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ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT

Plano is a suburban city of approximately 288,943 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. PISD serves over 52,000 students.

RANK IN CLASS

Plano ISD no longer ranks ALL students. Only students who have earned the distinction of being in the top 10% of the class will receive a rank listed on their transcript along with the cumulative GPA. The rank listed is based on the ranking GPA. This GPA includes core classes only (See Plano ISD 2022-23 course catalog pgs. 10-11 for additional information). All other students will have cumulative GPA listed.

COURSE CATEGORIES & GRADE POINT ASSIGNMENT

Numerical Grade	AP / IB*	Pre-AP / IH / Honors*	Regular	Modified	Applied/ Fundamental
97 & above	5	4.5	4	3.5	2.5
93 – 96	4.8	4.3	3.8	3.3	2.3
90 – 92	4.6	4.1	3.6	3.1	2.1
87 – 89	4.4	3.9	3.4	2.9	1.9
83 – 86	4.2	3.7	3.2	2.7	1.7
80 – 82	4	3.5	3	2.5	1.5
77 – 79	3.8	3.3	2.8	2.3	1.3
73 – 76	3.6	3.1	2.6	2.1	1.1
71 – 72	3.4	2.9	2.4	1.9	1
70	3	2.5	2	1.5	1

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 was established over twenty years ago 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. 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.

**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

The five endorsements include: 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, Statistics, US Government, Economics, Biology and Multivariable Calculus through dual enrollment in Collin College.

National Merit (NMSQT)	
Finalists	43
Semifinalists	45
National Recognition Scholars	8

SAT Mean Score (2022) 1268

ACT Mean Score (2022) 27

Over 4,000 AP Exams are administered at Plano West each year.

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	Fine Arts	Electives continued
English III & IV (on-level/honors/AP)	Art I & II Design & Drawing	Instructional Practices in Education
Creative Writing	Art III	Interior Design
Academic Literacy	Art I 3D Design & Sculpture	Journalism
Bible Literacy	Dance I, II, III, IV	JROTC I, II, III, IV
World of Ideas	Band III & IV (on-level/honors)	Library Aide
ESOL	Choir III & IV (on-level/honors)	Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)	Orchestra III & IV (on-level/honors)	Medical Terminology
American Sign Language I, II, III	Theater I, II, III, IV	Newspaper I & II
Chinese III Honors	Technical Theater I, II, III, IV	Office Aide
French III & V Honors	Music Studies	Peer Asst for Students w/Disabilities I, II, III, IV
German III Honors	Musical Theater I & II	Peer Assistant Leaders (PAL)
Spanish 1 & II	Theater Production I & II Honors	Photojournalism
Spanish III (on-level/honors)	Health & Physical Education	Practicum in Health Science
Spanish IV	Adventure/Outdoor Education	Principles of Health Science
Mathematics	Aerobic Activities	Principles of Technology
Geometry	Foundations of Personal Fitness	Social Media Marketing
Math Models with Applications	Individual Sports	Sports & Entertainment Marketing
Algebra II	Partners Physical Education	Student Senate
Algebra II Honors	Team Sports	Student Senate (Government & Leadership)
Pre-calculus	Weight Training	Veterinary Medical Applications
Pre-calculus Honors	Electives	Video Game Design
Math Independent Studies	Academic Decathlon	Virtual Business
Statistics	Accounting I	Web Design
Advanced Quantitative Reasoning	Aerospace Engineering	Yearbook I, II, III
Computer Science I	Architecture Design I & II	Speech/Debate
Computer Science II	Audio/Video Production I & II	Professional Communications
Computer Science III Honors	AVID III & IV	Debate I & II
Science	Business Info Management	Debate III Honors
Chemistry	Business Law	Oral Interpretation I & II
Physics	Career Preparation I & II	Oral Interpretation III Honors
Physics Honors	Child Development	Independent Study/Speech Honors
Anatomy & Physiology	Digital Media	UIL Sports
Earth & Space Science	Dollars & Sense	Baseball (Men)
Environmental Systems	Engineering Design & Development	Basketball (Men/Women)
Social Studies	Engineering Design & Presentation	Cross Country (Men/Women)
World Geography	Engineering Science	Diving (Men/Women)
World History	Entrepreneurship	Football (Men)
US History	Fashion Design I & II	Golf (Men/Women)
US Government	Fashion Marketing	Soccer (Men/Women)
Economics	Floral Design	Softball (Women)
Sociology (on-level/honors)	Global Business	Swimming (Men/Women)
Psychology	Graphic Design & Illustration I & II	Tennis (Men/Women)
	Health Science Theory	Track (Men/Women)
	Introduction to Culinary Arts	Volleyball (Women)
		Wrestling (Men/Women)