



Pearl River High School

2020 - 2021 Profile

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Community

Pearl River is located in Rockland County, approximately 20 miles north of New York City on the west side of the Hudson River and bordering New Jersey. Primarily a suburban residential community, Pearl River is home to families comprised of professional, managerial, and civil service workers. They consistently support their children's academic success through involvement in their education. Both parents and community members support the schools through annual positive budget votes. The district consists of one high school (8-12), one middle school (5-7), and three elementary schools (K-4).

Pearl River High School

"Believe You Can Achieve"

Pearl River High School is a comprehensive five-year public school enrolling approximately 1000 students. Pearl River High School is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the NYS Department of Education, and holds membership in the College Board and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

- 2020 U.S. News & World Report - PRHS ranked #950 nationally out of 17,792 high schools, with a score of 94.66 and ranked #87 out of 1,217 NYS high schools, the highest ranking for Rockland County.
- 2019 U.S. News & World Report - PRHS ranked #1,263 nationally out of 17,245 high schools, with a score of 92.68 and ranked #107 out of 1,204 NYS high schools, the highest ranking for Rockland County.
- 2015 - 2018 U.S. News & World Report Silver Medal Ranking
- 2014 & 2015 NYS Reward School for High Student Performance
- 2001 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Recipient, one of the first three in the country

Enrollment breakdown*: Class of 2021 - 202; Class of 2022 - 220; Class of 2023 - 186 Class of 2024 -180; Class of 2025 - 204
(*as of 9/24/20)

Individual college visits are virtual and scheduled during after school hours on Monday - Friday. Pearl River High School's PTSA also sponsors an annual College Night Fair each September, with over 150 colleges and universities represented, including SUNYs as well as private and out-of-state institutions. The College Fair is open to all students and parents everywhere free of charge. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the fair will not be held in September 2020. For more information: prhscollegefair@gmail.com.

Curriculum

The majority of students pursue an academic/college preparatory level curriculum in preparation for post-graduate study. Advanced level courses are available in five areas. Acceleration in mathematics and earth science is available beginning in the eighth grade. In addition to the core subject courses and a wide range of electives, including a pre-engineering sequence, students can pursue higher level study in these areas:

Honors Level Courses:

English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies

Advanced Placement Courses:

Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English, Computer Science Principals, Economics, Environmental Science, Government & Politics, Studio Art, U.S. History, and World History.

SUNY Albany College Courses:

French, Italian, Latin, Spanish, U.S. Women and Social Change

Syracuse University Project Advance Courses:

Forensic Science

SUNY Rockland Courses:

Business, English, Physics, Statistics

Graduation Requirements

Minimum number of credits required for graduation: 22

Minimum number of academic credits per year: 5

Minimum course requirements:

<u>Content Area</u>	<u>Regent Diploma*</u>	<u>Regents Diploma Adv. Designation*</u>
English	4 credits	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits	4 credits
Science	3 credits	3 credits
Mathematics	3 credits	3 credits
Electives	3.5 credits	1.5 credits
Physical Education	2 credits	2 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit	1 credit
World Language	1 credit	3 credits
Health Education	.5 credit	.5 credit

* Passing score of 65 or above

Honor Societies

National Honor Society
National English Honor Society
Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society (Mathematics)
Rho Kappa Honor Society (Social Studies)
Science Honor Society
Tri-M Music Society
World Language Honor Societies
(French, Italian, Latin, & Spanish)

Grade Weighting/Class Rank

Pearl River School District reports an unweighted GPA with a weighted rank using a numerical grading system. High Honors and Honor Roll lists are computed each of the four marking periods for those students carrying the equivalent of six courses, one of which is Physical Education. In addition, a yearly honor roll will be computed for honors achievement in all four quarters:

High Honors overall average of 90 and above, no failures, no incompletes
Honors overall average of 85-89.99, no failures, no incompletes

Averages are done at the conclusion of the sixth semester and include all failures, summer school, and repeated courses. All subjects are included in the GPA with the exception of Physical Education. Transcript grades are not weighted. Weights used for ranking are as follows:

Honors Course: 1.03 College Course: 1.06 Advanced Placement: 1.10

Programs & Services

To help our students achieve their fullest potential, Pearl River High School provides the following programs & services:

Academic Intervention Services	Library Media Research Center
English as a New Language	PLUS Program
Guidance Counseling & Services	Special Education Services

Athletics & Activities

Pearl River High School enthusiastically supports involvement in activities and athletics as it correlates to high academic performance. More than 85% of students participate in one or more co-curricular activity. Many students, representing the top of their classes, are multi-sport athletes. Students select from an unusually wide number and range of teams and clubs for a school of this size.

Interscholastic Teams:

Boys: Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis, Track (Winter & Spring), Wrestling

Girls: Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading (Fall & Winter), Cross Country, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball, Track (Winter & Spring)

Intramural Sports:

Golf, Ping Pong, Skiing, Weight Training/Fitness

Clubs:

Academic Team, Beautification Club, Chess Club, Coding Club, Dance Club, Debate Club, English Club, Forensics Club, Gardening Club, Gay/Straight/TransAlliance (GSTA)/Kaleidocope, Girls Learn International, International Club, Journalism Club, Marching Band, Marine Science Club, Math League (Rockland County & NYS), Math Olympiad, Model United Nations, Musicals & Dramas, Pep Band, Ping Pong Squad, Pirate Repertory, Recycling Club, Robotics Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Salt/Freshwater Ecology Club, Science Enrichment, Science Olympiad, Ski & Snowboard Club, Student Council, Technology Club, Tenth Muse, Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse (VAASA), World Language Club, Yearbook Club, Youth & Government

Pearl River High School's Class of 2020

The following information is specific to the Class of 2020 seniors:

Programs & Services

Graduation Rate	98%
<u>Percentage attaining:</u>	
NYS Regents Diploma	100%
NYS Advanced Regents Diploma	80%
Percentage attending college/university/technical school	96%
Percentage attending 4-year college:	82%
Percentage attending 2-year college:	14%
Percentage entering the military:	0%

Grade Point Average

There were 188 graduates in the Class of 2020, including 7 students out-of-district who received diplomas. A total of 64 seniors (37% of the class) had a Cohort GPA* of 90.2%:

68 seniors earned a 90+ GPA*
79 seniors earned an 80 - 89.9 GPA * Unweighted GPA

Advanced Placement Exams

Class of 2020 Advanced Placement (AP) Exams: 152 AP exams were taken in 12 subjects*:

- 22% exams with a score of "5" or higher.
- 54% exams with a score of "4" or higher.
- 88% exams with a score of "3" or higher.

AP Scholars:	15
AP Scholars with Honors:	17
AP Scholars with Distinction:	13

* Students taking AP courses are required to take the exam, however these numbers are lower due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Standardized Tests Results

SAT: Combined test scoring is 400-1600
Class of 2020 - 87% of seniors took the SAT exam:

<u>PRHS Scoring</u>	
Mean Total Score	1216
Mean Math	614
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	602

ACT: Test scoring is 1-36, with the exception of Writing being 2-12.
Class of 2020 - 45% of seniors took the ACT exam:

<u>PRHS Scoring</u>	
Composite Score	25.4
Mean Math	25.3
Mean Critical Reading	26.5
Mean Critical Writing	3.3

Honors & Awards

National Merit Semifinalists:	2
National Merit Commended Students:	5
National Honor Society Members:	50
National English Honor Society:	9
Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society:	29
Rho Kappa Honor Society:	65
Science Honor Society:	1
Tri-M Music Society:	21
World Language Honor Societies:	68
French:	13
Italian:	6
Latin:	7
Spanish:	42

Community Service

Pearl River High School requires all students to complete 40 hours of community service in order to graduate. Students must log a minimum of 10 hours each year for four years. Opportunities for service are coordinated through the school for individual students, clubs, and teams. Many students typically complete more than 40 hours prior to graduation.

Class of 2020 Community Service Awards Achieved *:

Citizenship Award (25-49 hours per school year):	20
National Award (50-99 hours per school year):	6
Presidential Award (100+ hours per school year):	7

* The Class of 2020 Community Service Awards hours are lower than average due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Other Distinctions

7 students earned the 2019-20 NYS Seal of Biliteracy
95% of special education students attained Regents/Advanced Regents Diplomas
23 out of 27 varsity teams named New York State Scholar Athlete Teams with team GPA average of 90 or better
Four seniors named Journal News Scholar Athlete of the Week

Class of 2020 College Acceptances

67% acceptance rate of 1264 college applications submitted by 209 seniors:

The University of Alabama	Hunter College	Niagara University	Stonchill College
American University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Wilmington	Stony Brook University
Appalachian State University	Indiana University	North Carolina State University	SUNY University at Albany
Arcadia University	Iona College	Northeastern University	SUNY Buffalo State
Arizona State University	Ithaca College	Northwestern University	SUNY College at Brockport
The University of Arizona	James Madison University	Pace University at New York and Westchester	SUNY College at Cortland
Auburn University	Kean University	Pennsylvania College of Technology	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Babson College	Kent State University	Pennsylvania State University	SUNY College at Geneseo
Barnard College	Keuka College	University of Pittsburgh	SUNY College at Old Westbury
Baruch College	Kutztown University	Plymouth State University	SUNY College at Plattsburgh
Bentley University	La Salle University	Point Loma Nazarene University	SUNY Delhi
Binghamton University	Lafayette College	Pratt Institute	SUNY Korea
Bloomsburg University	Le Moyn College	Providence College	SUNY Maritime College
Boston University	Lehigh University	Purdue University	SUNY Morrisville
Brigham Young University	Lesley University	Queens College	SUNY New Paltz
Brooklyn College	LIM College	Quinnipiac University	SUNY Oneonta
Bryant University	LIU Post	Ramapo College of New Jersey	SUNY Oswego
Bucknell University	Louisiana State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Cazenovia College	Loyola Marymount University	University of Rhode Island	SUNY Purchase College
College of Charleston	Loyola University Chicago	Rider University	Susquehanna University
City College of New York	Loyola University Maryland	Rochester Institute of Technology	Syracuse University
Clarkson University	Lynn University	Rockland Community College	The University of Tampa
Clemson University	Manhattan College	Russell Sage College	The University of Tennessee
The College of Saint Rose	Manhattanville College	Rutgers University	The Ohio State University
University of Colorado	Marist College	Sacred Heart University	Towson University
Colorado State University	University of Maryland	Saint Anselm College	University at Buffalo
University of Connecticut	Marywood University	Salve Regina University	Utica College
University of Delaware	University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Boston, and Dartmouth	Savannah College of Art and Design	Vassar College
Dominican College	Mercy College	University of the Sciences	University of Vermont
Drexel University	University of Miami	The University of Scranton	Villanova University
East Carolina University	University of Minnesota	Seton Hall University	Virginia Tech
Emerson College	University of Mississippi	Shenandoah University	University of Virginia
Emmanuel College - Boston	Molloy College	Siena College	Wagner College
Fairfield University	Monmouth University	Skidmore College	Wellesley College
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Montclair State University	University of South Carolina	Western New England University
Florham and Teaneck	Mount Saint Mary College	University of South Florida	Widener University
Florham and Teaneck	College of Mount Saint Vincent	Southern Connecticut State University	Wilkes University
Fashion Institute of Technology	Muhlenberg College	St. John's University	William Paterson University
Florida Atlantic University	University of New Hampshire	St. Thomas Aquinas College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Florida State University	University of New Haven	Stevens Institute of Technology	
University of Florida	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Stockton University	
Fordham University	The College of New Jersey		
George Washington University	New York Institute of Technology		
Hampton University	New York University		
University of Hartford			
Hartwick College			
High Point University			
Hofstra University			

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