

St. Petersburg High School

School Profile 2023-2024



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St. Petersburg High School

St. Petersburg High School was founded in 1898. The current building noted for its historic Spanish architecture, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. St. Petersburg High School is accredited through AdvancED (SACS). SPHS is a 1800-student urban, culturally diverse school located in Pinellas County, the 23rd largest school district in the US. St. Petersburg High has twice been named one of Newsweek's Top 100 High Schools.

Community

Spanning 608 square miles, Pinellas County School District serves the educational needs of Pinellas County, which includes the cities of St. Petersburg, Gulfport, Dunedin, Clearwater, Tarpon Springs, Pinellas Park, Seminole, and Largo, among others. Pinellas County has the second largest base of manufacturing employment in Florida. Currently the district consists of 74 elementary schools, 2 elementary/middle schools, 21 middle schools, 18 high schools, 4 exceptional centers, 22 charter schools and 1 virtual school. The district utilizes a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade level configuration. The student body is culturally diverse with a population that is 71% White, 21% Black, 16% Hispanic, 12% Asian, 12% 4.5% Multiracial and 0.2% Native American.

Curriculum

The **academic program** is organized on a skinny schedule. Seven classes per semester is the maximum course load; classes are approximately 46 minutes at length.

These AP® courses are offered: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, AP Capstone Research, AP Capstone Seminar, Chemistry, Computer Science Principles, English Language Composition, Drawing, English Literature Composition, Environmental Science, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics 1, Psychology, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture, Statistics, Studio Art 2D, Studio Art 3D, United States Government and Politics, United States History, Human Geography, and World History. **AP is an open-enrollment program.**

Honors classes are offered in English I, English II, English III, English IV, AICE General Paper 1, Environmental Science, Marine Science, Biology 1, Chemistry 1, Anatomy and Physiology, Physics 1, Physical Science, Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Probabilities and Statistics, World History, US History, Economics, US Government, Anthropology, 2D Art, 3D Art, French 3, French 4, French 5, Spanish 3, Spanish 4, Creative Photo 3, Band 5, Band 6, Technical Theater Production 4, Theater 4, Keyboarding 4.

Dual Enrollment Program allows juniors and seniors to enroll in freshmen courses and earn college credits at local institutions of higher education.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

GPA is computed using the above quality points. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. Cumulative GPA also includes any high school course take in seventh and/or eighth grade. A minimum of 24 credits is **required for graduation**. (Unless the student has opted for the 18-credit accelerated graduation option. AP courses are weighted by one point.

Weighted Courses

0.5 weight is given to all Honors and Pre-DP courses; 1.0 weight is given to all IB, & AP courses and is designated by a "Q" on the transcript. GPA is computed in January and June

Rank

Class rank is computed based on all courses taken for high school credit through the first semester of the 12th grade year.

Weighted GPA Distribution for the Class of 2023

The numbers below are for students enrolled in traditional classes at St. Petersburg High School. *These do not include students who are part of the International Baccalaureate Program.*

4.0+	40 students
3.5-3.99	45 students
3.0-3.49	67 students
2.5-2.99	82 students
2.0-2.49	58 students
less than 2.0	17 students

Standardized Test Results

86% of the Class of 2022 students took the ACT/SAT.
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Grading Scale

Grade-Ranking	% Range
A-Excellent	90-100
B-Above Average	80-89
C-Average	70-79
D-Below Average	60-69
F-Failure	0-59

Advanced Placement Results

- ◆ In 2023, 893 students took AP Exams
- ◆ A total of 1675 exams were taken in 29 subjects
- ◆ 40% of the AP Exams received scores of 3 or higher

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- ◆ 16% selected work, military service or technical



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

The St. Petersburg High School IB Program was the first IB program in Florida and is a magnet program, drawing students from southern part of the county. **All students are IB Diploma candidates**, with approximately 90%+ of the senior class earning this rigorous diploma each year. Our 400+ students are dynamic, highly motivated, and come from many countries & cultures. The International Baccalaureate Program at St. Petersburg High School is a four-year program consisting of two years of Pre-Diploma Program classes and two years of the IB Diploma classes. Typically, 95% of our graduates attend four-year colleges and have attended more than 200 different colleges over the last 20 years, including the most selective in the country.

IB PROGRAM OF STUDY & REQUIREMENTS

Due to the rigor of the diploma program, Florida IB graduation requirements are different from non-IB. Each student selects 3 subjects to be studied at the Higher (HL) Level and 3 subjects to be studied at the Standard (SL) Level, each for a two-year period that culminates in IB exams. In their freshman and sophomore year, all students take Pre-DP courses; junior and senior years are devoted to IB courses. Many students also take additional AP & Honors courses. To qualify for the IB Diploma, students must study Theory of Knowledge, a course unique to IB, write a 4000-words at school which are initially marked by teachers and then moderated by external moderators or sent directly to external examiners. The IB Diploma is awarded based on performance on these assessments and the satisfactory completion of CAS (Creativity, Activity, and Service) requirement. IB Diplomas are awarded to students in July after the student's high school graduation.

word Extended Essay, and successfully complete the CAS component (Creativity, Activity, and Service) as well as receive passing scores on their IB exams. Students who do not successfully complete any of these requirements do not earn their IB diplomas.

IB WEIGHTED GPA COMPARED TO DISTRICT WEIGHTED GPA

4.5 +	top 1%
4.0 - 4.49	top 2%
3.65 - 3.99	top 5%
3.30 - 3.64	top 10%
below 3.30	top 20%

IB Weighted GPA DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2023

4.5+	24 students
4.0-4.49	42 students
3.65-3.99	09 students
3.3-3.64	01 student
Below 3.3	00 students

IB Assessment and the IB Diploma

Students take written examinations in May of their senior year which are marked by external IB tasks at school which are initially marked by teachers and tasks at school which are initially marked by teachers and then moderated by external moderators or sent directly to external examiners. The IB Diploma is awarded based on performance on these assessments and the satisfactory completion of CAS (Creativity, Activity, and Service) requirement. IB Diplomas are awarded to students in July after the student's high school graduation.

IB DIPLOMAS

Year	# in class	#diplomas
2016	104	099
2017	111	110
2018	102	100
2019	102	094
2020	113	104
2021	106	106
2022	124	124
2023	76	070