



PACIFIC GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile 2009-2010

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Home of the Breakers

Pacific Grove is located on the beautiful Monterey Peninsula. It covers an area of 2.86 square miles and has a population of approximately 17,200. The economy is primarily related to tourism and local services. The beautiful Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds are located in Pacific Grove, and the popular Monterey Bay Aquarium is partially within the city. There is some commercial development, but very little industrial activity.

Pacific Grove High School was founded in 1898 and graduated its first senior class in June of 1899. It is a comprehensive high school for grades 9 – 12. Our current enrollment for the 2009 – 2010 school year is 131 seniors, 147 juniors, 152 sophomores and 151 freshmen. There are 47 certificated staff, all of whom have a BA or BS. In order to attend Pacific Grove Schools, students' parents/guardians must reside within the boundaries of Pacific Grove or the area of Pebble Beach serviced by the District.

Graduation Requirements: 230 credits

English – 4 years, 40 credits

Social Science – 4 years, 40 credits: 10 credits of Geography or Honors Social Studies; 10 credits of World History; 10 credits of U.S. History and 10 credits of Government & Economics

Science – 2 years, 20 credits: 10 credits of life science; 10 credits of physical science

Mathematics – 2 years, 20 credits: must include Algebra 1

Physical Education – 2 years, 20 credits

Fine Arts or Foreign Language – 1 year, 10 credits

Vocational Education or one additional college prep elective – 1 year, 10 credits

Health/Computers – 1 year, 10 credits

Electives – 60 credits

Beginning with the Class of 2006, all students must pass the High School Exit Exam to receive a diploma. Beginning with the class of 2012 all students must complete 48 hours of community service prior to graduation.

Advanced Placement Courses

AP English Literature, AP Spanish, AP World History, AP U.S. History, AP American Government and Economics, AP Psychology, AP Biology, AP Calculus, and AP Statistics.

Credits

Five credits are granted for successful completion of each semester of a course. Students are normally enrolled in six classes with the option of a seventh early morning class.

Class Rank

Rank is calculated at the end of each semester grading period using the weighted grade point average of all marks received in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Grading

Grade A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0. Grades are weighted.

Programs

ROP – Career-related courses, for students over 16 years old, in catering/foods, photography, digital imaging, industrial drafting, woodshop, media productions, hospitality, sports medicine, yearbook, first responder, and intro to police/firefighter.

Testing

Post-Graduate Placements, Class of 2009

Total College -

4 – Year College 45.5%

2 – Year College 44%

Work/Other – 10.5%

ACT Composite Score	
PGHS	26.1
State	22.2

SAT Mean Scores 2008 – 2009		
	PGHS	CA
Critical Read	549	500
Math	549	513
Writing	545	498

SAT II Subject Tests			
	Mean Score		Mean Score
Literature	610	Math Level 2	614
US History	643		
Biology	678		

National Merit Scholarships

5 Commended Students

College Preparatory Curriculum (corresponds to UC approved list)*English*

English 1, 2, 3, 4, English 1(H), 2(H), 3(H), AP English Lit

Social Studies

World Geography, World History, (H) World History, AP World History, U.S. History, AP U.S. History, Government/Civics, AP Government.

Mathematics

Algebra 1, 2, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, Geometry, AP Statistics.

Science

Anatomy/Physiology, Biology, AP Biology, Chemistry, (H) Chemistry, Physics.

Language Other than English

French 1, 2, 3, 4, Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, AP Spanish.

Visual & Performing Arts

Beginning Photography, Adv. Photography, Drama 1, Introduction to Art, Art Workshop, Jazz Ensemble, Marching/Concert Band, String Orchestra.

UC Approved Electives

AP Psychology, Earth & Space Systems, Economics, Marine Science, Social Studies (H).