

SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

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SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Founded in 1999, Pioneer Academy is an independent co-ed school for grades pre kindergarten through grade twelve. The school is located in Wayne NJ, a residential neighborhood in North Jersey, on an 17.8 acre campus. Pioneer Academy has high academic expectations of its students, and all courses help them to develop the foundation they will need to succeed in further education and their careers. physical and moral development of the students. Pioneer welcomes applicants of all races, religions and ethnic origins and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnic origins in the administration of its policies and programs.

Pioneer Academy is accredited by The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJ AIS).



OUR MISSION

Pioneer Academy fosters an inclusive environment, with state-of-the-art facilities, for students to grow in knowledge through a rigorous curriculum grounded in ethical principles and multicultural awareness, inspired by engaging faculty.

OUR VISION

We aim to inspire curious, creative, compassionate, and committed global citizens through intellectual growth and personal excellence within an ethical framework. We celebrate the pursuit of knowledge as inseparable from the development of character.

STUDENT BODY

456 STUDENTS

196 UPPER SCHOOL (9-12)

52 CLASS OF 2025

83 GIRLS

113 BOYS

31 BOARDING

57 INTERNATIONAL

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English.....	4 Years
Math.....	3 Years
Social Studies.....	3 years
Science.....	3 years
World Language.....	2 years
Physical Education.....	2 years
Fine Arts.....	1 year
21st Century Life & Careers.....	1 year
Financial Literacy.....	1 semester

A+ : 98-100	B+ : 87-89	C+ : 77-79	D+ : 67-69
A : 93-97	B : 83-86	C : 73-76	D : 63-66
A- : 90-92	B- : 80-82	C- : 70-72	D- : 60-62

Pioneer Academy uses a weighted GPA system when reporting to the colleges. Pioneer does NOT provide ANY CLASS RANK because of the small class sizes.

Principal's List

Awarded at the end of each quarter to students who earn a 4.0 grade point average.

High Honor Roll

Awarded at the end of each quarter to students who earn a 3.75 grade point average.

Honor Roll

Awarded at the end of each quarter to students who earn a 3.5 grade point average.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Pioneer Academy offers 4 types of courses: **AP, Honors, College Prep and Regular.**

English Language Arts

Introduction to Literature, Honors English I (Honors Introduction to Literature), English II (World Literature), Honors English II (Honors World Literature), English III (American Literature), Honors English III (Honors American Literature), English IV (British Literature), Honors English IV (Honors British Literature), College Writing, Broadcast Media Production, and AP English Language & Composition

Mathematics and Computer Science

Algebra I, Honors Algebra I, Algebra II, Honors Algebra II, Geometry, Honors Geometry, Precalculus, Honors Probability and Statistics, AP Precalculus, Calculus I, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Introduction to Computer Programming, Introduction to Engineering & Robotics, AP Computer Science Principles, Web Development, and AP Computer Science A, Cybersecurity

World Languages

Arabic I, Honors Arabic II, Honors Arabic III, Honors Arabic IV, Spanish I, Spanish II, Honors Spanish II, Spanish III, Spanish IV

Physical Education/Health

Physical Education and Nutrition & Wellness

Science

Anatomy and Physiology, Biology, Honors Biology, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Intro to Organic Chemistry, Environmental Science, Forensic Science, Molecular Biology & Genetics, Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Biology and AP Physics I

Social Studies

Intro to Business, Financial Literacy, Cultural Studies, Sociology, Anthropology, Business & Project Management, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Democracy & Civil Engagement, National & International Current Affairs, Media Literacy, Modern World History, Psychology, US History, Intro to World Religions, Intro to Social and Political Psychology, Sociology of the Future, Global Issues, Honors Modern World History, Honors US History, AP Psychology, AP Comparative Gov. & Politics, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP European History, AP US Gov. & Politics, and AP US History

21st Century Life & Careers

Democracy & Civil Engagement, National & International Current Affairs, and Public Speaking

Visual & Performing Arts

Graphic Design, Contemporary Arts & Musical Instruments, Digital Visual Art, Cultivating Creativity, Drawing & Painting, Animation

AP COURSES

AP Precalculus	AP English Language & Composition
AP Calculus AB	AP Comparative Government & Politics
AP Calculus BC	AP US History
AP Physics I	AP US Government & Politics
AP Chemistry	AP Psychology
AP Biology	AP European History
AP Computer Science A	AP Microeconomics
AP Computer Science Principles	AP Macroeconomics, AP Statistics

5-YEAR AP SUMMARY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
# of Students	53	50	74	72	89
# of Exams	96	87	152	152	169
Students w Score 3+	36	35	59	42	68
% of Students w Score 3+	68%	70%	80%	58%	76%

SEVEN-YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

American University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Amherst College	Rice University
Barnard College of Columbia Uni.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Baruch College	Rutgers University
Binghamton University	Seton Hall University
Boston College	Stevens Institute of Technology
Boston University	SUNY - Binghamton & Stony Brook
Brandeis University	Syracuse University
Brown University	Temple University
Carnegie Mellon University	The College of New Jersey
Case Western Reserve University	The Ohio State University
Colgate College	Tufts University
College of William & Mary	University of California-Berkeley
Connecticut College	University of California-Irvine
Cooper Union	Univ. of California-Los Angeles
Cornell University	Univ. of California-San Diego
Drexel University	University of Chicago
Duke University	University of Colorado
Emory University	University of Connecticut
Fordham University	University of Delaware
George Mason University	University of Illinois
George Washington University	UMASS - Amherst
Georgetown University	Univ. of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Harvard University	University of Notre Dame
Haverford College	University of Pennsylvania
Johns Hopkins University	University of Pittsburgh
Lafayette College	University of Rochester
Lehigh University	University of Southern California
Montclair State University	University of Sydney
New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Texas at Austin
New York Institute of Technology	University of Toronto, Canada
New York University	University of Virginia
Northeastern University	University of Washington
Northwestern University	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Ohio State University	Vanderbilt University
Olin College of Engineering	Villanova University
Penn State University	Virginia Tech University
Princeton University	Washington University in St. Louis
Purdue University	Williams College
Ramapo College	Yale University

FACULTY PROFILE

68	72%	8:1
Number of Faculty	of Faculty w/ Masters or PhD	Student/Faculty Ratio

STUDENT PROFILE

22	34	25%
Countries represented	Honors & AP courses	of students receive aid

STEAM PROGRAM

STEAM Education at Pioneer Academy stimulates innovation, creativity, critical thinking, communication and problem-solving skills, resulting in a well-rounded, multi-faceted child.

Our STEAM Program is based on strategies designed to engage students in learning at high standards, including academically based community service, civic education, environmental education, place based learning, service learning, and work-based learning.

STUDENT CLUBS

Animation & VFX	Model United Nations
Art Portfolio	Music Production
Best Buddies	National Honor Society
Book	Newsletter & Yearbook
Calligraphy	Robotics
Chemistry	Rocketry
Chess	Running
Coding	Science Olympiad
DECA	Spanish Cooking
Dungeons & Dragons	Stock Market
Future Leaders of USA	Student Government
Fitness	Table Tennis
Life Savers	Varsity Basketball
Math Olympiad	Varsity Soccer
Media & Broadcasting	Varsity Volleyball
Medical Studies	Water Marbling
Mental Health	

100%	OF PIONEER GRADUATES ATTEND A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE
95%	OF PIONEER GRADUATES ARE ACCEPTED TO TOP 100 COLLEGES

PIONEER ACADEMY

2023-2024 HIGHLIGHTS



PreK - 12

#1 PRIVATE SCHOOL

17.4 ACRE CAMPUS

MSA ACCREDITED



PIONEER ACADEMY is an independent, private PreK-12 school located in Wayne, NJ. We are proud to be a recognized as "National Blue Ribbon School" by US Dept. of Education and ranked as "The Best Private PreK-12 School" in Passaic County.

CURIOSITY | CREATIVITY | COMPASSION | COMMITMENT

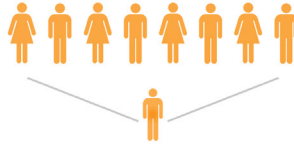
STUDENT BODY



11% International Students

7% Boarding Students

44 CLASS OF 2024



8:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

We at Pioneer Academy celebrate the pursuit of knowledge as inseparable from the development of character.

INVOLVEMENT

5,490
HOURS OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE



87

STUDENT CLUBS
& ACTIVITIES including



Robotics



Life Savers



Model UN

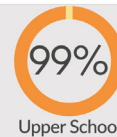
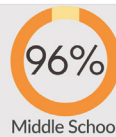
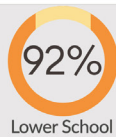


Broadcasting

STRONG ACADEMICS

1540 TOP SAT SCORE

MAP TEST RESULTS*



*Mathematics
National Average



68% of FACULTY HOLDS
MASTERS or PhD



34 HONORS & AP
CLASSES OFFERED

SCHOLARSHIPS



5,108,000

SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED



353,116

Highest amount of scholarship
received by a student, single college

100%

**COLLEGE
ACCEPTANCE**

PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY



Penn
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



KING'S
College
LONDON

UNIVERSITY
of VIRGINIA



EMORY
UNIVERSITY



Olin College
of Engineering



NYU



THE COOPER UNION

Williams

WELLESLEY

W

RUTGERS

VIRGINIA TECH

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY
KING'S COLLEGE LONDON
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
EMORY UNIVERSITY
OLIN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
THE COOPER UNION
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE
WILLIAMS COLLEGE
WELLESLEY COLLEGE
NYU
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
BOSTON COLLEGE
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
PURDUE UNIVERSITY
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, TWIN CITIES
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY
RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
NJIT



95% OF STUDENTS
GET INTO ONE OF
TOP 100 UNIVERSITIES

22+ COUNTRIES REPRESENTED ON CAMPUS



*INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



STEAM
EDUCATION



1:1 COLLEGE
COUNSELING



ON-CAMPUS
BOARDING