



Plano West Senior High School
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ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT

Plano is a suburban city of approximately 280,000 residents located just north of Dallas. The Plano Independent School District is comprised of three early childhood schools, 44 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.

RANK IN CLASS

Class rank is based on cumulative semester averages from grades 9 - 12 with the exception of student aide. 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.

GRADE DIVISIONS AND GRADE POINTS

Letter	Numerical	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 18th year of existence and is well established in the tradition of excellence in Plano ISD. Each graduating class has distinguished itself with numerous awards in the academic, athletic, and fine arts arenas. This past year more than 20 million dollars in college scholarships were offered to our students. Plano West students are accepted to the top colleges and universities throughout the United States and abroad. Seventy percent of the staff members at Plano West hold advanced degrees in education. Our staff continually enhances the educational experience for each of our 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 a 2011 NCEA Higher Performing School.

College Code: 445-573

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

UNIQUE PROGRAMS

- Two and three hour courses provide experience and training in several career options. These should be viewed as academic in nature.
- Students in Grades 9 - 12 have a seven period schedule.

Class of 2017

Graduates - 1,329

Percent attending college 97%
Technical/Military/Work/Other 6%

Attending 4-year university 81%
Attending 2-year 16%

National Merit (NMSQT)

Finalists 68
Semi Finalists 69
Commended 98
National Hispanic 8

GPA Distribution

Top 10% 4.31-4.71
1st Quarter 3.99-4.71
2nd Quarter 3.60-3.98
3rd Quarter 3.06-3.59
4th Quarter 1.33-3.05

2017 AP Results

86% of Scores 3 or Higher 1,431 Students Tested 4,587 Exams

SAT Mean Score

Students Tested Writing Total
Critical Reading Math

ACT Mean Score

Students Tested: 772
Composite: 26.3

AP Courses

Art History
Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Chemistry
Chinese IV
Computer Science
Economics-Macro
Economics-Micro
English Language
English Literature
Environmental Science

European History
French Language
German Language
Government-Comparative
Government-US
Human Geography

Music Theory
Physics 1
Physics 2
Physics C Mechanics
Physics C Elec & Magnetism
Psychology

Spanish Language
Spanish Literature
Statistics
Studio Art
US History
World History

Other Courses

Language Arts

English 1
English 1 H
English 2
English 2 H
English 3
English 3 H
English 4 H
Creative Writing
Reading Applications
ESOL
World of Ideas
Bible Literacy

Mathematics

Algebra 1
Algebra 1 H
Geometry
Geometry H
Algebra 2
Algebra 2H
Math Models w/App
PreCalculus
PreCalculus H
Math Independent Studies
Statistics
Adv. Quantative Reasoning

Foreign Language

Chinese 1
Chinese 2
Chinese 2 H
French 1
French 2
French 2 H
French 3 H
French 5 H
German 1
German 2
German 2 H
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Spanish 2 H
Spanish 3
Spanish 3 H
ASL 1
ASL 2
ASL 3

Science

Biology
Biology H
Integrated Physics & Chemistry
Chemistry
Chemistry H
Physics
Physics H
Anatomy & Physiology
Earth & SpaceScience
Environmental Systems

Social Studies

World Geography
World Geography H
World History
World History H
US History
US Government
Economics
Sociology H

Fine Arts

Art 1
Art 1 H
Art 2
Art 2 H
Art 3
Dance
Band
Choir
Orchestra
Theater
Technical Theater
Musical Theater
Music Studies
Theater Production
Aerobics
PE & Health
Individual Sports
Team Sports
PE Foundations
Weight Training
Partners PE
Health
Outdoor Education

Elective Courses

Floral Design
Vet Med Applications
Architecture Design I, II
Engineering Design I,II
Interior Design
Graphic Design & Illus. I, II
A/V Production I, II
Fashion Design I,II

Elective Courses

Video Game Design
Business Info Mgmt
Business Law
Global Business
Virtual Business
Instructional Practices
Peer Assistance I
Academic Literacy I, II, III
Accounting
Principles of Health Science
Health Science Theory
Practicum in Health Science
Medical Terminology
Pharmacology
Child Development
Career Preparation I, II
Dollars & Sense
Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness
Digital Media
Web Design
Computer Science I
Computer Science II
Computer Science 3 H
Principles of Technology
Journalism
Yearbook I, II, III
Newspaper I, II
Photojournalism
Entrepreneurship
Fashion Marketing
Sports & Entertainment Marketing
Social Media Marketing

Elective Courses

JROTC I, II, III, IV
Engineering Science
Aerospace Engineering
Engineering Design & Dev
Engineering Design Pres
Prof Communication
Debate I, II, III
Debate I, II, III H
Oral Interp I, II, III
Oral Interp I, II, III H
Ind Study Speech H
Collision Repair
Paint & Refinishing
UIL Sports
Football (M)
Golf (M/W)
Tennis (M/W)
Swimming (M/W)
Diving (M/W)
Soccer (M/W)
Volleyball (W)
Softball (W)
Baseball (M)
Wrestling (M/W)
Basketball (M/W)
Track (M/W)