



PENINSULA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2021-22 Academic Profile

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OUR SCHOOL

Founded in 1903, Peninsula Catholic High School is a co-educational college preparatory school for grades 8-12 located in mid-town Newport News. Students travel from the Peninsula, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Smithfield, and surrounding communities. The school is governed by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

OUR MISSION

Our community develops young men and women into spiritually, intellectually and morally mature citizens, prepared to lead in a global and diverse society, by providing a supportive and disciplined college preparatory environment rooted in the Catholic tradition.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

The school has 36 certified professional staff, 86% of whom have a Master's Degree or higher. The student to faculty ratio is 10: 1 and the average class size is 15.4.

The school has 282 students in grades 8 – 12.

There are 63 students in the Senior class.

MARKING PERIODS

Classes are structured on a four by four, semester block schedule. The schedule consists of four classes per semester, with final exams in January and May-June. A letter grade of "D" or higher is awarded one credit at each term. A grade of "C" or above is a college recommending mark.

STATEMENT ON CLASS RANK

Peninsula Catholic does not rank students other than recognizing a Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

As part of a fully integrated Christian education curriculum, Peninsula Catholic expects each student to complete at least 15 hours of service independent of class service projects or club-related service each year.

ACCREDITATION

Peninsula Catholic is accredited by AdvancEd.

THE CLASS OF 2021 AT A GLANCE

Last year, our 56 graduates earned:

- A 3.66 average GPA
- \$2,973,520 in scholarships, grants and awards
- 444 college credits through Dual Enrollment classes
 - 4-year colleges – 92% (49 graduates)
 - 2-year colleges – 8% (4 graduates)
 - In-state – 66% (35 graduates)
 - Out-of-state – 34% (18 graduates)
 - Public institutions – 75% (40 graduates)
 - Private institutions – 25% (13 graduates)

Over their four years of high school, the Class of 2021 performed over 6,700 hours of service to the community.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

In 2021, 134 Advanced Placement exams were administered to 87 students. 58 percent of exams resulted in scores of three or higher.

SAT	<u>PCHS</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>National</u>
EBRW	571	584	532
Math	556	567	528
Total	1127	1151	1060

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INSTRUCTION

In 2020-21, students had the option to attend either in-person or online instruction, and the school operated under a normal schedule for the duration of the year. Daily synchronous online learning was implemented to complete the 2019-20 school year. Course content, assignments, and final grades were not significantly altered despite the online setting.

GRADING SCALE

Grading Scale	Regular	Honors	AP /DE
A+ 97-100	4.3	4.8	5.3
A 93-96	4.0	4.5	5.0
A- 90-92	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+ 87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B 83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B- 80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+ 77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C 73-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
C- 70-72	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+ 67-69	1.3	1.8	2.3
D 63-66	1.0	1.5	2.0
D- 60-62	0.7	1.2	1.7
F 0-59	0	0	0

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Peninsula Catholic High School offers a standard diploma (24 credits) and an advanced studies diploma (28 credits).

Subject	Standard Diploma	Advanced Diploma
English	4	4
Mathematics	3	4
Laboratory Science	3	4
History and Social Science	3	4
Physical Education /Health	2	2
Theology	4	4
World Language and/or	2	3 language +
Fine Art or Technology	(1 Art or Tech)	1 art
Elective	3	2
TOTAL	24	28

ADVANCED LEVEL CLASSES

PCHS is proud of our partnerships with Thomas Nelson Community. Qualified students are able to enroll in college courses taught on the PCHS campus and receive both high school and college credit.

Advanced placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment classes are weighted one point. Honors courses are weighted 0.5 points.

COURSE OFFERINGS FOR 2021-22

English:

English 9*, English 10*, English 11*, English 12*, DE American Literature, AP English Literature and Composition, DE Creative Writing

Math:

Algebra I*, Geometry*, Algebra II*, Algebra III/Trigonometry*, Statistics*, Honors Pre-Calculus, Honors Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Calculus

Natural Science:

Earth Science*, Conceptual Physics*, Biology*, Chemistry*, Honors Physics, AP Chemistry, DE Biology, DE Anatomy, Engineering for Us All

Physical Education:

Physical Education 9/Health 1/First Aid, Physical Education 10/Health 2/Driver Education

Social Studies:

AP European History, AP Human Geography, AP U.S. Government, AP U.S. History, U.S. Government*, U.S. History*, World History I*, World History II*

Theology:

Theology 9, Theology 10, Theology 11*, Theology Capstone*, Introduction to Catholic Culture

World Language:

Spanish I*, Spanish II*, Spanish III*, Honors Spanish IV, Latin I*, Latin II*, Latin III*

Arts & Electives:

AP Computer Science Principles, AP Microeconomics, Art I, Art II, Art III, Band, Business, Economics & Personal Finance, Media Production, Music Theory, Photography, Psychology, Public Speaking, Speech & Debate, Sports Management, Strength Training, Technical Theatre, Theatre I, World Religions,

**Also offered as Honors course*