



SCHOOL PROFILE 2022-2023

Pacific Horizons
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GRADING SYSTEM

A student's GPA is based on an unweighted 4.0 grading scale. Grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is computed in January and May.

A	93-100:	4.0
A-	92-90:	3.7
B+	89-87:	3.3
B	86-83:	3.0
B-	82-80:	2.7
C+	79-77:	2.3
C	76-73:	2.0
C-	72-70:	1.7
D+	69-67:	1.3
D	66-63:	1.0
D-	62-60:	0.7
F	59 or below:	0

The current GPAs of our upcoming 2023 graduates range from 2.94 to 4.0.

MISSION

The mission of Pacific Horizons School is to help young people chart their direction and build skills necessary for a successful journey through life.

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL

Pacific Horizons School (PHS) is a private, 501(c) 3 non-parochial K-12 school located in the unincorporated U.S. Territory of American Samoa. The school is recognized and certified by the American Samoa Government Department of Education (ASDOE). The elementary school (K-8) was founded in 1994 and the high school (9-12) was added in 1999. The student body is culturally diverse with a population that is currently 57% Pacific Islander, 39% Asian, and 4% white.

The High School is a comprehensive four-year school with a current enrollment of 54 students. There have been sixteen graduating classes to date with a total of 126 graduates. The school will graduate ten students this school year (2023). The island attracts families with varied cultural backgrounds, and our community has grown increasingly diverse over the past decade. Employment opportunities for the parents of PHS students center on the American Samoa territorial government (public sector) as well as the private sector, including many small businesses. Family incomes vary widely, but most of our students hail from households of modest means. The economic health of our island community reflects the trends in other populated U.S. territories, which are heavily dependent on federal appropriations.

CURRICULUM

The academic program is organized on a rotating block schedule and each block class meets every other day. Due to the small size of our student body, we are unable to offer a variety of course choices or honors courses; instead we rotate courses based on what students need for college. Students are encouraged to prepare for AP tests on their own if they choose; some students take advantage of this option.

For more information: www.pacific-horizons-school.com/academics

Highlights of the Curriculum:

- Students are required to take core subject courses in English, mathematics, science, and social science all four years of high school.
- 1 Advanced Placement course in Calculus AB is open to students who complete advanced math including Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus.
- World language courses for Spanish 1-2 and some Social Sciences are offered online and reflect the same high academic standards as traditional courses.
- Dual-enrollment courses are available and completed by 36% of graduates on average.

2022-23 Course List

AP Calculus AB	English 1	Prob & Stats	Speech/Drama
Algebra 1	English 2	Python Programming	Trigonometry
Algebra 2	English 3	Robotics 1	US Government
Biology	English 4	Robotics 2	World History
Calculus	Environmental Science	Sociology	Yearbook
Career / College	Geography	Spanish 1	
Chemistry	Geometry	Spanish 2	
Current Events	PE - Calisthenics	Spanish 3	
Dedicated to Reading	Pre-Calculus	Spanish 4	

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

ACTIVITIES: Art Club | Close Up | Environmental Sustainability Club | Interact Club (Rotary Sponsored) | Junior State of America | NHS/NJHS | Student Government | Tech & Media Club | Yearbook

ATHLETICS: Basketball | Soccer | Volleyball



PACIFIC HORIZONS SCHOOL

Class of 2022

There were 11 graduates in the Class of 2022.

- 6 earned 3.5–3.99
- 4 earned 3.0–3.49
- 1 earned 2.50–2.99
- 0 earned less than a 2.0

TEST SCORES

81% of the Class of 2022 took the SAT®

Mean Total Score
1152

Mean Math Score
593

Mean Evidence-Based Reading & Writing Score
554

Advanced Placement Results

- In May 2022, 2 students took AP Exams.
- Mean Score: 3
- 50% of the AP Exams received scores of 3 or higher.

CLASS OF 2022 POSTSECONDARY PLACEMENT

- 18% matriculated to 4-year colleges.
- 64% matriculated to 2-year institutions.
- 18% selected work, military service, technical instruction, or a gap year.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for a High School Diploma, a student must earn 22 credits. Below are the minimum requirements for graduation from Pacific Horizons School:

English/Language Arts	4 credits	Physical Education/Health	2 credits**
Math	3 credits*	Electives	5 credits
Science	3 credits	Specific Core Electives	2 credits***
Social Science	3 credits		

*Algebra 1 and higher

**At least 0.5 credit in health

***English, Math, Social Science, Science beyond required credits, or a Foreign Language or STEM

1 credit = One Full Year (two semesters) 0.5 credit = One Semester

AWARDS AND DISTICTIONS

- 4 National Merit Semifinalists (2005, 2006, 2020, 2021). All four National Merit Scholars became finalists and reached the highest distinction.
- 2011, Pacific Horizons School was honored with a Senate Resolution recognizing the school for the academic achievement of its students, specifically for their relatively high SAT scores.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION LIST (LAST 4 YEARS)

Abilene Christian University	Portland State University
American Samoa Community College	Saint Martin's University
Arizona State University	Southern Oregon University
Boston University	Stanford University
Brigham Young University Provo	University of California, Davis
Colgate University	University of California, Irvine
College of Southern Nevada	University of California, San Diego
Dartmouth College	University of Denver
Duke University	University of Hawaii Manoa
ESSEC Business School	University of Idaho
Harding University	University of Indiana Bloomington
Hawaii Pacific University	University of Pennsylvania
Miramar College	University of San Francisco
Northeastern University	University of Santo Tomas
Occidental College	US Air Force Academy
Orange Coast College	Yale University
Otago Polytechnic	