



## Built on Tradition – Cultivated Through Excellence

### MISSION

Paramus Public Schools, built on a tradition of excellence and innovation, in partnership with its community, empowers students to succeed as global citizens who add value to the world.

### THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY

Paramus High School is a comprehensive public high school of approximately 1200 students in grades nine through twelve located in a suburban, residential community in Bergen County, about eight miles west of Upper Manhattan. The racial makeup of the borough is approximately 66% White, 29% Asian, 3% Black or African American, >1% from other races, and 2% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latinos of any race are approximately 11% of the population. 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 ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Designed to motivate and challenge all students, the academic program at Paramus High School is driven by equity and the highest possible learning expectations for students. During their high school career, students have access to an impressive range of course offerings and programs mindfully selected to provide our students with every advantage through the New Jersey public school system. We are committed to ensuring our students have the education they need to succeed after graduation and the opportunity to enjoy the high school experience. All learning experiences are academically rigorous and intended to prepare students for success in college, career, and citizenship.

### 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 using the following formula: Full-year courses - each marking period = 22.5% and final exam = 10%; Semester courses – each marking period = 45% and final exam = 10%.

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

### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The high school's comprehensive program is further enhanced by a co-curriculum 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%.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Paramus High School offers twenty-seven (27) 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.

English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History I, U.S. History II, European History, U.S. Government & Politics, Psychology, German Language & Composition, Italian Language & Composition, Spanish Language & Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Macro/Microeconomics, Art History, Photography, Studio Art: 2-D/3-D Art & Design, Music Theory

## 2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

### Paramus High School

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### Enrollment

Approx. 1200 Students

### Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of 120 credits and meet Graduation Assessment Requirements set forth by the NJ Dept. of Education.

4 years of English Lang. Arts  
3 years of Mathematics  
3 years of Science  
3 years of Social Studies  
1 years of World Language  
4 years of Phys. Ed/Health  
1 year of Fine/Perf. Arts  
1 year of 21<sup>st</sup> C Life/Careers  
½ year of Financial Literacy

### National Merit Scholarship Program

2 Finalists  
14 Commended Students

AP Scores

2023-24 (All Grades)

786 Total Exams  
332 AP Students Tested  
  
72% earned 3 or higher  
  
125 AP Scholars

SAT Test Scores

2023-24

Average Scores

ERW: 587  
Math: 588

ACT Test Scores

2023-24

Average Scores

Composite: 23.7  
Math: 23.4  
Science: 24  
English: 23.2  
Reading: 23.6

Post-Secondary Outcomes

Class of 2024

76% Four-year college  
8% Two-year college  
2% Non-US college  
3% Career/Technical school  
11% Other

Bard College	Moravian University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Barnard College	Mount Saint Mary College	Stockton University
Bergen Community College	Muhlenberg College	SUNY at Albany
Boston College	New Jersey Institute of Technology	SUNY at New Paltz
Carnegie Mellon University	New York University	Syracuse University
Davidson College	Northeastern University	The College of New Jersey
Duke University	Nova Southeastern University	The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
Fairfield University	Pace University (New York City)	The University of Tampa
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Florham)	Pace University (Westchester)	The University of Texas at Austin
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Metropolitan Campus)	Parsons School of Design at The New School	Union College of Union County, NJ
Felician University	Penn State University (University Park)	University of Connecticut
Florida State University	Pratt Institute	University of Delaware
Fordham University	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of Hartford
George Washington University	Quinnipiac University	University of Maryland (College Park)
Georgian Court University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Gettysburg College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of New Haven
Harvard University	Rowan University	University of Pennsylvania
Hofstra University	Rutgers University (New Brunswick)	University of Rhode Island
Ithaca College	Rutgers University (Newark)	University of Scranton
James Madison University	Sacred Heart University	University of Southern California
Kean University	Saint Anselm College	Vassar College
Long Island University (Post)	Seton Hall University	Villanova University
Manhattan College	St. John's University	Wesleyan University
Monmouth University	St. Thomas Aquinas College	William Paterson University of New Jersey
Montclair State University	Stanford University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute