

Paradise High School



School Profile 2015-16

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Directions: Take Highway 99 toward Chico, exit east onto Skyway toward Paradise. In 11.5 miles, turn right (south) on Elliott Rd, then in 0.6 miles, turn left (east) on Maxwell Dr. PHS is on the left. The Guidance Office is open from 7:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Community and School Information

Paradise is a community of a little over 26,000 inhabitants occupying 18-square miles. The total population of the Paradise ridge area is approximately 45,000. PUSD schools have been experiencing declining enrollment over the last several years. The major employers in Paradise are Feather River Hospital and Paradise Unified School District. The majority of employed residents work in neighboring communities. The Paradise Ridge is known as a desirable retirement community.

PHS is a comprehensive 4-year school with approximately 1150 students. Paradise High School's ethnic mix is: 78.9% white, 10.6% Hispanic or Latino, 8.2% 2 or more races non-Hispanic, 0.6% American Indian/Alaska native, 0.6% Asian, 0.6% Black or African American, with 0.5% Filipino. PHS has a 54.2% Free and Reduced Lunch population. PHS received a full 6-year WASC accreditation in 2012-13 and was recognized in 2013 by U.S. News and World Report as one of the Best High Schools in America.

Curriculum

PHS's academic program is varied and offers coursework/programs for all ability/achievement levels, in addition to regular high school courses. Students are able to enroll in AP, Honors, PLTW, CTE Pathways, ROP, Fusion, 2+2+2, College Connection, Strategic Support and/or eLearning courses.

The AP® courses offered are: AP English 11, AP English 12, AP Calculus, AP Biology, AP Physics, AP Physics C, AP U.S. Government and Politics, and AP U.S. History. AP enrollment is open to all students who fulfill course prerequisites. All students enrolled in AP courses are highly encouraged to take the corresponding AP examination, and receive Honors/AP grade points on their transcripts.

To better prepare students for the rigor of Advanced Placement classes, Paradise High School offers honors classes in English 9, English 10 and Chemistry. There are 577 11th & 12th grade students at PHS, 108 took at least one AP course (19%); 100 of these students took at least one AP exam (17%).

Graduation Requirements

- English – 40 credits
- Mathematics – 30 credits (12th need 20 credits)
- Science – 20 credits
- Social Science – 30 credits
- Fine Arts/CTE – 10 credits
- Physical Education – 20 credits
- Technology – 5 credits
- Health – 5 credits
- Electives – 70 credits (12th need 80 credits)

Total required credits for graduation = 230

Grading and Ranking Procedures

A – Excellent	90-100
B – Above average	80-89
C – Average	70-79
D – Below average	60-69
F – Failure	59 or below

Grade Point Values

A = 4.0 (Honors/AP = 5.0)
B = 3.0 (Honors/AP = 4.0)
C = 2.0 (Honors/AP = 3.0)
D = 1.0
F = 0.0

AP+ = AP Course Credit
HON+ = Honors Course Credit
CR = for independent study students, teacher, cafeteria, and office aides.
NM = student has not attended long enough to earn a grade and credit.
I = Incomplete, student has not completed class requirements. This can be changed to a grade when the student completes the class requirements.

Ranking: A student’s cumulative weighted GPA includes additional weight for AP and Honors Chemistry courses. Grade point values are utilized to determine a student’s class ranking (limited to 8 semesters). Students achieving the top possible (8) weighted points who have earned straight A’s in grades 9-12 will be determined to be the class valedictorians.

Standardized Test Results

SAT Results 2013-14

School	Grade 12 Enrollment	% Tested	Critical Reading Average	Math Average	Writing Average	% >= 1500
PHS	255	30%	522	536	507	60.53

ACT Results 2013-14

School	Grade 12 enrollment	% Tested	Avg. Reading	Avg. English	Avg. Math	Avg. Science	% > 21
PHS	255	15%	27	25	25	25	92.31

AP Results 2013-14

# Exam Takers	% of 11 th & 12 th Graders taking AP	1	2	3	4	5
93	19%	17	41	58	25	18

College Attendance History (based on final transcript requests)

4 year university - 12%; Community College or CTE school - 62%; Military - 5%

4-Year Universities include:	2-Year Colleges include:	
UC Berkeley	Academy of Art University	American River College
UC, Davis		Butte Community College
Brigham Young		Cabrillo College
UC, Santa Barbara		College of the Siskiyous
CSU, Chico		De Anza College
California Polytechnic		Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandizing, San Francisco
University of New Mexico		Feather River Community College
Grinnel College		Northwest Lineman Academy
Lewis and Clark		Pacific Union College
Neumont		Santa Barbara City College
Ohio State		Truckee Meadows Community College
Oregon State		Universal Technical Institute
Sacramento State		
San Diego State		
San Francisco State		

Extracurricular Opportunities

Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swim Team, Tennis, Track and Field, Wrestling, Volleyball

Clubs/Extracurricular: Academic Decathlon, Physics, Band Auxiliary, CSF, Christians on Campus, Ecology & Sustainability Club, French Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, Interact Club, Anime, Gaming