

# Patriot High School

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## 2022-2023 School Profile

Patriot is a comprehensive high school of 2041 students, located in a suburban community approximately 45 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. Patriot opened in 2011 making it the 11<sup>th</sup> high school in the Prince William County Public School Division. Patriot has several specialty programs, including Project Lead the Way (a pre-engineering program), Culinary, and Building Trades; our advanced academic focus is on AP classes through the AP Scholars program.

Patriot High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### Definition of Curriculum

The Prince William County Public School Division has a comprehensive course offering which ranges from remedial courses through Advanced Placement classes and courses leading to a Standard or Advanced Studies diploma.

A full range of vocational courses is also offered which, in combination with the academic offerings, allow students to prepare for college entrance, to enter the job market upon graduation, or to enroll in post high school training in various fields.

### Patriot 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 exams.

**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.

### Grade Distribution 2022-2023

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

### Grading Scale Effective September 2009

	1.0 Weighted	.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 2023 Graduates

Total Graduates	621
Advanced Studies Diploma	59%
Standard Diploma	40%
Applied Studies/Modified Diploma	1%
Four Year College	60%
Two Year College	31%
Other	4%
Military	1%

### 2022-2023 SAT Mean Scores

	Patriot	Prince William	Virginia	Nation
ERW	575	559	572	529
Math	552	534	552	538

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

## Advanced Placement Program

Advanced Placement courses are taught in all Prince William County 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 Human Geography
AP Calculus AB/BC	AP Language
AP Capstone/Research	AP Literature
AP Chemistry	AP Music Theory
AP Comparative Government	AP Physics
AP Computer Science	AP Psychology
AP Computer Science Principals	AP Spanish Language
AP Economics	AP Spanish Literature
AP Environmental Science	AP Statistics
AP French Language	AP US History
AP Government	AP World History

### Dual Enrollment

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

### **Dual Enrollment Courses**

English College Comp 11	US/VA Government
English College Comp 12	US/VA History
Chemistry	Pre Calc/Trig

### Reporting Class Percentile

All courses for which Carnegie units of credit will be awarded are used in computing the grade point average (GPA) and reporting of percentile, which is found on the student transcript. Starting with the class of 2022, PWCS reports class percentile and no longer reports class rank. GPA calculations are now true averages of weighted point values. Courses are not evaluated on a pass/fail basis in Prince William County Schools. When a transcript is received from another school district that uses pass/fail grades, the courses will not be used in computing the grade point average and percentile unless the sending school furnishes a letter grade that corresponds to the Prince William County Schools grading system.

All students earning an Advanced Studies or Standard diploma from a Prince William County Public School are included in the senior class percentile.

### Seven Period A/B Schedule

Patriot follows a 7-period schedule wherein each student takes seven 100-minute classes. Under this schedule, students have the opportunity to earn seven credits per year.

## Graduation Requirements

Advanced Studies Diploma: 26 units

English	4 units
Mathematics	4 units
Science	* 4 units
Social Studies	** 4 units
Foreign Language	3 of 1 (or) 2 of 2 units
Health/Physical Education	2 units
Economics & Personal Finance	1 unit
Fine Arts or CTE	1 unit
Other Electives	3 units
Verified Credits***	5

Standard Diploma: 22 units

English	4 units
Mathematics	3 units
Science	* 3 units
Social Studies	** 3 units
Health/Physical Education	2 units
Economics & Personal Finance	1 unit
Fine Arts or CTE	**** 2 units
Other Electives	4 units
Verified Credits***	5

Career & Technical Education Credential or Advanced class  
Virtual Course for Credit or Non-Credit

\*Must include 3 units from Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics; additional units from Biology II, AP Chemistry, or AP Physics may be taken as electives.

\*\* Must include World History, US/VA History and US/VA Government.

\*\*\* 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 total of 11 tests during their high school tenure but must earn Math/1, Science/1, Social Studies/1 and English Writing and Reading

\*\*\*\* Courses to satisfy this requirement shall include at least two sequential electives.

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