



Plano West Senior High School

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ACCREDITATION

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ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT

Plano is a suburban city of approximately 286,000 residents located just north of Dallas. The Plano Independent School District is comprised of three early childhood schools, 48 elementary schools (K-5), thirteen middle schools (6-8), six high schools (9-10), three senior high schools (11-12), three Academies and a Special Programs Center and serves nearly 54,000 students.

RANK IN CLASS

Class rank is based on cumulative semester averages from grades 9 - 12. Honors and AP courses are weighted with extra grade points awarded for each grade. Final rank in class and grade point average are determined at the end of the third nine weeks grading period of the senior year. A student may be awarded a credit for a full year course by earning a grade of 70 in both semesters or by averaging the grades earned in each semester for a grade of 70 or higher.

GRADE DIVISIONS AND GRADE POINTS

Letter	Numeric	AP/IB	Honors	Regular	Modified
A+	97+	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5
A	93-96	4.8	4.3	3.8	3.3
A-	90-92	4.6	4.1	3.6	3.1
B+	87-89	4.4	3.9	3.4	2.9
B	83-86	4.2	3.7	3.2	2.7
B-	80-82	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5
C+	77-79	3.8	3.3	2.8	2.3
C	71-76	3.6	3.1	2.6	2.1
C-	70	3.4	2.9	2.4	1.9
F	<70	0	0	0	0

The mission of Plano West Senior High School is to prepare students to strive for excellence and contribute to a diverse society with compassion and integrity.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Plano West Senior High School is in its 20th year of existence and is well established in the tradition of excellence in Plano ISD. The campus serves 11th and 12th grade students. Each graduating class has distinguished itself with numerous awards in the academic, athletic, and fine arts arenas. Plano West students are dedicated to academic excellence as demonstrated by the fact that over 25% of the 2018 graduating class earned a GPA of 4.0 or higher and over 56% of the class earned a 3.5 GPA or greater. Plano West students are accepted to the top colleges and universities throughout the United States and abroad. Thirty-eight percent of the staff members at Plano West hold advanced degrees in education. Our staff continually enhances the educational experience for all students. The academic performance of students at Plano West earned the school the distinction of being named to the 2009 Texas Business and Education Coalition Honor Roll, the most prestigious academic award a Texas Public School can achieve. Plano West also has the distinction of being listed in the top 1% of Newsweek's Best High Schools in the Nation for the past five years, in addition to being ranked #63 in the Washington Post's High School Challenge, #45 in the state of Texas by US News, and it is a 2011 NCEA Higher Performing School.

FOUNDATION ENDORSEMENT
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Health	.5 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Speech	.5 credit
P.E.	1 credit
Language other than English	2 credits
Electives	5 credits

One or more endorsements: STEM, Arts & Humanities, Business & Industry, Multidisciplinary, and Public Service

In addition to 26 credits, graduates must pass five (5) end of course exams. No community service is required.

DUAL CREDIT

Students are able to earn high school and college credit in US History, English 4, Pre-calculus, US Government, & Economics through concurrent enrollment in Collin College.

Class of 2018

Graduates - 1,362	
Percent attending college	91%
Technical/Military/Work/Other	9%
Attending 4-year university	87%
Attending 2-year College	4%

National Merit (NMSQT)	
Finalists	76
Semifinalists	77
Commended Scholars	96
National Hispanic Scholars	11

SAT Mean Score

Total Score: 1255

ERW: 617

Math: 638

Students Tested: 1,070

ACT Mean Score

Composite: 27

Students Tested: 785

2018 AP Results

Scores 3 or Higher: 89%

Students Tested: 1,398

Exams Administered: 4,515

AP Courses

Art History	Computer Science	Environmental Science	Human Geography	Psychology
Biology	Computer Science Principles	European History	Music Theory	Spanish Language
Calculus AB	Economics-Macro	French Language	Physics 1	Spanish Literature
Calculus BC	Economics-Micro	German Language	Physics 2	Statistics
Chemistry	English Language	Government-Comparative	Physics C Mechanics	Studio Art
Chinese IV	English Literature	Government-US	Physics C Elec & Magnetism	US History
				World History

Courses Taught at Plano West

English/Language Arts

English III & IV (on-level/honors/AP)
Creative Writing
Academic Literacy
Bible Literacy
World of Ideas
ESOL

Languages Other Than English (LOTE)

American Sign Language I, II, III
Chinese III Honors
French III & V Honors
German III Honors
Spanish I & II
Spanish III (on-level/honors)
Spanish IV

Mathematics

Geometry
Math Models with Applications
Algebra II
Algebra II Honors
Pre-calculus
Pre-calculus Honors

Math Independent Studies

Statistics
Advanced Quantitative Reasoning
Computer Science I
Computer Science II
Computer Science III Honors

Science

Chemistry
Physics
Physics Honors
Anatomy & Physiology
Earth & Space Science
Environmental Systems

Social Studies

World Geography
World History
US History
US Government
Economics
Sociology (on-level/honors)
Psychology

Fine Arts

Art I & II Design & Drawing
Art III
Art I 3D Design & Sculpture
Dance I, II, III, IV
Band III & IV (on-level/honors)
Choir III & IV (on-level/honors)
Orchestra III & IV (on-level/honors)
Theater I, II, III, IV
Technical Theater I, II, III, IV
Music Studies
Musical Theater I & II
Theater Production I & II Honors

Health & Physical Education
Adventure/Outdoor Education
Aerobic Activities
Foundations of Personal Fitness
Individual Sports
Partners Physical Education
Team Sports
Weight Training

Electives

Academic Decathlon
Accounting I
Aerospace Engineering
Architecture Design I & II
Audio/Video Production I & II
AVID III & IV
Business Info Management
Business Law
Career Preparation I & II
Child Development
Digital Media
Dollars & Sense
Engineering Design & Development
Engineering Design & Presentation
Engineering Science
Entrepreneurship
Fashion Design I & II
Fashion Marketing
Floral Design
Global Business
Graphic Design & Illustration I & II
Health Science Theory
Introduction to Culinary Arts

Electives continued

Instructional Practices in Education
Interior Design
Journalism
JROTC I, II, III, IV
Library Aide
Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness
Medical Terminology
Newspaper I & II
Office Aide
Peer Asst for Students w/Disabilities I, II, III, IV
Peer Assistant Leaders (PAL)
Photojournalism
Practicum in Health Science
Principles of Health Science
Principles of Technology
Social Media Marketing
Sports & Entertainment Marketing
Student Senate
Student Senate (Government & Leadership)
Veterinary Medical Applications
Video Game Design
Virtual Business
Web Design
Yearbook I, II, III

Speech/Debate

Professional Communications
Debate I & II
Debate III Honors
Oral Interpretation I & II
Oral Interpretation III Honors
Independent Study/Speech Honors

UIL Sports

Baseball (Men)
Basketball (Men/Women)
Cross Country (Men/Women)
Diving (Men/Women)
Football (Men)
Golf (Men/Women)
Soccer (Men/Women)
Softball (Women)
Swimming (Men/Women)
Tennis (Men/Women)
Track (Men/Women)
Volleyball (Women)
Wrestling (Men/Women)