

PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL

PROFILE 2020- 2021

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COMMUNITY

Known as the “City by the Bay,” Perth Amboy is made up of four and ½ square miles on the eastern border of Middlesex County. With a population of approximately 50,000 the town is a residential, blue-collar community situated on the Raritan Bay, approximately 30 miles southwest of Manhattan. Perth Amboy features a historic, recently revitalized waterfront area and a bustling downtown business district.

SCHOOL

Perth Amboy High School is accredited by the Department of Education of the State of New Jersey as a comprehensive high school. PAHS is also a member of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors and complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice. Additionally, we were recently named a Lighthouse District by the NJ Department of Education, effective July 2019 to July 2021.

PAHS is dedicated to becoming a model of secondary education in an urban setting. Its mission is to instill in its students good citizenship, civic responsibility, and a positive attitude toward learning, so they will become mature, productive, contributing members of society. PAHS aims to create a rigorous learning experience that encourages high expectations for success through developmentally-appropriate instruction that allows for individual differences in learning styles within an environment that is safe, orderly, caring and supportive. In fact, PAHS was named a 2019 National School of Character.

All students work through a nine-period day that allows them to fill their schedule with a variety of subjects. PAHS offers Advanced Placement Classes as well as progressive course sequences in such diverse studies as Automotive Science and Culinary Arts. It also runs a thriving Naval Junior ROTC program that annually serves as many as 150 students. In addition, students can choose from a variety of clubs and varsity sports that provide a wide array of extracurricular activities.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Perth Amboy High School offers a total of 17 A.P. courses in all major disciplines and the fine arts. For the May 2020 AP test administration our students took 358 tests, with 54% achieving a score of 3 or higher. All PAHS students that take an AP class are required to take the corresponding exam in May.



SEAL OF BILITERACY

As a leader in bilingual education, Perth Amboy High School proudly emphasizes not just English language acquisition, but true mastery in multiple languages. Among the PAHS graduating class of 2020, a total of **274** students earned the NJ Seal of Biliteracy in addition to their high school diplomas.

AP & HONORS LEVEL COURSES

AP COURSES

English Lit & Comp
English Lang & Comp
Calculus AB & BC
Comp Sci Principles
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Environmental Science
World History
US History
Psychology

US Government & Politics

Spanish Language
Spanish Literature
Studio Art 2D
Music Theory

HONORS COURSES

Algebra 1 Algebra 2
Geometry
Pre-Calculus Calculus
English 1, 2, 3, & 4
Biology Chemistry
Physics
US History 1 & 2
World History

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	YEARS	CREDITS
English/ESL	4	20
Health & Physical Education	4	16
Mathematics	3	15
Science	3	18
Social Studies	3	15
World Languages	2	10
Visual and Performing Arts	1	5
21st Century Life & Careers	1	5
Financial, Economic, and Entrepreneurial Literacy	0.5	2.5
Total number of required credits		130

GRADING SCALE, GPA, & CLASS RANK

Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Unweighted GPA Equivalent	Honors Weighting	AP Weighting
A+	98-100	4.3	4.8	5.3
A	94-97	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90-93	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	84-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80-83	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	74-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70-73	1.7	2.2	2.7
D	65-69	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	0-64	0	0	0

PAHS weights its honors and AP courses in the grading process in order to acknowledge the added rigor inherent to these classes. The grading scale on the left outlines our weighting scheme.

Class rank is based on the student's weighted GPA, which is calculated by multiplying the final average for a course by its credit value. These products are added and then divided by the number of credits attempted. All courses taken in grades nine through twelve are included in the GPA. When a student repeats a course because of a failure, both grades are recorded. All students are ranked with their own graduating class according to GPA. Students that transfer in must complete a minimum of 60 credits at PAHS in order to be ranked.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Recent graduates of Perth Amboy High School have been accepted by, and in many cases attend, the following institutions:

Albright College	Hunter College	Pace University	SUNY Cobleskill
Arcadia University	Indiana University	Pennsylvania State University	SUNY Plattsburgh
Averett University	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Princeton University	Syracuse University
Barry University	Iona College	Quinnipiac University	Temple University
Bloomfield College	John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Radford University	Texas Southern University
Boston College	Johnson & Wales University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	The College of New Jersey
Brown University	Kean University	Rhode Island College	The College of Saint Rose
Caldwell University	Kutztown University	Rider University	The College of St. Elizabeth
Castleton University	La Salle University	Rochester Institute of Technology	The Cooper Union
Centenary University	Lehigh University	Rowan University	The George Washington University
Chestnut Hill College	Long Island University	Rutgers University	Towson University
Clark University	Lycoming College	Sacred Heart University	University of Central Florida
College of St. Elizabeth	Marymount Manhattan College	Salem International University	University of Connecticut
College of Staten Island	McDaniel College	Sanford Brown Institute	University of Hartford
Coppin State University	Mercy College	School of Visual Arts	University of Maryland
Curry College	Middlesex County College	Seton Hall University	University of Miami
Drew University	Monmouth University	Siena College	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Drexel University	Montclair State University	Southern Illinois University	University of New Haven
Eastern University	Moravian College	Springfield College	University of Tampa
Elizabethtown College	Morgan State University	St. Cloud State University	Utica College
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Mount St. Mary's University	St. Francis University	Vaughn College
Fashion Institute of Technology	New England College	St. John's University	Virginia State University
Felician University	New Jersey City University	St. Peter's University	Virginia Tech
Florida Institute of Technology	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Stevens Institute of Technology	West Virginia University
Fordham University	New York Institute of Technology	Stevenson University	Western Connecticut State
Georgian Court University	New York University	Stockton University	Widener University
Goucher College	Norwich University	SUNY Albany	William Paterson University
Hofstra University	Nova Southeastern University	SUNY Buffalo	York College

Transcript note: Perth Amboy High School is comprised of three career-based academies.

Upon completion of freshman year, sophomores have the opportunity to enter into one of three available programs at the high school's Main Campus. Students are encouraged whenever possible to take rigorous Honors and AP courses, while meeting their graduation requirement for the State of New Jersey as well as completing electives in the following themed academies.

1. **Comprehensive High School** - provides a rigorous college preparatory curriculum across all subject areas providing students a wide range of choices in electives and course offerings. Students in the Comprehensive High School have the flexibility to take courses across all disciplines while fulfilling the requirements for graduation. Available electives include, but are not limited to: Auto Shop, Culinary Arts, Psychology, Mythology/Science Fiction, Contemporary World Issues, Tomorrow's Teachers, Robotics, AVID and Naval Science.
2. **Communications Academy** - develop students' skills to clearly communicate in college and career situations across varied major course of studies and careers in many industries. The academy builds upon the students' interest in broadcasting and journalism, design and visual arts, audio/video production, and international and community relations to better prepare them for their post-secondary education. Students will learn through participation in project-based courses and relevant experiences in the communications field. Available electives include: Intro to Communications, Foundations of Production and Design, Journalism, International Diplomacy, Visual Design, Video Production, Advanced Visual Design, Advanced Video Production, Designing Media for the Global World. All seniors in the program will enroll in a Senior Capstone course (This program's first senior class will be the Class of 2021)
3. **Health Sciences Academy** – students will get an introduction to the many careers in the health and medical industry. Students will learn skills that will put them on the path to further study in 2-year or 4-year college programs or employment in the medical field after graduating from high school. Students in this Academy will be able to choose between the Medical Sciences Track and the Sports Medicine & Health Services Track. Available electives include: Dynamics of Healthcare, Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2, Functional Anatomy and Physiology, Public Health and Sports Medicine (This program's first senior class will be the Class of 2022)