

PARAMUS HIGH SCHOOL
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PROFILE 2011-2012
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The Mission of the Paramus Public Schools is to develop all students as open-minded, life-long learners, who pursue their dreams and add value to the world.

COMMUNITY

Paramus is a residential suburban community which is the retail and commercial hub of Bergen County, New Jersey. The borough has within its boundaries four major malls and corporate headquarters for national and international corporations. The diverse community of approximately 26,000 residents with 52 languages spoken consistently supports the school system. In the school district's ongoing efforts to prepare students for post-secondary education and for success as adults in the twenty-first century, curriculum review and updating is ongoing as well as staff development to implement the latest technology in all classrooms. Professional Learning Communities and the use of Benchmark Assessments create growth and learning for students and staff.

HIGH SCHOOL

Paramus High School is a comprehensive high school of approximately 1400 students offering a wide range of courses to meet the needs of a diverse student body. Programs are offered from small remedial classes to competitive Advanced Placement classes in all disciplines. Students at all levels are challenged to become independent thinkers and learners and to meet their true potential academically and in extra-curricular activities.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Paramus students are encouraged to develop talents outside of the classroom and to contribute in positive ways to their community. A wide variety of student activities are an integral part of the high school program. With over 50 clubs and activities in addition to a wide range of competitive and intramural sports for both men and women, a multitude of opportunities exist for student involvement.

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SENIOR EXPERIENCE

Seniors may participate in The Senior Experience which allows students to earn high school credit by participating in a variety of educational experiences outside of the traditional high school setting. Individual students design their experience with input from counselors, teachers and parents. Each plan is reviewed and approved by the high school administration. These experiences may include such activities as: enrollment in college courses, apprenticeship programs, internships, and community projects. Successfully completed college courses appear on the transcript with high school credit awarded and with Honor weighting.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 years
Social Studies	3 years
Science	3 years
Math	3 years
World Language	1 year
Physical Ed/Health	4 years
Visual/Performing Arts	1 year
Practical Arts	1 year

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS

Number of students	271
Number of Tests	510
% of grades at 4 and 5	39%
AP Scholars	27
AP Scholars with Honor	14
AP Scholars with Distinction	21
AP National Scholar	1

(Beginning with the class of 2008, students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the AP exam.)

CURRICULUM

	<u>Honors (30)</u>	<u>Advanced Placement (20)</u>
Business	Accounting 2, Marketing/Entrepreneurship	Macroeconomics/Microeconomics
Creative Arts	Art 1 & 2	Art History
English	9, 10, 11, 12, Great Books	English Literature, Language & Composition
Math	Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2/Trigonometry, Computer Science, Math Analysis AB and BC	Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science
Music	Band, Choir, Orchestra, Chamber Strings	Music Theory
Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science
Social Studies	World Humanities, US 1, US 2, American Criminal Justice, Contemporary Issues, Psychology 2	US History, Psych., US Government & Politics, European History
World Languages	French, Italian, German, Spanish	German, Italian, Spanish

Going Above & Beyond the High School Curriculum

1. Students successfully completing SHUPA (Seton Hall University Project Acceleration) Creative Nonfiction can earn 3 college credits. Students enrolled in AP World Language and fourth year Honor language courses also have this option.
2. Students successfully completing Virtual High School (VHS) courses which go beyond the high school curriculum are awarded high school credit. (Students may not enroll in VHS courses which coincide with courses offered at Paramus High School. VHS courses must be taken after the PHS course is complete and are meant to enhance student learning in specific interest areas.)
3. Students successfully completing SUPA (Syracuse University Project Advance) Sociology can earn 3 college credits.

GRADING SYSTEM/CLASS RANK

- A weighted GPA is calculated and appears on the transcript. This GPA is cumulative based upon 6 semesters. Beginning with the class of 2007 PHS does not rank students.
- Courses are weighted only to compute cumulative Grade Point Averages. Grades on the transcript are actual grades received and do not reflect any weighting.

CLASS OF 2011

326 Graduates
 91% plan to attend college
 74% 4 year colleges
 17% 2 year colleges
 2% Business, Nursing, Technical Schools

GPA DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF '11

(6th semester cumulative)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>GPA</u>
1 st Decile	4.055 and up
2 nd Decile	3.858 and up
3 rd Decile	3.749 and up
4 th Decile	3.601 and up
5 th Decile	3.485 and up
6 th Decile	3.264 and up
7 th Decile	3.053 and up
8 th Decile	2.743 and up
9 th Decile	2.290 and up
10 th Decile	1.576 and up

MEAN SAT SCORES

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
Paramus	507	549	525
New Jersey	495	516	497
National	497	514	489

