



Paonia High School

2017-2018 School Profile

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As a member of the Delta County Joint School District, Paonia High School values rigor, relevance, relationships, responsibility, and results.

The Paonia Community

The Paonia area is an eclectic, rural community of approximately 1600 people located in Western Colorado, a six hour drive Southwest of Denver. The town is situated at the base of the West Elk Mountains where the landscape provides a beautiful backdrop to a unique population. The nearest stoplight is 25 miles away and the closest airport 70 miles. Yet for a small and geographically isolated area, there is a tremendous diversity of lifestyles and ideas. The principal economic base consists of three coalmines, cattle ranches, fruit orchards, and organic farms. Recently the area has seen the growth of grass-roots organizations such as Solar Energy International, a thriving vineyard industry, independent business owners, a renowned public radio station, and a nationally distributed magazine, High Country News. Paonia High School represents the community's diversity and reflects its commitment to higher education as an avenue for sustaining the lifestyle provided in this rural area.

The School

Paonia High School is a public, four-year college preparatory school accredited by the Colorado Department of Education. Our school is the smallest of the four Delta County School District high schools with a current enrollment of 152 students. We have an average graduating class size of 40 students. In 2003 seventh and eighth grades were added in a new wing on the high school campus for a total current enrollment of 256 students.

The daily schedule consists of seven 54-minute periods, five days per week. One exception to this was in the 2011-2012 school year, the schedule was modified to only six periods per day. Currently, an eighth period called ACCESS is added every day for twenty five minutes to offer remediation and enrichment opportunities. Our school calendar is comprised of two 17-week semesters, totaling 168 days in length.

Paonia High School offers a rigorous academic program based on Colorado Academic Standards. Overall class offerings do change from year to year based on the interests and needs of the current students. Advanced Placement courses were added for the 2013-2014 school year in Literature, Environmental Science, and Statistics and enrollment is open to Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors interested in the classes. In the fall of 2014, PHS added AP Biology, AP Language & Composition, AP Calculus AB, AP Computer Science, and AP US History with the support of funding and training from the Colorado Education Initiative. In addition, in the fall of 2015, AP Environmental Science was also added to our course offering. Last year, AP Calculus BC was added on our campus and are students are able to take AP Physics at another high school in our district, 9 miles away. This year, AP Principles of Computer Science was also added to our list of AP offerings. Students choosing a vocational track travel 35 miles to the Delta Vocational College for technical classes.

Recognition

Newsweek ranked Paonia High School in top 500 schools in the country for college readiness, 2014 and 2016

Mile High Sports Magazine ranked Paonia High School 4th in CO for sports titles won, 2014

US News & World Report 2013-2014 Bronze Medal High School

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2017 – 1 Daniels Fund Scholarship winner

2016 – 1 Boettcher Foundation Scholarship winner

2014 – 1 Colorado All-State Choir participant

2014 – 1 National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student

2014 – 1 Boettcher Foundation Scholarship winner

2014 – 2 Daniels Fund Scholarship winners

2017 CHSAA 2A Girls Basketball State Champions

2017 CHSAA 2A Baseball State Champions

2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 CHSAA 2A Girls Track State Champions

2014, 2013, 2012 CHSAA 2A Wrestling State Champions

2014, 2013 CHSAA 1A Football State Champions

2013 – 2 Colorado All-State Choir participants, 1 Colorado All-State Orchestra participant

Faculty and Staff

Paonia High School has a staff of thirteen full-time teachers and five instructional aides. Almost all of our teachers teach in the Junior High in addition to the high school. 80% of our teachers hold Master's degrees in their field of teaching, and the rest are currently in pursuit of a graduate degree. All teachers at Paonia High School share the multitude of responsibilities involved in operating a thriving extra-curricular program, and every teacher coaches or sponsors at least one activity. Through these additional roles, staff and students have strong bonds, not unlike a large family, that support the mentorship of students into resilient, compassionate, accomplished individuals.

Athletics and Activities

Colorado High School Athletics Association member, 2A classification (1A for Football)

National Interscholastic Association of Athletic Administrators, member

Western Slope Sports League, member

Boys Sports

Football

Cross Country

Tennis (Hotchkiss HS)

Soccer (Delta HS)

Wrestling

Basketball

Track

Girls Sports

Cross Country

Softball (Cedaredge HS)

Volleyball

Basketball

Track

Soccer (Delta HS)

Tennis (Hotchkiss HS)

Activities and Clubs

Student Council (since 1990)

Knowledge Bowl (since 2012)

National Honor Society (since 1990)

Speech & Debate Team (since 2012)

Science Fair (beginning in 2013)

Marking System

Paonia High School began using a weighted grading system for AP classes for the class of 2015.

Unweighted GPA: A = 4.0	90-100%	Weighted GPA: A = 5.0	91-100%
B = 3.0	80-89%	B = 4.0	82-90%
C = 2.0	70-79%	C = 3.0	73-81%
D = 1.0	60-69%	D = 2.0	64-72%
F = 0.0	0-59%	F1 = 1.0	60-63%

*All courses that receive a letter grade are calculated into the grade point average.

*Students taking high school courses before 9th grade earn letter grades of ‘P’ for a 70% or higher; these credits may go toward their high school graduation requirements, but they *are not* calculated into high school GPA and class rank.

Graduation Requirements for Class of 2018

* Paonia High School is on the semester system. A semester is valued at .5 credit, a full year at 1.0 credits.

English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Physical Education	1 credit
Electives	10 credits
ICAP (ACCESS)	1 credit
TOTAL	25 credits

Test Scores

	Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Math	Composite
CO Avg.	513.4	500.9	1014.3
PHS Avg.	537.2	519.8	1057

Grade Point Average Distribution for Class of 2017 as of May 2017

Rank	GPA	# of students
1-5	4.16 – 4.24	5
6-10	3.80 – 4.12	5
11-20	3.13 – 3.72	12
21–35	1.77 – 3.10	13

College Matriculation and Acceptances 2013-2016

In 2017, 40 students graduated from Paonia High School. Approximately 80% are enrolled in college: of those attending college, 65% attend 4-year schools and 15% attend 2-year schools. Students enrolled in colleges outside of Colorado account for 25% of those attending college.

Abilene Christian University	Colorado College
Arapahoe Comm. College	Colorado Mesa University
Azusa Pacific University	Colorado Mountain College
Baylor University	Colorado Northwestern Comm. College
Boise State University	Colorado School of Mines
Boston College	Colorado State University
Brigham Young University	Colorado State University, Pueblo
California Polytechnic University	Colorado Western State University
Coe College	Community Coll. of Aurora
College of Charleston	Cornell College
Colorado Christian University	

Dartmouth College
 DeVry Institute of Technology
 Drake University
 Eastern Oregon University
 Eckerd College
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.
 Florida State University
 Fort Hays State University
 Fort Lewis College
 Friends University
 Front Range Community College
 George Fox University
 Gonzaga University
 Grand Canyon University
 Harvard University
 Idaho State University
 Le Tourneau University
 Lewis & Clark College
 Lubbock Christian University
 Marion Military Institute
 Metro State University
 Middlebury College
 New Mexico State University
 North Dakota State University
 Northeastern Junior College
 Northern Arizona University
 Northwestern University
 Northwestern Nazarene University
 Ohio State University
 Pepperdine University
 Portland State University

Red Rocks Community College
 Regis University
 Rocky Mt. College of Art & Design
 Savannah College of Art & Design
 Seton Hall University
 Shelton State Community College
 Sierra Nevada College
 South Dakota School of Mines
 Tarleton State University
 Trinidad State Junior College
 Tulane University
 United States Coast Guard Academy
 United States Military Academy at West Point
 University of California, San Diego
 University of CO, Colorado Springs
 University of Colorado, Boulder
 University of Denver
 University of Miami
 University of Missouri
 University of Montana
 University of North Dakota
 University of Northern Colorado
 University of Oregon
 University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business
 University of Utah
 University of Wyoming
 West Texas A & M University
 Western Wyoming Comm. Coll.
 Whitworth University

Course Offerings 2013-2018

*Indicates a course that is not offered every year

College Preparatory

Advanced

English I
 English II
 English III
 English IV

AP Literature & Composition
 AP Language & Composition

Math

Algebra I
 Geometry
 Algebra II

College Algebra
 College Trigonometry
 AP Statistics
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 AP Computer Science A
 AP Principles of Computer Science

Science

Geophysical Science/Lab	AP Environmental Science
Basic Biology	AP Biology
Biology/Lab	
Psychology*	
Chemistry/Lab*	
Social Studies	
World History/Geography	AP US History*
American History	
American Government	
Economics	
Criminal Justice	
Foreign Language	
Spanish I	
Spanish II	
Spanish III (2017-18 is the first year to be offered)	
Electives	
Engineering	
Solar Energy Training	
Introduction to Business*	
Art	Advanced Art
Personal Business/Finance*	
Senior Seminar	
ACT/SAT Preparation	
Physical Education	Strength & Conditioning
Music	
High School Band	Show Choir
Music Studio*	
Guitar*	