

# Paonia High School

## 2018-2019 School Profile

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

***Educating the Whole Child***  
***Live Well, Learn Well, Do Well***

### **The Paonia Community**

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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 only one coal mines, 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**

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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 150 students. We have an average graduating class size of 38 students. In 2003, seventh and eighth grades were added in a new wing on the high school campus for a total current enrollment of 238 students.

The daily schedule consists of seven 52-minute periods, five days per week. Currently, an eighth period called ACCESS is added every day for twenty eight 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 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. AP Calculus BC was added on our campus in 2016, and our students are able to take AP

Physics at another high school in our district, 9 miles away. 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**

US News & World Report 2017 Top 500 High School, 2013-2014 Bronze Medal High School  
Mile High Sports Magazine ranked Paonia High School 2<sup>nd</sup> in CO for sports' titles 2018, 4<sup>th</sup> in CO for sports titles won, 2014  
*Newsweek* ranked Paonia High School in top 500 schools in the country for college readiness, 2014 and 2016  
US News & World Report 2013-2014, 2012-2013 Bronze Medal High School  
2018 - 2 Daniels Fund Scholarship winners, 2 U.S. Naval Academy Appointees  
2017 – 1 Daniels Fund Scholarship winner  
2016 – 1 Boettcher Foundation Scholarship winner  
2014 – 1 National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student  
2014 – 1 Boettcher Foundation Scholarship winner  
2014 – 2 Daniels Fund Scholarship winners  
2017 & 2018 CHSAA 2A Baseball State Champions  
2017 CHSAA 2A Girls Basketball 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

### **Faculty and Staff**

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Paonia High School has a staff of fourteen full-time teachers, 4 half-time teachers, and six 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**

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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  
Soccer (Delta HS)  
Wrestling  
Basketball  
Track  
Baseball

#### **Girls Sports**

Cross Country  
Softball (Cedaredge HS)  
Volleyball  
Basketball  
Track  
Soccer (Delta HS)  
Tennis

#### **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

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2019

\* 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25 credits</b>

## SAT Test Scores

	Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Math	Composite
CO Avg.	515	503	1018
<b>PHS Avg.</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1059</b>

## Course Offerings 208-2019

\*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 IA

Integrated Math I

Integrated Math II

Integrated Math III

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

Basic Biology\*

Biology/Lab

Psychology\*

Chemistry/Lab\*

Anatomy & Physiology\*

AP Environmental Science

AP Biology

### Social Studies

World Geography

American History

American Government

AP US History\*

Economics

Criminal Justice

**Foreign Language**

Spanish I

Spanish II

Spanish III

**Electives**

Engineering

Solar Energy Training

Art

Personal Business/Finance\*

Senior Exploratory

SAT Preparation

Physical Education

**Music**

High School Band

Mixed Choir

Advanced Art

Strength & Conditioning

Show Choir