hawaii Pacific Univ.	Penn State Univ.Fayette	Towson University
Arizona State University	Hofstra University	Penn State Univ.-Main Campus	Union College
Babson College	Howard University	Pepperdine University	US Military Academy
Ball State University	Indiana U.-Bloomington	Pratt Institute-Main	U. of Arizona
Baylor University	Indiana U.-South Bend	Princeton University	U. of California-Irvine
Bergen Comm. College	Iona College	Providence College	U. of California-Riverside
Berry College	Ithaca College	Purdue University	U. of Charleston
Binghamton University	James Madison Univ.	Quinnipiac University	U. of Colorado-Boulder
Bloomfield College	Johnson & Wales U.	Ramapo College of NJ	U. of Colorado-CO Springs
Bloomsburg Univ. of PA	Kean University	Rensselaer Polytech Inst.	Univ. of Connecticut
Boston College	Kutztown Univ. of PA	Rhode I. School of Des.	Univ. of Delaware
Boston University	Lafayette College	Rider University	University of Hartford
Brandeis University	Le Moyne College	Ringling College of Art & Design	University of Houston
Bucknell University	Lehigh University	Rochester Inst. of Tech	U. of Ill. Urbana-C.
Caldwell University	Lesley University	Roger Williams University	University of Kentucky
California Lutheran Univ.	Liberty University	Rowan University	University of Louisville
Cal. State U.-Fullerton	LIM College	Rutgers U.-New Bruns.	U. of Maryland-Coll. Park
Capital Technology Univ.	Long Island University	Rutgers University-Nwk.	UMass-Amherst
Carnegie Mellon University	Louisiana State Univ.	Sacred Heart University	UMass -Boston
Champlain College	Loyola U. Chicago	Saint Peters' University	University of Miami
Clark University	Lynn University	San Diego State University	U. of Mich.-Ann Arbor
Clarkson University	Manhattan College	Savannah Coll. Art & Design	Univ. of New England
Clemson University	Manhattan School of Music	School of Visual Arts	U. of New Hampshire
Cleveland Inst. of Music	Marist College	Seton Hall University	Univ. of New Haven
Coastal Carolina Univ.	Maryland Inst. Coll. Art	Siena College	Univ. of North Carolina
Colburn School	Marywood University	Southeastern University	Univ. of Notre Dam
College of Charleston	Mass. Coll. of Pharm.	So. Conn. State Univ	Univ. of Oregon
Colorado State Univ.	Messiah University	So. Illinois University	Univ. of Portland
Cornell University	Michigan State Univ.	St.Bonaventure Uni.	Univ. of Rhode Island
Culinary Inst. of America	Milwaukee Inst.Art & Design	St. John's University	Univ. of Rochester
CUNY-Baruch, Hunter,John Jay	Monmouth University	Stetson University	Univ. of San Diego
Curtis Inst. of Music	Montclair State Univ.	Stevens Institute of Tech	Univ. of San Francisco
Davenport University	Moore College of Art & Design	Stevenson University	Univ. of Scranton
DeSales University	Mount St. Mary University	Stockton University	Univ. of SC-Columbia
Dominican College	New Jersey City Univ.	Stonehill College	Univ. of South Florida
Drew University	NJ Institute of Tech	Stony Brook University	Univ. of Southern California
Drexel University	NY Institute of Tech	Suffolk University	Univ. of Vermont
Duquesne University	New York University	SUNY at Albany	Univ of Washington-Seattle
Fairfield University	NC A&T State University	SUNY at Fredonia	Ursinus College
Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.	Northeastern University	SUNY College at Potsdam	Utah Valley University
Fashion Institute of Tech	Northwestern University	SUNY Cortland	Villanova University
Felician University	Nova Southeastern Univ.	Susquehanna University	Virginia Polytech Inst.
Florida Institute of Tech.	Ohio State University	Syracuse University	Wagner College
Florida State University	Ohio Wesleyan University	Temple University	West Chester Univ.
Fordham University	Oregon State University	Teterboro School of Aero	West Virginia Univ.
Franklin and Marshall	Pace University	Texas A&M University	William Paterson Univ.
George Mason U.	Palm Beach Atlantic Uni.	The College of NJ	Worcester Polytechnic Inst.
George Washington U.		The Julliard School	Xavier University