



# Pearl River High School

## 2021 - 2022 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.

- 2021 U.S. News & World Report - PRHS ranked #950 nationally out of 17,857 high schools, with a score of 93.31 and ranked #115 out of 1,266 NYS high schools, the 2nd highest ranking for Rockland County.
- 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
- 2001 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Recipient, one of the first three in the country

Enrollment breakdown\*: Class of 2022 - 221; Class of 2023 - 190; Class of 2024 - 184; Class of 2025 -188; Class of 2026 - 180

(\*as of 9/09/21)

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 2021. For more information: [prhscollegefair@gmail.com](mailto: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 Principles, Economics, Environmental Science, Government & Politics, Studio Art, U.S. History, and World History.

### Project Lead the Way:

Bio-medical Science

### 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, Golf, 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 2021

The following information is specific to the Class of 2021 seniors:

## Programs & Services

<b>Graduation Rate</b>	98%*
<u>Percentage attaining:</u>	
NYS Regents Diploma	100%
NYS Advanced Regents Diploma	78%*
Percentage attending college/university/technical school	96%
Percentage attending 4-year college:	85.5%
Percentage attending 2-year college:	14%
Percentage entering the military:	0.5%

\* Includes both in and out of district students

## Grade Point Average

There were 202 graduates in the Class of 2021, including 4 students out-of-district who received diplomas. A total of 79 seniors (40% of the class) had a Cohort GPA\* of 90.2%:

83 seniors earned a 90+ GPA\*

89 seniors earned an 80 - 89.9 GPA\*      \* Unweighted GPA

## Advanced Placement Exams

**Class of 2021 Advanced Placement (AP) Exams:** 143 AP exams were taken in 12 subjects\*:

- 31% exams with a score of "5" or higher.
- 73% exams with a score of "4" or higher.
- 93% exams with a score of "3" or higher.

AP Scholars:	18
AP Scholars with Honors:	21
AP Scholars with Distinction:	14

\* 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 2021 - 70% of seniors took the SAT exam:

### PRHS Scoring

Mean Total Score	1215
Mean Math	606
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	609

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

Class of 2021 - 15% of seniors took the ACT exam:

### PRHS Scoring

Composite Score	27.3
Mean Math	27.0
Mean Critical Reading	28.3
Mean Critical Writing	1.6

## Honors & Awards

National Merit Commended Students: 5

National Honor Society Members:	61
National English Honor Society:	66
Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society:	45
Rho Kappa Honor Society:	57
Science Honor Society:	68
Tri-M Music Society:	12
World Language Honor Societies:	71
French:	18
Italian:	3
Latin:	6
Spanish:	44

\* National Merit numbers are lower due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

## 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 2021 Community Service Awards Achieved \*:

Citizenship Award (25-49 hours per school year):	10
National Award (50-99 hours per school year):	1
Presidential Award (100+ hours per school year):	6

\* The Class of 2021 Community Service Awards hours are lower than average due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

## Other Distinctions

5 students earned the NYS Seal of Biliteracy

95% of special education students attained Regents/Advanced Regents Diplomas

17 out of 19 varsity teams named New York State Scholar Athlete Teams with team GPA average of 90 or better

Two seniors named Journal News Scholar Athlete of the Week

# Class of 2021 College Acceptances

64% acceptance rate of 1,497 college applications submitted by 183 seniors:

Adelphi University	Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising-San Francisco	University of Michigan	St John's University
The University of Alabama	Fashion Institute of Technology	Middlebury College	St. Thomas Aquinas College
Alfred University	Florida Atlantic University	University of Mississippi	Stevens Institute of Technology
American University	Florida State University	Monmouth University	Stonehill College
Arizona State University	University of Florida	Montclair State University	Stony Brook University
The University of Arizona	Fordham University	Mount Saint Mary College	SUNY at Albany
Barnard College	George Washington University	College of Mount St. Vincent	SUNY at Binghamton
Bernard M. Baruch College	Gordon College	Muhlenberg College	SUNY College of Technology at Alfred
Bentley University	Grove City College	Nazareth College	SUNY College at Brockport
Bloomsburg University	Gwynedd Mercy University	University of Nevada-Las Vegas	SUNY Cortland
Boston College	University of Hartford	University of New Hampshire	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Hartwick College	New Jersey Institute of Technology	SUNY College at Geneseo
Boston University	High Point University	The College of New Jersey	SUNY Morrisville
Brooklyn College	Hilbert College	New York Institute of Technology	SUNY New Paltz
Bucknell University	Hunter College	New York University	SUNY Oneonta
University of California: Davis, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara & Santa Cruz	Indiana University	Niagara University	SUNY College at Potsdam
Canisius College	Iona College	University of North Carolina: Charlotte, Greensboro & Wilmington	SUNY Maritime College
Catholic University of America	Ithaca College	Northeastern University	SUNY College at Oswego
University of Central Florida	James Madison University	Pace University: New York City & Westchester	SUNY College at Plattsburgh
College of Charleston	John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Pennsylvania State University: Happy Valley & Harrisburg	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Christopher Newport University	Kean University	Pepperdine University	Susquehanna University
City College	Keuka College	University of Pittsburgh	Syracuse University
Clarkson University	Knox College	Plymouth State University	The University of Tampa
Clemson University	Le Moyne College	Point Park University	Temple University
Coastal Carolina University	Lehigh University	Providence College	The University of Tennessee
The College of Saint Rose	CUNY Lehman College	SUNY at Purchase College	The New School
University of Colorado	Liberty University	Purdue University	Ohio State University
Colorado College	LIM College	Queens College	Towson University
Columbia College	LIU Brooklyn	Quinnipiac University	Tulane University
University of Connecticut	Long Island University	Ramapo College	University at Buffalo
Cornell University	Loyola Marymount University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Utah
City University of New York	Loyola University Chicago	University of Rhode Island	Utica College
D'Youville College	Loyola University Maryland	Rider University	University of Vermont
University of Delaware	University of Maine	Rochester Institute of Technology	Villanova University
Dominican College	Make-up Designory	Rockland Community College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Drexel University	Manhattan College	Rutgers University	University of Virginia
University College Dublin	Manhattanville College	Sacred Heart University	Waynesburg University
East Carolina University	Marist College	Saint Joseph's University	West Chester University
East Stroudsburg University	University of Maryland	San Diego State University	Western Connecticut State University
Elmira College	Marymount Manhattan College	University of Scranton	Western Michigan University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Marywood University	Shenandoah University	Western New England University
Emerson College	University of Massachusetts: Amherst & Boston	Siena College	William Paterson University
Emmanuel College	Mercy College	University of South Carolina	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Fairfield University	Messiah University	Springfield College	
Fairleigh Dickinson University: Florham & Metropolitan	Miami University-Oxford		
	University of Miami		
	Michigan State University		

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