



Patriot High School

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2025-2026 School Profile

Patriot High School is a comprehensive institution serving 1,965 students in a suburban area located approximately 45 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. Established in 2011 as the eleventh high school within Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS), Patriot offers several specialized programs, including Project Lead the Way (pre-engineering), Culinary, and Building Trades. The school's advanced academic curriculum emphasizes Advanced Placement (AP) courses through the AP Scholars program. All PWCS high schools maintain accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Definition of Curriculum

Prince William County Public Schools provides a range of courses from remedial levels to advanced placement, dual enrollment, and those meeting requirements for standard or advanced studies diplomas. Both vocational and academic courses are available, allowing students to prepare for college, enter the workforce after graduation, or pursue post-secondary training in various fields.

Specialty Program Information

AP Capstone: a challenging course focused on the research process.

AP Scholars: a program focused on honing critical thinking, analytical skills plus written, oral, and presentation abilities. Students may earn college credit for qualifying scores on AP exam.

Building Trades: a course of project-based instruction that prepares students for a career in the building trades industry.

Culinary Arts: a comprehensive program preparing students for careers or future education in the culinary field.

Early Childhood Education: a program providing education, field experiences and practical learning experiences working in the preschool at Patriot and in various age classrooms at T. Clay Wood Elementary.

Project Lead the Way: a program designed to expose students to university engineering courses at the high school level.

Teachers for Tomorrow: a curriculum featuring hands-on experience in education. It is designed for students who are interested in a career in education or a child-related field.

Additional opportunities: Gifted Education and Governor's School.

PWCS Grading Scale

Grading Scale	1.0 Weighted	0.5 Weighted	Unweighted	
A	90-100	5.0 points	4.5 points	4.0 points
B+	87-89	4.4 points	3.9 points	3.4 points
B	80-86	4.0 points	3.5 points	3.0 points
C+	77-79	3.4 points	2.9 points	2.4 points
C	70-76	3.0 points	2.5 points	2.0 points
D+	67-69	1.4 points	1.4 points	1.4 points
D	60-66	1.0 point	1.0 point	1.0 point
F	below 60	0 points	0 points	0 points

Profile of Class of 2025 Graduates

Advanced Studies Diploma	33 %
Standard Diploma	67 %
Applied Studies Diploma	1 %
Four Year College	59 %
Two Year College	26 %
Other Continuing Education	5 %
Military	4 %

2024-25 SAT Mean Scores

	Patriot	PWCS	Virginia	Nation
ERW	534	503	567	521
Math	507	482	544	508

Students have the option to report SAT scores based on the requirements of the colleges to which they are applying. The PWCS transcript lists only the highest combined scores from all test dates.

Grade Distribution 2024-25

A	B	C	D	F
49%	26%	15%	8%	2%

Advanced Placement Program

Advanced Placement courses are taught in all PWCS high schools. These courses adhere to the stringent requirements prescribed by the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) and are awarded grade point values based upon a 5.0 scale. Courses designated advanced/accelerated are indicated by a plus (+) beside the course title on the student transcript.

Advanced Placement Courses

AP Biology	AP Music Theory
AP Calculus AB	AP Physics
AP Calculus BC	AP Physics C
AP Capstone	AP Pre-Calculus
AP Chemistry	AP Psychology
AP Comparative Government	AP Research
AP Computer Science A	AP Seminar
AP Computer Science Principles	AP Spanish Language
AP Economics	AP Statistics
AP English 10	AP Studio Art 2-D
AP Environmental Science	AP US Government
AP French Language	AP US History
AP Human Geography	AP World History
AP Language & Composition	
AP Literature & Composition	

Dual Enrollment

Patriot High School partners with Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) to offer dual enrollment opportunities for students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously. These courses, indicated by "DE" in the course title, are taught within the high school day by Patriot faculty who are credentialed adjunct faculty.

Dual Enrollment Courses

Calculus DE	US/VA Government DE
Chemistry DE	US/VA History DE
Early Childhood Education DE	VA Teachers for Tomorrow 1 DE
English College Composition 11 DE	VA Teachers for Tomorrow 1 DE
Precalculus w/Trig for AB DE	

Class Percentile

All courses with Carnegie units of credit are used to compute GPA and percentile, shown on student transcripts. Starting with the class of 2022, PWCS reports class percentile instead of class rank. Courses are not evaluated on a pass/fail basis. Transcripts from other districts with pass/fail grades won't affect GPA and percentile unless a corresponding letter grade is provided. All students earning an Advanced Studies or Standard diploma are included in the senior class percentile.

Seven Period A/B Schedule

PWCS follows a 7-period schedule wherein each student takes seven 92-minute classes. Under this schedule, students have the opportunity to earn seven credits per year.

Graduation Requirements

Students entering 9th grade in 2018-2019 and beyond

VDOE Diploma Type:	Advanced Studies	Standard Diploma
Units of Credits	26 units	22 units
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	3
Science	4	3
Social Studies	4	3
Foreign Language	3 of 1 (or) 2 of 2	0
Health/Physical Education	2	2
Economics & Personal Finance	1	1
Fine Arts or CTE	1	1
Other Electives: must include at least two sequential electives	2-3	5

Additional requirements for both diplomas:

- Earn **five** verified credits by passing the specified courses and their associated end-of-course Standards of Learning test or other state-approved assessment. Students can take a total of 11 tests during their high school tenure.
- Pass a CTE credentialing exam, complete one advanced course, or engage in a High-Quality Work-Based Learning experience as defined by the VDOE.
- Virtual Course for Credit or Non-Credit
- CPR/First Aid/AED Training

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