



Pearl River High School

2019 - 2020 Profile

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School Counselors

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 1040 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.

- 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
- 2012 U.S. News & World Report Gold Medal Ranking
- 2006 NYS Public High School Athletic Association School of Distinction - Scholar athlete achievement
- 2001 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Recipient, one of the first three in the country

Enrollment breakdown*: Class of 2020 - 188; Class of 2021 - 217; Class of 2022 - 234 Class of 2023 -199; Class of 2024 - 202
(* as of 10/03/19)

Individual college visits are scheduled Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM and 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM. 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.

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, 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 2019

The following information is specific to the Class of 2019 seniors:

Programs & Services

Graduation Rate	96%
<u>Percentage attaining:</u>	
NYS Regents Diploma	99%
NYS Advanced Regents Diploma	65%
Percentage attending college/university/technical school	97%
Percentage attending 4-year college:	69%
Percentage attending 2-year college:	28%
Percentage entering the military:	1%

Grade Point Average

There were 213 graduates in the Class of 2019, including 6 students out-of-district who received diplomas. A total of 49 seniors (24% of the class) had a Cohort GPA* of 90.2%:

73 seniors earned a 90+ GPA*

91 seniors earned an 80 - 89.9 GPA* * Unweighted GPA

Grade Point Average

Class of 2019 Advanced Placement (AP) Exams: 307 AP exams were taken in 12 subjects*:

- 24% exams with a score of "5" or higher.
- 50% exams with a score of "4" or higher.
- 83% exams with a score of "3" or higher.

AP Scholars:	34
AP Scholars with Honors:	13
AP Scholars with Distinction:	15
National AP Scholar:	1

* Students taking AP courses are required to take the exam

Standardized Tests Results

SAT: Combined test scoring is 400-1600

Class of 2019 - 86% of seniors took the SAT exam:

PRHS Scoring

Mean Total Score	1174
Mean Math	589
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	585

ACT: Test scoring is 1-36, with the exception of Writing being 2-12.

Class of 2019 - 30% of seniors took the ACT exam:

PRHS Scoring

Composite Score	24.5
Mean Math	25.5
Mean Critical Reading	26.3
Mean Critical Writing	3.5

Honors & Awards

National Merit Semifinalists:	1
National Merit Commended Students:	3
National Honor Society Members:	41
National English Honor Society:	38
Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society:	20
Rho Kappa Honor Society:	61
Science Honor Society:	50
Tri-M Music Society:	21
World Language Honor Societies:	46
French:	8
Italian:	9
Latin:	12
Spanish:	17

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 2019 Community Service Awards Achieved:

Citizenship Award (25-49 hours per school year):	42
National Award (50-99 hours per school year):	17
Presidential Award (100+ hours per school year):	12

Other Distinctions

- 6 students earned the 2018-19 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 2019 College Acceptances

67% acceptance rate of 1264 college applications submitted by 207 seniors:

The University of Alabama	University of Georgia	University of North Carolina:	SUNY - Albany
The University of Alabama at Birmingham	Gordon University	Chapel Hill, Charlotte & Wilmington	SUNY - Alfred State College
Arcadia University	University of Hartford		SUNY - Buffalo State College
Arizona State University	Hartwick University	North Carolina State University	SUNY - Brockport
Auburn University	Hofstra University	Northeastern University	SUNY - Cortland
Bentley University	College of the Holy Cross	Northwestern University	SUNY - Delhi
Bentley College of White Plains	Indiana University at Bloomington	Nova Southeastern University	SUNY - Geneseo
Berkley College at Woodland Park	Iona College	Pace University:	SUNY - Maritime College
Binghamton University	Ithaca College	New York City & Westchester	SUNY - Morrisville
Boston College	James Madison University	University of Pennsylvania	SUNY - New Paltz
Boston University	John Carroll University	University of Pennsylvania at East Strousburg	SUNY - Oneonta
Brandeis University	John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the CUNY	Pennsylvania College of Technology	SUNY - Oswego
University of Bridgeport	Johnson & Wales University at Providence	Pennsylvania State University	SUNY - Plattsburgh
Brown University	University of Kentucky	University of Pittsburgh	SUNY - Potsdam
University of California at Berkley	Lafayette College	Plymouth State University	SUNY - Purchase
University of California at San Diego	Le Moyne College	Providence College	Susquehanna University
Carnegie Mellon University	Leigh University	University of Puget Sound	Syracuse University
The Catholic University of America	Lesley University	Purdue University	The University of Tampa
Cazenovia College	Lewis & Clark College	Queens College of the CUNY	The University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Central Connecticut State University	Liberty University	Quinnipiac University	The Ohio State University
Champlain College	Louisiana State University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	Towson University
College of Charleston	Loyola University Maryland	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Union College, New York
Clarkson University	Luther College	University of Rhode Island	United States Air Force Academy
Clemson University	University of Maine	University of Richmond	University at Buffalo York
Coastal Carolina University	University of Maine at Farmington	Rider University	The University of Northwestern Ohio
Colgate University	Manhattan College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Utica College
The College of Saint Rose	Manhattanville College	Rockland Community College	Valparaiso University
University of Colorado at Boulder	Marist College	Roger Williams University	University of Vermont
Colorado State University	University of Maryland, College Park	Rowan University	Villanova University
University of Connecticut	Marymount University	Rutgers University at New Brunswick	University of Virginia
University of Delaware	Marywood University	Sacred Heart University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Dominican College	University of Massachusetts	Saint Joseph's University	West Virginia University
Drew University	Mercy College- All campuses	Salve Regina University	Westchester Community College
Drexel University	Miami University, Oxford	Samford University	The College of Westchester
Dusquesne University	University of Miami	University of San Francisco	Western Connecticut State University
East Carolina University	Michigan State University	The University of Scranton	
Elmira College	University of Michigan	Seton Hall University	Western New England University
Emerson College	University of Minnesota Twin Cities	Siena College	Whitman College
Fairfield University	Monmouth University	University of South Carolina	Wilkes College
Fairleigh Dickinson University: Florham & Metropolitan	Montclair State University	University of South Florida, Tampa	William Patterson University
Fashion Institute of Technology	Mount Saint Mary College	Southern Connecticut State University	Xavier University
Florida Gulf Coast University	College of Mount Saint Vincent	Springfield College	York College of Pennsylvania
Florida State University	New England College	St. John's University, Queens	
University of Florida	University of New Hampshire	St. Lawrence University	
Fordham University	University of New Haven	St. Thomas Aquinas College	
The George Washington University	The College of New Jersey	Stevens Institute of Technology	
Georgia Institute of Technology	New York Institute of Technology	Stonehill College	
	New York Institute of Technology	Stony Brook University	
	New York University		

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