

PIONEER

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2006-2007

DISTRICT	Founded in 1960, Pioneer High School is one of six comprehensive high schools in the San Jose Unified School District (www.sjUSD.org).
LOCATION	In the Almaden neighborhood, a middle-class community 8 miles south of downtown San Jose and 55 miles south of San Francisco
TYPE	Public, 4-year, science magnet school with an interdisciplinary focus on community service and service learning
ENROLLMENT	1500 Seniors: 330 Juniors: 370 Sophomores: 400 Freshmen: 400
DEMOGRAPHICS	White: 49% Hispanic: 30% Asian: 12% Black: 3% Native American: 3% Other: 3% <i>Economically Disadvantaged: 15%</i> <i>English-Language Learners: 10%</i> <i>Special Education: 8%</i> <i>Gifted: 17%</i>
SCHOOL CHOICE	San Jose USD operates under an open-enrollment school choice plan. Because of its reputation for academic, athletic, and artistic excellence, Pioneer consistently operates at full capacity with a long waiting list.
ACCREDITATION	In 2002, Pioneer received the maximum six-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).
HONORS	California Distinguished School / 2006, 2000, and 1996 Santa Clara County Top Ten High School / San Jose Mercury News, 1998-2006 National Service Learning Leader School
VISION	Pioneer High School graduates well rounded, college ready, responsible citizens. Modern facilities, cutting-edge technology, rigorous curricula, the highest expectation, and our diverse learning community leave our students confident and prepared to navigate an ever-changing future. All stakeholders are firmly committed to the learning and success of each student.
STATE/FEDERAL ASSESSMENT	Pioneer's state Academic Performance Index is 801 out of 1,000, placing it in the top 20% of California high schools and resulting in its classification as a Very High Performing School. Pioneer has never failed to make its federal Adequate Yearly Progress goals required by No Child Left Behind.
SAT SCORES	In the 2005-2006 academic year, 172 students took the SAT. Their mean scores were V: 537 / M: 562. The California means were V: 504 / M: 522.
AP EXAMS	All AP classes are open enrollment, and all students must take the AP exam. In 2006, 262 students took a total of 509 AP tests. 59% of all scores were three or above, and 8% of scores were fives. The mean score was a 2.76.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

GRADUATES In 2006, 99.3% of Pioneer students graduated: 30% enrolled in 4-year colleges, 35% enrolled in 2-year colleges, and 72% were UC/CSU eligible.

GRADING SCALE

A	100-90%	D	69%-60%
B	89-80%	F	59% and Below
C	79%-70%		

GPA Student GPAs are calculated using the following values: A=4, B=3, C=2, and D=1. Pluses and minuses do not affect GPA calculations. All grades are unweighted. Student transcripts report 4 different GPA calculations: 9-12 with physical education, 9-12 without PE, 10-12 with PE, and 10-12 without PE.

CLASS RANK Students are ranked within their graduating class. Their transcripts report four different ranks: one for each of the four GPA calculations. Students with the same GPA, rounded to two decimal places, receive the same class rank.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English:	4 years
Social Studies:	3.5 years
Science:	3 years (including two years of lab science)
Mathematics:	3 years (including Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2)
Foreign Language:	2 years
Physical Education:	2 years (an interscholastic sport earns 1/2 year of credit)
Arts:	2 years
Electives:	4.5 years
Community Service:	40 hours

ADVANCED CLASSES **Accelerated Classes:** Acc World History, Acc English 3-4 (sophomore)

Honors Classes: Hon Biology, Hon Chemistry, Hon Physics, Hon Cellular Biology, Hon Math Analysis, and Hon English 5-6 (junior)

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A/AB, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, American Government, Physics B, Spanish Language, Statistics, and U.S. History

SPECIALTY CLASSES **Radio Broadcasting:** Students run KMTG 89.3 FM, a 300-watt radio station that broadcasts throughout southern San Jose.

Robotics and Technology: Students design and build radio-controlled and autonomous robots. Pioneer's teams have won regional and state competitions.

Man in the California Environment (BioSite): Students teach field ecology in three local elementary schools and lead teams of 4th graders in weekly field expeditions through a local watershed preserve.

American Judicial Systems (Mock Trial): Students study criminal law and procedure and compete in mock trial events.

EXEMPLARY EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS 2002-2006

SERVICE LEARNING	National Service Learning Leader School / Corp for Nat'l & Community Service; Students from Pioneer's many service learning programs routinely present at national service learning conferences	
YEARBOOK	Semi-Finalist for Yearbook of the Year 2006 National Sample Yearbook 2006-2007	
ROBOTICS	Western Regional Robotics Forum Directors Award of Merit 2006, Regional Finalist 2006, Regional Semi-Finalist 2005	
ATHLETIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	Baseball / Boys	2005
	Basketball / Boys	2002
	Basketball / Girls	2004
	Cross Country	2004
	Football	2005
	Golf	2003
	Soccer / Boys	2002 (CCS Champions 2002; CCS 2nd Place 2006)
	Soccer / Girls	2003, 2004, 2005 (3 undefeated seasons)
	Softball	2003
	Swimming / Boys	2002
	Track & Field	2004
	Volleyball / Boys	2002
	Water Polo / Girls	2004
	Wrestling	2002
SPIRIT/CHEER	Regional Champions	2006
DANCE	National Champions	2003
	State Champions	2003
	Regional Champions	2002, 2003, 2004

