



Plano West Senior High School

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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.

COURSE CATEGORIES & GRADE POINT ASSIGNMENT

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 3, English 4, Pre-calculus, US Government, Economics, Biology and Multivariable Calculus through dual enrollment in Collin College.

Class of 2019

Graduates - 1,309	
Percent Attending College	96%
Technical/Military/Work/Gap Year	4%
Attending 4-year University	92%
Attending 2-year College	4%

National Merit (NMSQT)	
Finalists	59
Semifinalists	63
Commended Scholars	93
National Hispanic Scholars	12

SAT Mean Score

Total Score: 1268

ERW: 624

Math: 644

Students Tested: 862

ACT Mean Score

Composite: 27

Students Tested: 704

2019 AP Results

Scores 3 or Higher: 89%

Students Tested: 1,361

Exams Administered: 4,521

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

<p>English/Language Arts English III & IV (on-level/honors/AP) Creative Writing Academic Literacy Bible Literacy World of Ideas ESOL</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Science Chemistry Physics Physics Honors Anatomy & Physiology Earth & Space Science Environmental Systems</p> <p>Social Studies World Geography World History US History US Government Economics Sociology (on-level/honors) Psychology</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Health & Physical Education Adventure/Outdoor Education Aerobic Activities Foundations of Personal Fitness Individual Sports Partners Physical Education Team Sports Weight Training</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Speech/Debate Professional Communications Debate I & II Debate III Honors Oral Interpretation I & II Oral Interpretation III Honors Independent Study/Speech Honors</p> <p>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)</p>
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