



# Piedmont Classical High School

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*Piedmont Classical High School, by providing a rigorous, traditional education, will graduate productive citizens prepared to succeed in any endeavor.*

Piedmont Classical High School (PCHS) is a public charter school founded in 2015, currently serving grades 9-12. Piedmont Classical High School is located in Greensboro, NC, a city of about 230,000, but Piedmont Classical enrolls students from Guilford, Rockingham, Randolph, Forsyth, Alamance, and Davidson counties. Piedmont Classical students are both racially and economically diverse. As a charter school, Piedmont Classical High School is accountable to and accredited by North Carolina State Department of Instruction. The class of 2018 was PCHS's first graduating class.

## Enrollment (2018-2019)

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Total
121	135	116	69	441

## Graduation Requirements: 24 Credits

Subject	Credits	Notes
English	4	
Math	4	Minimum one course beyond Algebra II
Science	4	Biology, Earth Science, Physical Science + 4 <sup>th</sup> Science
Social Studies	4	World, Civics and Economics, American History + 4 <sup>th</sup> History
World Languages	3	1 must be Latin
Fine Art	1	Art I-IV, Photography, Drama, Band, or Chorus
Logic	1	Classical Model core curriculum
Rhetoric	1	Classical Model core curriculum
Health/PE	1	
Elective	1	

**Course Offerings:** Students can enroll in courses at the Standard, Honors, and AP Level. Teachers recommend students for the course level, but ultimately the families can waive the recommendation and enroll their student in upper-level courses. In the 2017-2018 academic year, PCHS offered eleven face-to-face AP Courses, with 71 students enrolled. Students can elect to supplement their studies by enrolling in North Carolina Virtual Public Schools (NCVPS) courses through PCHS; a total of 2 students enrolled in AP courses through NCVPS in order to take an AP Course not offered face-to-face at PCHS.

Students who are eligible can also dually enroll with Guilford Technical Community College. Electives can include additional core subject courses, any of the fine arts, Advanced PE, Yearbook, or Journalism.

**Classical Model:** Students are required to take at least one year of Latin as a part of our classical model. Sophomores are required to take a logic course, and all seniors take a rhetoric course that incorporates a senior graduation project.

**Course Credit:** Piedmont Classical High School operates on a modified block schedule. Students take seven courses four days a week (three days for 52 minutes, one day for 92 minutes) for the entire school year. Report cards are distributed at midterm and end of the year, with progress reports in between.

### Honors Courses

English I, II, III, IV  
 World History  
 Film History  
 Civics and Economics  
 American History I, II  
 Biology  
 Earth and Environmental Science  
 Chemistry  
 Physics  
 Geometry  
 Pre-Calculus  
 Spanish III  
 Latin III  
 Art III, IV

### AP Courses

English Language and Composition  
 English Literature and Composition  
 World History  
 United States History  
 Human Geography  
 Psychology  
 Biology  
 Environmental Science  
 Calculus AB  
 Statistics

**Grading System:** Numerical grades are assigned on a ten-point scale as indicated below, with the weights added to the GPA dependent on the level course in which the student is enrolled. Class rank is calculated at the end of each year using Piedmont Classical’s weighted GPA for the classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade	Standard	Honors	AP
90-100	A	4	5	6
80-89	B	3	4	5
70-79	C	2	3	4
60-69	D	1	2	3
59 and Below	F	0	0	0

For the classes of 2022 and beyond class rank is calculated based on the following weights:

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade	Standard	Honors	AP
90-100	A	4	4.5	5
80-89	B	3	3.5	4
70-79	C	2	2.5	3
60-69	D	1	1.5	2
59 and Below	F	0	0	0

**AP Exams:** All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP Exam.

AP Exams	Number of Students Tested	Total Exams Taken	PCHS Students scoring 3 or higher	NC Students Scoring 3 or Higher
2016-2017	53	94	37%	52%
2017-2018	71	191	45%	52%

ACT	Number of Seniors Tested in 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	PCHS Composite Score
2017	52	19.69
2018	91	18.9 with 73% scoring above the state benchmark

**ACT:** All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are given the ACT at PCHS.

**Service Diploma:** Students who earn at least 200 hours of voluntary service during high school are eligible for the Voluntary Service Diploma.

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