

College Acceptance

A representative list of colleges and universities where PCA students have been accepted.

American University
 Arizona State University
 Babson College
 Bates College
 Baylor University
 Belhaven University
 Bentley University
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Brandeis University
 Brown University
 Bryant University
 Butler University
 California College of the Arts
 Calvin College
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve University
 Catholic University of America
 Cedarville University
 Chapman University
 Clarkson University
 Clemson University
 Colgate University
 College of William and Mary
 Columbia University
 Connecticut College
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Denison University
 DePaul University
 Drew University
 Drexel University
 Duquesne University
 Eastern University
 Emerson College
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Fordham University
 George Mason University
 George Washington University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gettysburg College
 Gordon College
 Grove City College
 Hampshire College
 Hofstra University
 Holy Cross College
 Houghton College
 Indiana University
 Ithaca College
 James Madison University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Johnson & Wales University
 Kenyon College
 Lafayette College
 Liberty University
 Loyola University
 Lynchburg College
 Massachusetts College of Art
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
 McGill University
 Messiah College
 Missouri State University
 Monmouth University
 Montana State University
 Moody Bible Institute
 Muhlenberg College
 New England Institute of Art
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Norwich University
 Ohio University
 Ohio Wesleyan University



Portsmouth Christian Academy 2017-2018 Upper School Profile

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Mission Statement

The mission of Portsmouth Christian Academy is to honor God joyfully by inspiring students to maximize their God-given potential.

The School and the Community

Portsmouth Christian Academy is the largest non-denominational Christian school in New England and is located on a beautiful 50-acre riverfront campus in Dover, NH. Based on a classical philosophy, PCA's traditional Preschool – Grade 12 educational program is academically rigorous and culminates in an excellent college preparatory Upper School program. Over 50% of the Upper School faculty hold masters degrees and 31% hold doctoral degrees. Founded in 1979, the school provides exceptional Christian education to families in New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts.

Accreditation

Portsmouth Christian Academy is proud to be a dual accredited school.
 Association of Christian Schools, International (ASCI)
 New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

SAT Mean

Evidence Based Reading/Writing	614
Math	608

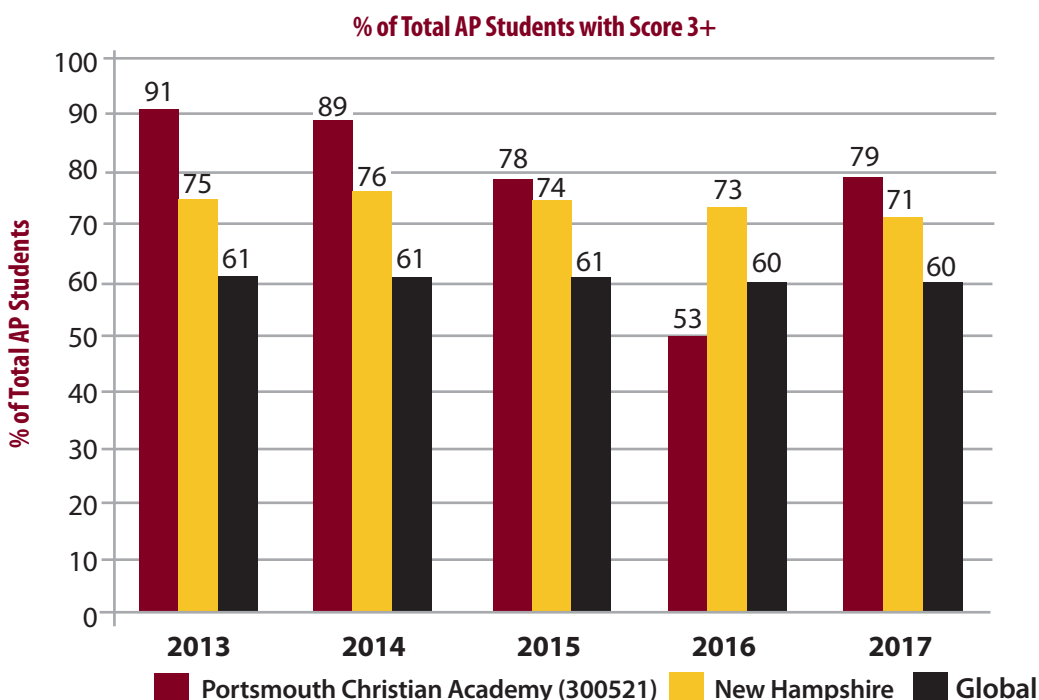
Enrollment

Upper School	180
Class of 2018	41
Total Preschool-12	500

AP Classes

Biology • Calculus AB • Calculus BC • European History • French • Literature and Composition • Physics • Psychology • Spanish • Chemistry

AP Testing: Five-Year School Summary



The Curriculum

PCA provides students with a broad-based college preparatory curriculum grounded in a Christian worldview. Over 95% of PCA graduates will attend a four-year college or university after graduating. PCA prepares students for the academic and social challenges ahead, as well as to be contributing and productive members of society on a global level. Critical thinking skills and public speaking are emphasized; students are encouraged to apply these skills in all subject areas and to use them to explore the fundamental questions of life's purpose, personal responsibility and faith.

In addition to the rigorous academics, PCA offers students the opportunity to grow and learn through extracurricular programs including athletics, clubs, fine and performing arts, chapel and small groups, student leadership training, community service and missions.

Class of 2018 Graduation Requirements

English	4 credits	Mathematics	3 credits	Electives as needed
Science	3 credits	Social Science	3 credits	Core credit hours 21.0
Bible	4 credits	Foreign Language	2 credits	Total credit hours 22.0
Arts Education	1 credit	Physical Education	1 credit	

Community Service: Students are required to complete a minimum of 50 community service hours each year until graduation.

Grading Scale

PCA's Upper School evaluates students according to the following scale:

Percent	Symbol	Percent	Symbol
97-100	A+	77-79	C+
93-96	A	73-76	C
90-92	A-	70-72	C-
87-89	B+	67-69	D+
83-86	B	63-66	D
80-82	B-	60-62	D-



Course Offerings 2017-2018

BIBLE

Old Testament Survey
 Honors Old Testament Survey
 New Testament Survey
 Honors New Testament Survey
 Christian Apologetics, Worldview & Ethics
 Church History
 Honors Systematic Theology
 Discipleship & Evangelism: Christian Living
 Missions and World Religions
 Biblical Prophecy

ENGLISH

Rhetoric & Composition
 Analyzing Writing
 Honors Analyzing Writing
 Writing in the US
 Honors American Literature
 Great Works of Literature
 Honors Great Works of Literature
 AP Literature & Composition
 AP Language & Composition

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Reading Fluency
 International English
 Intermediate International English
 Introduction to Christianity

FINE ARTS & ENRICHMENT

Freshman Seminar
 Drawing I
 Drawing II
 Elements of Art
 Principles of Design
 Painting I
 Painting II
 Printmaking
 Graphic Design
 Digital Photography

Yearbook and Publication Design
 Art History: Cave to Medieval
 Art History: Renaissance to Modern
 AP Art History
 AP Studio Art
 Voices
 Honors Voices
 Symphony
 Guitar I
 Guitar II
 Guitar Ensemble
 Music Appreciation
 Music Theory I
 AP Music Theory
 Introduction to Theatre Arts
 Acting for the Stage

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French I, II
 Honors French III
 AP French
 Spanish I, II
 Honors Spanish III
 AP Spanish

HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCES

Civics: Government and Economics
 World History
 Honors World History
 US History
 Honors US History
 Honors History of World War II
 Honors History of the Cold War
 Honors European History
 AP European History

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I
 Algebra II
 Honors Algebra I

Honors Algebra II
 Geometry
 Honors Geometry
 Pre-Calculus
 Honors Pre-Calculus*
 Honors Calculus
 AP Calculus AB*
 AP Calculus BC
 Logic, Probability & Statistics
 AP Statistics
 Applied Topics in College Math
 Foundations of Personal Finance

SCIENCE

Biology
 Honors Biology
 AP Biology*
 Chemistry
 Honors Chemistry
 AP Chemistry*
 Environmental Science
 Marine Science
 Anatomy & Physiology
 Conceptual Physics
 AP Physics*
 Psychology
 AP Psychology

TECHNOLOGY

Robotics
 Software Engineering
 Computer Programming

** Available as a Dual Enrollment course with Southern New Hampshire University*

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Oklahoma City University
 Oregon State University
 Palm Beach Atlantic University
 Patrick Henry College
 Pennsylvania State University
 Pepperdine University
 Providence College
 Purdue University
 Quinnipiac University
 Regis College
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rhodes College
 Roanoke College
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Roger Williams University
 Ryerson University
 Sacred Heart University
 Saint Joseph's University
 Seattle Pacific University
 Seton Hall
 Shenandoah University
 Simmons College
 Skidmore College
 Smith College
 Springfield College
 St. Anselm College
 St. Bonaventure University
 St. John's University
 St. Lawrence University
 St. Michael's College
 St. Olaf College
 State University of New York
 Stonehill College
 Suffolk University
 Susquehanna University
 Syracuse University
 Taylor University
 Temple University
 Texas A&M
 Texas Christian University
 The Citadel
 The King's College
 The Ohio State University
 Trinity College
 Tulane University
 Union College
 United State Air Force Academy
 University of Alabama
 University of Arizona
 University of California
 University of Chicago
 University of Connecticut
 University of Denver
 University of Illinois
 University of Maine
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
 University of Maryland
 University of Massachusetts
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Mississippi
 University of New Hampshire
 University of New Mexico
 University of North Carolina
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Richmond
 University of Tampa
 University of Toronto
 University of Vermont
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin
 Valparaiso University
 Virginia Tech University
 Washington and Lee
 Washington State University
 Westpoint
 Wheaton College
 Wittenberg University
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Athletics

PCA offers the following Junior Varsity and Varsity sports:

Varsity Cross Country (Co-ed)
 Varsity Boys Soccer
 Varsity Girls Soccer
 Varsity Girls Volleyball
 JV Girls Volleyball
 Varsity Boys Basketball
 JV Boys Basketball
 Varsity Girls Basketball
 JV Girls Basketball
 Varsity Indoor Track & Field (Co-ed)

Varsity Baseball
 Varsity Softball
 Varsity Boys Tennis
 Track & Field (Co-ed)
 Varsity Gymnastics