PCHS AT A GLANCE - Palisades Charter High School is a financially independent comprehensive four-year public high school. In 1993 a Charter was approved by the Los Angeles Unified School District and the California State Department of Education, which specified accountability for higher levels of student achievement. In 2003, all school stakeholder groups unanimously supported the transition to financial independence and accountability. Palisades Charter High School is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation governed by an elected Board of Trustees, and is a California Distinguished School.

Palisades Charter High School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) until 2024. The school year includes two semesters of 20 weeks each. Periods 1 through 6 meet every other day for approximately 100 minutes each. Periods 0 and 7 are optional and meet daily for 55 minutes. These periods are used for students who would like to take additional electives such as; AP Computer Science Principles, language courses, drama and orchestra courses.

CURRICULUM

AP Courses offered:
- Art – Drawing
- Art – 2D & 3D
- Biology
- Calculus AB & BC
- Chemistry
- Comp Principles
- Computer Science
- English Language
- Environmental Science
- European History
- *French Language
- Government & Politics US
- Italian Language
- Music Theory
- Physics (E&M/M)
- Statistics
- *Spanish Language
- US History
- World History
- *Art History

UC-Approved Honors Level Courses offered:
- American Literature
- Spanish 3
- Contemporary Comp
- Physics
- Physiology
- CCC War Lit
- Neuroscience
- African American Lit
- Math Analysis
- U.S. History
- Chemistry
- French 4
- California Literature
- Chicano/a Lit
- Anatomy
- Environmental Science

Other Honors Level Courses offered:
- English 10
- World History
- Biology
- Adv. Composition
- Economics
- World Literature
- Marine Biology
- French 3
- Spanish for Native Speakers 2
- Principles of American Democracy
- Algebra 2
- Geometry
- Spanish 2

STUDENT BODY

Total Enrollment: 3000 Students
Graduation Rate: 98.9%
Geographic Diversity: 113 ZIP Codes

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Students earn elective credits for college eligibility by completing additional math, science, and foreign language courses. Students are required to take 5 credits of Computer Science. Students must complete ten hours of community service per year.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Total credits required: 230 (5 credits = 1 semester class)

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<td>Electives</td>
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**Class of 2019 GPA/CLASS RANK** - Preliminary rank is calculated on a 4.0 scale based on all grades earned in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades. If classes are repeated, both grades are included. Only AP grades are weighted in computing GPA (unweighted GPA is augmented .025 point per AP per semester). Final rank is calculated on 9th, 10th, 11th and first semester 12th grades. The grading system is A-B-C-D-F; D is a passing grade for high school graduation purposes. Courses completed outside of Palisades Charter High School are included on the transcript only if the course or the credits are required for graduation.

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**TEST SCORES**

In May 2019, 2225 AP exams were administered in 24 subjects, with 27% of the students scoring 5, 28% scoring 4, and 26% scoring 3, for an overall pass rate of 81%. Pass rates for AP courses:

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<td>Chemistry</td>
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<td>Computer Sci</td>
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**Class of 2019**

- 4 National Merit Finalists
- 5 National Hispanic Recognition Program Participants
- 24 NMSQT Commended Students

**Class of 2018**

- 3 National Merit Finalists
- 1 National Merit Scholar
- 17 NMSQT Commended Students
- 2 National Hispanic Recognition Program Participants

**Mean SAT (2018)**

- EWR: 591
- Math: 588
- Total: 1179

**Mean ACT (2018)**

- Composite: 26.5

**IMPORTANT TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION**

The GPA reported on a transcript is listed as “Unweighted GPA (w/ Bonus Points);” please see GPA/CLASS RANK description above. Our GPA and rank calculation process is unchanged from previous years.
2019 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

Palisades Charter High graduates of 2017 to 2019 enrolled in the following colleges and universities:
University of California – all campuses; California State University – 16 of 23 campuses

- Alabama State Univ
- AMDA
- American Univ
- American U of Paris
- U of Arizona
- Arizona State
- Auburn Univ
- Azusa Pacific U
- Babson College
- Bard College
- Barnard College
- Bates College
- Belmont Univ
- Berklee Col of Music
- Berlin U of the Arts
- Boston University
- Bucknell University
- Butler University
- Cal Lutheran Univ
- Cal Poly SLO
- Calvin College
- Carnegie Mellon U
- Chapman University
- Clark Atlanta Univ
- U of CO Boulder
- College of Idaho
- Colorado College
- CO School of Mines
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Columbia Col Chicago
- Dartmouth College
- Univ of Denver
- DePaul University
- Dickinson College
- Durham University
- Eastern Michigan Univ
- University of
- Edinburgh
- Emerson College
- Emory Univ
- The Evergreen State
- Fordham University
- George Washington U
- Georgia Tech
- Gonzaga University
- Harvard University
- Hobart & William
- Smith
- Howard University
- U of Hawaii Manoa
- University of Illinois
- Indiana University
- University of Iowa
- Jackson State
- University
- Johns Hopkins Univ
- Kalamazoo College
- Kenyon College
- University of Kentucky
- Lewis & Clark
- Loyola Marymount U
- Loyola Chicago
- Manhattan S, of Music
- U Mass Amherst
- Marist College
- Miami Univ
- U of Michigan
- Middlebury College
- Mt. Holyoke College
- Mt. St. Mary’s Univ
- U of Montana
- Morehouse College
- UNLV & UNR
- New York University
- U of Notre Dame
- Northern Arizona U
- Northeastern Univ
- Northwestern Univ
- Occidental College
- Ohio Wesleyan Univ
- University of Oregon
- Oregon State
- Pitzer College
- Point Loma Nazarene
- Prairie View A&M Univ
- Pratt Institute
- Princeton University
- U of Puget Sound
- Purdue University
- RISD
- SAI Chicago
- Santa Clara University
- Sarah Lawrence
- Seton Hall University
- Soka Univ
- Sophia University
- Southern Methodist U
- Southern Utah Univ
- Spelman College
- Stanford University
- Stony Brook University
- Suffolk University
- Syracuse
- ... and others