

PORTOLA HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE
2019-2020

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ADMINISTRATION & COUNSELING

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Laura Andalon, Registrar

LEARNERS

1895 Total Learners
2018-2019: Grades 9-11
2019-2020: Grades 9-12

African American, 2%
Asian, 56%
Caucasian, 21%
Filipino/Pacific Islander, 3%
Hispanic, 8%
Multi-Ethnic/Other, 10%
Limited English Proficient, 10%
Free/Reduced Lunch, 19%

SCHEDULING

Learners attend 6 to 8 courses three times a week through two rotating block days plus one full day. Learners are limited to six courses per semester with an exception of those participating in Performing Arts, Athletics, Leadership, Newspaper Courses, Medicine, Video Production Courses, and Yearbook.

CORE CURRICULUM

Learners in grades 9 and 10 are enrolled in the following six courses: Literature & Language Arts, Integrated Math and Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education, and either a World Language, Visual and Performing Arts, or another elective course. The majority of classes are offered at the College Preparatory level and A-G approved.

GRADING SCALE

Learners are awarded 5 credits for a passing grade in each semester. The minimum passing grade for each course is a D-.

Grade points are awarded as follows: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1

Weighted grade points are awarded as follows: A=5, B=4, C=3, D=1

RANKING

The Irvine Unified School District prohibits the numerical ranking of students. PHS will provide percentile range ranking when requested by universities and scholarship organizations.

Class of 2020
First Graduating Class
429 Learners

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

11th & 12th grade learners who meet course prerequisites may enroll in any of the 25 AP and 12 Honors courses listed below.

AP 2D Art & Design+
AP 3D Art & Design+
AP Art History
AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Chinese Language & Culture
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Drawing- Studio Art+
AP English Language & Composition+
AP English Literature & Composition+
AP Environmental Science

AP French Language & Culture
AP Human Geography*
AP Macroeconomics
AP Music Theory
AP Physics I
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism+
AP Physics C: Mechanics+
AP Psychology
AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Statistics
AP US History
AP World History

*Denotes 10th grade options only
+Denotes 12th grade options only

WEIGHTED HONORS

Enhanced Math III
Honors American History*
Honors Art of Storytelling
Honors Asian & Asian-American Literature
Honors Contemporary Issues
Honors Disney Through the Decades
Honors Exploring Hopes & Fears
Honors Greek Literature
Honors Passion Civics+
Honors Pre-Calculus
Honors Religion & Society
Honors Spanish 4

2019 ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM DATA

A total of 347 students at Portola High School participated in 861 separate exams for 29 AP Courses.

The following AP Exams were courses taught at Portola High School during the 2018-2019 school year. These exams were open to any student in 10th or 11th grade. 9th-grade students were permitted to take any AP exam if they were enrolled in the course or approved by the Irvine Unified School District Gate office based on prior knowledge and preparation.

AP Exams- May 2019			
Exam	# Taken	# Passed	% Passed
All Exams	656	585	89%
Biology	89	78	88%
Calculus AB	20	20	100%
Calculus BC	67	66	99%
Computer Science Principles	57	56	98%
Drawing- Studio Art	9	9	100%
Human Geography	85	73	86%
Physics 1	161	122	76%
Spanish Language & Culture	19	18	95%
Statistics	32	31	97%
United States History	82	78	95%
World History	35	34	97%

SAT

Class of 2020
272 Students
63.4% Participation

Math: 632
Reading/Writing: 681
Composite: 1313

ACT

Class of 2020
94 Students
21.9% Participation

English: 30
Math: 30
Reading: 29
Science: 28
Composite: 29

NATIONAL MERIT

Class of 2020
Commended Scholars
62

Class of 2020
Semi-Finalists
15

SAT SUBJECT TEST

Test*	# Tests	Average	Test*	# Tests	Average
Biology E	22	671	Math Level II	133	752
Biology M	30	691	Physics	39	713
Chemistry	15	697	Spanish w/ Listening	1	770
Chinese w/ Listening	58	776	Spanish (Reading)	1	790
Korean w/ Listening	20	783	US History	47	685
Japanese w/ Listening	2	615	World History	10	638
English Literature	14	686	* Class of 2020 SAT Subject Tests Only		

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service is not required for graduation. However, students who complete 25 hours or more of voluntary community service during the school year are eligible to receive a notation on the transcript.