

2020



Paramus High School School Profile

CEEB CODE: 311073

Administration

Sean Adams, Superintendent
Raymond J. Kiem, Principal
Alicia Angione, Asst. Principal
Thomas Montouri, Asst. Principal

School Counseling

Tiffany M. Goodson, Supervisor
Shannon Moran, Lead
Joseph Gencarelli
Nicole Ives
Daura Schucker
Ashwini Reddy
Sandra Vanderzee

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of 120 credits and meet Graduation Assessment Requirements set by the NJDOE. Required courses:

4 years of English Language Arts
3 years of Mathematics
3 years of Science
3 years of Social Studies
1 year of World Language
4 years of Phys. Ed./Health
1 year of Fine/Performing Arts
1 year of 21st c. Life & Careers
½ year of Financial Literacy

The Community

The Paramus School District is a suburban, residential community located in Bergen County. At the time of the 2010 United States Census, there were approximately 26,000 people residing in the borough. The racial makeup of the borough was 72.29% White, 1.42% Black or African American, 0.11% Native American, 22.28% Asian, 0.05% Pacific Islander, 1.39% from other races, and 2.47% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latinos of any race were 7.26% of the population. Paramus is located approximately 15-20 miles northwest of Midtown Manhattan and 8 miles west of Upper Manhattan. New Jersey Monthly magazine ranked Paramus as the 26th best place to live in its 2015 rankings of the "Best Places to Live" in New Jersey.

The School

Paramus High School is a comprehensive high school of approximately 1200 students that offers a wide range of courses designed to meet the diverse needs of our student body. Programs range from small remedial classes to competitive Advanced Placement classes in all disciplines. 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.

Activities & Athletics

The high school's comprehensive program is further enhanced by a co-curricular program that includes 44 interscholastic athletic programs and over 60 clubs and activities. For the twelfth consecutive year, Paramus was named one of the "Best Communities for Music Education in America" and was designated as a model school for arts education in the state of New Jersey, ranking in the top 10%.



Curriculum Highlights

The instructional program at Paramus High School provides a wide variety of academic opportunities in order to meet the common and individual needs of our students, with rigorous standards encouraged and pursued. Our strong elective program, with over 100 courses, is supplemented with online, virtual courses

Dual Enrollment

Paramus High School has developed several college partnerships, providing students with opportunities to earn college credit while still in high school. Current partnerships include: Syracuse University, Seton Hall University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Kean University, Berkeley College and Bergen Community College.

Advanced Placement Courses

Paramus High School offers twenty-six (26) AP courses. Fulfillment of entrance criteria and teacher recommendation are required for enrollment in an AP course. An appeals process allows students who do not meet the criteria to be considered for placement.

AP English Lang & Composition	AP Span Lang & Culture	AP Biology
AP English Lit & Composition	AP Calculus AB	AP Chemistry
AP United States History I	AP Calculus BC	AP Environmental Science
AP United States History II	AP Statistics	AP Macro/Microeconomics
AP European History*	AP Computer Science A	AP Art History
AP Government & Politics	AP Comp Sci Principles	AP Photography
AP Psychology	AP Physics 1	AP Studio Art
AP German Language & Culture	AP Physics 2	AP Music Theory
AP Italian Language & Culture	AP Physics C*	

Grading

Paramus High School's academic year is divided into two semesters with official grades reported in early February for semester one courses and late June for semester two and full-year courses. The GPA is calculated on a weighted 4.0 scale with an extra .75 for all Honors courses and an extra 1.5 for all Advanced Placement courses. Final grades are determined according to the following formula: Full-year courses - Each marking period = 22.5%; final exam = 10%. Semester courses – Each marking period = 45%; final exam = 10%.

Grade	QPs	Honors	AP	Grade	QPs	Honors	AP
A+ = 97-100	4.33	5.08	5.83	C+ = 77-79	2.33	3.08	3.83
A = 93-96	4.00	4.75	5.50	C = 73-76	2.00	2.75	3.50
A- = 90-92	3.66	4.41	5.16	C- = 70-72	1.66	2.41	3.16
B+ = 87-89	3.33	4.08	4.83	D+ = 67-69	1.33	2.08	2.83
B = 83-86	3.00	3.75	4.50	D = 65-66	1.00	1.75	2.50
B- = 80-82	2.66	3.41	4.16	<i>*PHS does not report rank. 7th SEM rank determines Vaedictorian.</i>			

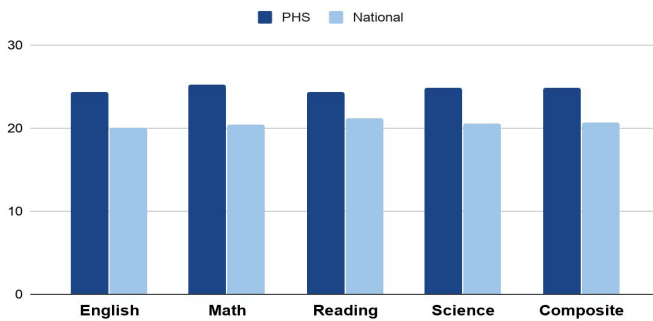


Class of 2020 Data Highlights

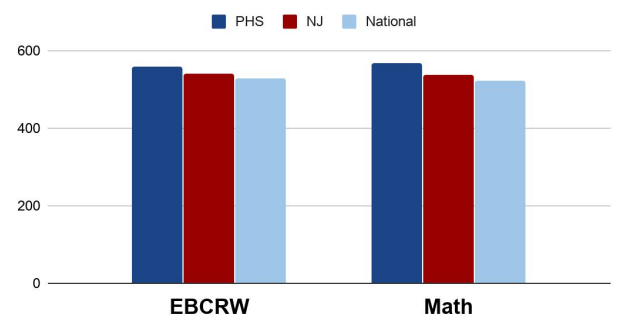
Average ACT Scores (2020)					
	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
PHS	<u>24.3</u>	<u>25.2</u>	<u>24.4</u>	<u>24.8</u>	<u>24.8</u>
NJ	--	--	--	--	--
National	20.1	20.4	21.2	20.6	20.7

Average SAT Scores (2020)		
	EBCRW	Math
PHS	<u>559</u>	<u>570</u>
NJ	541	540
National	528	523

2020 ACT Score Averages



2020 SAT Score Averages



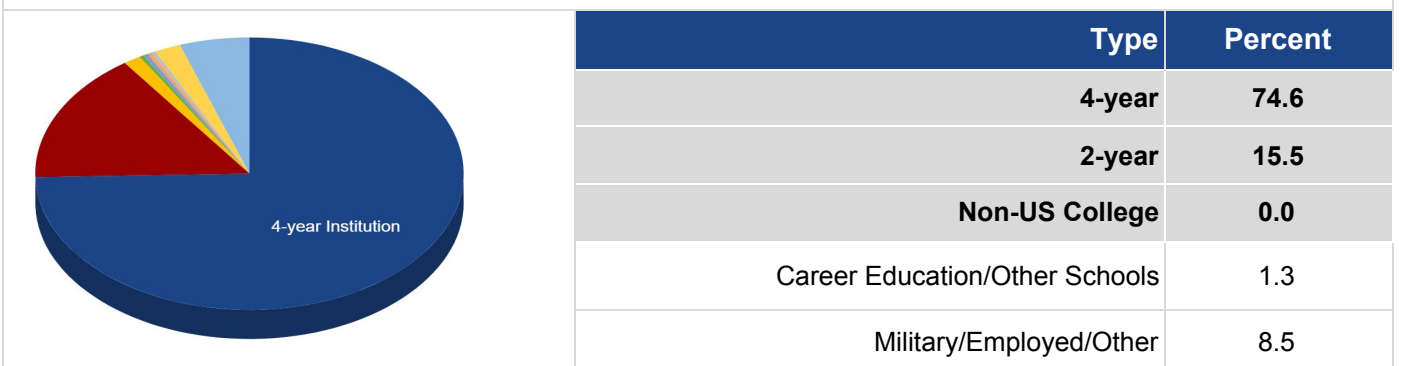
AP Exam Scores (May 2020)

All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam to fulfill curricular requirements. Exceptions made for the 2020 exams due to distance learning.

Total Exams Taken	301
% Scoring 3 or higher	82.1%

Post-Secondary Outcome Summary

Class of 2020: Approximately 90.1 % have pursued higher education.





Class of 2020 College Matriculation

Andrews University	Ramapo College of New Jersey
Babson College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Bergen Community College	Rider University
Berklee College of Music	Ringling College of Art and Design
Boston University	Rochester Institute of Technology
College of Charleston	Rowan University
Columbia University in the City of New York	Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Community College of Rhode Island	Rutgers University-Newark
Cornell University	Sacred Heart University
Culinary Institute of America	Savannah College of Art and Design
Dominican College	Seton Hall University
Drexel University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Emerson College	Stockton University
Fairleigh Dickinson University - Florham Campus	Susquehanna University
Fairleigh Dickinson University - Metropolitan Campus	Syracuse University
Felician University	Temple University
Florida State University	The College of New Jersey
Fordham University	The College of Saint Rose
Franklin and Marshall College	The New School - All Divisions
George Washington University	The University of Alabama
Hofstra University	The University of Tampa
James Madison University	United States Naval Academy
Johnson & Wales University, Providence	University of Colorado Boulder
Kean University	University of Connecticut
Lehigh University	University of Delaware
LIM College	University of Maryland-College Park
Lynn University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Marist College	University of New England
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	University of New Haven
Mercy College	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Monmouth University	University of Pennsylvania
Montclair State University	University of Rhode Island
New Jersey Institute of Technology	Villanova University
New York University	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Northeastern University	West Virginia University
Pace University-New York	William Paterson University of New Jersey
Pennsylvania State University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Point Park University	York College of Pennsylvania
Quinnipiac University	