Paradise High School

School Profile 2020-21

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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 experienced a devastating fire in November 2018. Its population dropped by over 90% to a little over 2,000 inhabitants. The only major employer left in Paradise is Paradise Unified School District. The majority of employed former residents worked in neighboring communities. The Paradise Ridge was known as a desirable retirement community.

PHS is a comprehensive 4-year school with 519 students. In 19/20, PHS’s ethnic mix was: 77% white, 12% Hispanic or Latino, 1% American Indian/Alaska native, 1.0% Asian, 0.6% Filipino, 0.4% Black, and 8% Multi-Ethnic (non-Hispanic). PHS has 1% Foster students & 51% Free and Reduced Lunch (62% district-wide). PHS received a full 6-year WASC accreditation in 2012-13 but the current WASC was postponed due to changes induced by the fire & COVID-19.

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, Pathways, 2+2+2, College Connection, and/or eLearning courses.

The AP courses offered are AP English 11, AP English 12, AP Calculus (eLearning), AP Biology, AP Physics 1, AP Statistics, 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, Math 1, Math 2 and Chemistry as well as the College Connection program.

Graduation Requirements

- English – 40 credits
- Mathematics – 30 credits
- Science – 20 credits
- Social Science – 30 credits
- Fine Arts/CTE/World Language – 10 credits
- Physical Education – 20 credits
- Technology/Career – 10 credits
- Electives – 70 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 Chem./AP = 5.0)
B = 3.0 (Honors Chem./AP = 4.0)
C = 2.0 (Honors Chem./AP = 3.0)
D = 1.0     F = 0.0

AP+ = AP Course Credit
HON+ = Honors Course Credit (Chemistry Only)
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: Honors points are limited to 8 semesters of completed AP classes. Points toward senior class ranking are then deducted for grades below an “A” in academic courses (e.g., -1 point for each “B”, -2 points for each “C” and so on). The student must have been enrolled at PHS for at least three semesters to be eligible. Students achieving the top possible (8) AP points who have earned straight A’s in grades 9-12 will be determined to be the class valedictorians. Students who rank in the top 10% of the senior class using this method will be awarded a gold cord to wear at graduation.

Standardized Test Results

SAT Results 2018-19

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<th>Grade 11-12 Enrollment</th>
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ACT Results 2018-19

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AP Results 2018-19

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2017-18 College Going Rate

67.9%: UC=4%; CSU=13%; CCC=72%; Private 2- and 4-year= 1.6%; Out of State=8.6%

4-Year Universities
- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz
- University of New Mexico
- University of Oregon
- West Point Naval Academy
- Academy
- Yale
- 2-Year Colleges
- Academy of Art
- University

American River College
- Butte Community College
- Cabrillo College
- College of the Siskiyous
- De Anza College
- Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, San Francisco
- Feather River Community College
- Northwest Lineman Academy
- Pacific Union College
- Santa Barbara City College
- Truckee Meadows Community College
- Universal Technical Institute

Extracurricular Opportunities

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