



# Patriot High School

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## 2025-2026 School Profile

Patriot High School is a comprehensive institution serving 1,965 students in a suburban area located approximately 45 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. Established in 2011 as the eleventh high school within Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS), Patriot offers several specialized programs, including Project Lead the Way (pre-engineering), Culinary, and Building Trades. The school's advanced academic curriculum emphasizes Advanced Placement (AP) courses through the AP Scholars program. All PWCS high schools maintain accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### Definition of Curriculum

PWCS offers a comprehensive menu of course options to help all students prepare for life after high school. Options are available with the potential to earn college credits through increased Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge, and dual enrollment (DE) offerings. Students have access to course work that may earn them industry certifications that can lead to gainful employment opportunities.

### Specialty Program Information:

**AP Capstone:** a challenging course focused on the research process.

**AP Scholars:** a program focused on honing critical thinking, analytical skills plus written, oral, and presentation abilities. Students may earn college credit for qualifying scores on AP exam.

**Building Trades:** a course of project-based instruction that prepares students for a career in the building trades industry.

**Culinary Arts:** a comprehensive program preparing students for careers or future education in the culinary field.

**Early Childhood Education:** a program providing education, field experiences and practical learning experiences working in the preschool at Patriot and in various age classrooms at T. Clay Wood Elementary.

**Project Lead the Way:** a program designed to expose students to university engineering courses at the high school level.

**Teachers for Tomorrow:** a curriculum featuring hands-on experience in education. It is designed for students who are interested in a career in education or a child-related field.

**Additional opportunities:** Gifted Education and Governor's School.

### PWCS Grading Scale

Grading Scale	1.0 Weighted	0.5 Weighted	Unweighted	
A	90-100	5.0 points	4.5 points	4.0 points
B+	87-89	4.4 points	3.9 points	3.4 points
B	80-86	4.0 points	3.5 points	3.0 points
C+	77-79	3.4 points	2.9 points	2.4 points
C	70-76	3.0 points	2.5 points	2.0 points
D+	67-69	1.4 points	1.4 points	1.4 points
D	60-66	1.0 point	1.0 point	1.0 point
F	below 60	0 points	0 points	0 points

### Profile of Class of 2025 Graduates

Advanced Studies Diploma	33 %
Standard Diploma	67 %
Applied Studies Diploma	1 %
Four Year College	59 %
Two Year College	26 %
Other Continuing Education	5 %
Military	4 %

### 2024-25 SAT Mean Scores

	Patriot	PWCS	Virginia	Nation
<b>ERW</b>	555	520	564	519
<b>Math</b>	533	489	537	505

*\* Scores for 2024-2025 are pending. \**

All students have the opportunity to select the SAT scores reported to colleges. The PWCS transcript lists only the highest combined scores from all test administrations.

## Grade Distribution 2024-25

A	B	C	D	F
49%	26%	15%	8%	2%

### Advanced Placement Program

Advanced Placement courses are taught in all PWCS high schools. These courses adhere to the stringent requirements prescribed by the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) and are awarded grade point values based upon a 5.0 scale. Courses designated advanced/accelerated are indicated by a plus (+) beside the course title on the student transcript.

### Advanced Placement Courses

AP Biology	AP English 10
AP Calculus AB	AP Human Geography
AP Calculus BC	AP Physics
AP Capstone	AP Physics C
AP Chemistry	AP Psychology
AP Comparative Government	AP Research
AP Computer Science A	AP Seminar
AP Computer Science Prin.	AP Spanish Language
AP Economics	AP Statistics
AP Environmental Science	AP Studio Art 2-D
AP French Language	AP US Government
AP Language & Composition	AP US History
AP Literature & Composition	AP World History
AP Music Theory	AP PreCalculus

### Dual Enrollment

Patriot High School partners with Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) to offer dual enrollment opportunities for students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously. These courses, indicated by "DE" in the course title, are taught within the high school day by Patriot High School faculty who are credentialed NOVA adjunct faculty.

### Dual Enrollment Courses

English College Comp 11	VA Teachers for Tomorrow
Early Child Education	Precalculus w/Trig for AB
Calculus	US/VA Government
Chemistry	US/VA History

### Class Percentile

All courses with Carnegie units of credit are used to compute GPA and percentile, shown on student transcripts. Starting with the class of 2022, PWCS reports class percentile instead of class rank. Courses are not evaluated on a pass/fail basis. Transcripts from other districts with pass/fail grades won't affect GPA and percentile unless a corresponding letter grade is provided. All students earning an Advanced Studies or Standard diploma are included in the senior class percentile.

### Seven Period A/B Schedule

PWCS follows a 7-period schedule wherein each student takes seven 92-minute classes. Under this schedule, students have the opportunity to earn seven credits per year.

## Graduation Requirements

Students entering 9th grade in 2018-2019 and beyond

VDOE Diploma Type:	Advanced Studies	Standard Diploma
Units of Credits	26 units	22 units
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	3
Science	4	3
Social Studies	4	3
Foreign Language	3 of 1 (or) 2 of 2	0
Health/Physical Education	2	2
Economics & Personal Finance	1	1
Fine Arts or CTE	1	1
Other Electives	* 2-3	*5

### Additional Requirements for Both Diplomas:

- Verified Credits\*\* 5
- CTE Credentialing Exam or One Advanced Course
- Virtual Course for Credit or Non-Credit
- CPR/First Aid/AED Training
- Courses to satisfy this requirement shall include at least two sequential electives.
- \*\* Students earn a verified credit when they pass the Standards of Learning End-Of-Course test administered in certain courses, in addition to passing the course. Students can take 11 tests during their high school tenure.

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