



SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

Murat Yurttaser
 Director of College Counseling
murat.yurttaser@pioneeracademy.org

Minkyu Kim
 Assoc. Director of College Counseling
minkyu.kim@pioneeracademy.org

Owen O. Akman
 Head of School

Ali Bilgin
 Head of Upper School

164 Totowa Rd. Wayne NJ 07470
 Phone: (973) 405-5169 Fax: (973) 405-6470
www.pioneeracademy.org

David Adams
 Senior College Counselor
david.adams@pioneeracademy.org

Mustafa Er
 College Counselor

Siddik Tok
 College Counselor

CEEB Code: 310249

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Founded in 1999, Pioneer Academy, an independent PreK-12 School, is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence awarded by the U.S. Department of Education and is proud to have been ranked “The Best Private School in Passaic County” for the last seven years. The school is located in Wayne NJ, on an 17.4 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. 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

478 STUDENTS

- 207 UPPER SCHOOL (9-12)
- 59 CLASS OF 2026
- 87 GIRLS
- 120 BOYS
- 37 BOARDING
- 53 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, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Calculus III, Introduction to Computer Programming, Intro. to AI & Machine Learning, 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, Advanced Turkish Language & Literature

21st Century Life & Careers

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

Science

Honors 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, AP US History, AP Human Geography

Visual & Performing Arts

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

Physical Education/Health

Physical Education and Nutrition & Wellness

AP COURSES

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

5-YEAR AP SUMMARY	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
# of Students	50	74	72	89	83
# of Exams	87	152	152	169	220
Students w Score 3+	35	59	42	68	67
% of Students w Score 3+	70%	80%	58%	76%	81%

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	Stanford University
Boston College	Seton Hall University
Boston University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Brandeis University	SUNY – Binghamton & Stony Brook
Brown University	Syracuse University
Carnegie Mellon University	Temple University
Case Western Reserve University	The College of New Jersey
Colgate College	The Ohio State University
College of William & Mary	Tufts University
Connecticut College	University of California–Berkeley
Cooper Union	University of California–Irvine
Cornell University	Univ. of California–Los Angeles
Drexel University	Univ. of California–San Diego
Duke University	University of Chicago
Emory University	University of Colorado
Fordham University	University of Connecticut
George Mason University	University of Delaware
George Washington University	University of Illinois
Georgetown University	UMASS – Amherst
Georgia Tech 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	36	21%
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

Aerospace	Model United Nations
Art & Design	Music Performance
Best Buddies	Speech & Debate
Book	National Honor Society
Calligraphy	Photography
Chemistry	Pre-Law
Chess	Robotics
Coding	Science Olympiad
DECA	Spanish Cooking
DevX	Stock Market
Drone	Student Government
FBLA	Student Wellness
Fitness, Life Savers	Table Tennis
Math Olympiad	Varsity Basketball
Media & Broadcasting	Varsity Soccer
Medical Studies	Varsity Volleyball
Mental Health	Water Marbling
Mock Trial	Wrestling, Yearbook

100% OF PIONEER GRADUATES ATTEND A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE

92% OF PIONEER GRADUATES ARE ACCEPTED TO TOP 50 COLLEGES