



## Pacific Collegiate School

**MISSION:** Pacific Collegiate School's mission is to provide exemplary, standards-based college preparatory and fine arts education for public middle and high school students. Our vision is to offer any student the same quality of education offered by the most academically distinguished schools in California. Our graduates will be prepared to enter and thrive at the world's finest colleges and universities.

**VISION:** In addition to a core college preparatory curriculum, Pacific Collegiate School will emphasize international, cross-cultural, and technological education in order to prepare graduates for life in the 21st Century. Pacific Collegiate students will be introduced to the rich variety of world cultures and become fluent in at least one foreign language. They will become proficient in the basic information technologies essential for cultural literacy in the 21st Century. Our program is rooted in the belief that most students, not just a few, are capable of a demanding, rigorous and relevant high school education.

### SCHOOL

Founded in 1999 and accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Pacific Collegiate School is a college preparatory, public charter school for grades 7-12. Our target population is middle and high school-age students who seek an exemplary, standards-based college preparatory and fine arts education. We attract highly motivated students who flourish in a supportive and academically challenging environment.

PCS has an **open admissions policy**: admission in all grades is non-selective, and is determined through public implementation of a once-a-year lottery. Current enrollment is 527 in grades 7-12; there are 74 seniors in the Class of 2017. 36 full and part-time professionals make up the teaching faculty, 67% with advanced degrees. The student/teacher ratio is 17:1.

### GRADUATION & AP COURSE REQUIREMENTS

220 credits, including 5 AP courses and 80 hours of community service, must be completed during grades 9-12 to meet the school's requirements for graduation. Language and Math requirements can be satisfied using courses from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

	Requirement grades 9-12	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade*	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
English	4 years	English 7	English 8	**English 9	**English 10	**AP English Language	**AP English Literature
History	3 years	U.S. History	Ancient World History	Medieval World History	AP World History	AP U.S. History	History elective
Math	3 years	Pre-Algebra	Algebra 1	Algebra 2	Geometry	Pre-Calculus	AP Calculus
Science	3 years	Life Science	Physical Science	Conceptual Physics	Chemistry	AP Biology	Science elective
World Language	3 years		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Advanced Placement	Elective
Visual and Performing Arts	3 years	Art Elective	Art Elective	Art Elective	Art Elective	Art Elective	Art Elective
Community Service	80 hours	10 hours	10 hours	20 hours	20 hours	20 hours	20 hours

\*All 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students will take Study Skills and Technology as one of their six classes

\*\*Must include English 9, English 10, and at least one of: AP English Language, AP English Literature.

## **ADMISSIONS AND LOTTERY:**

### **Enrollment parameters for 2018-19:**

- Target Enrollment is 530
- Maximum Grade Size (for lottery purposes) for all grades is 92 students.
- If projected enrollment for a particular grade is at maximum on Lottery date, lottery entrants for that grade will all be wait-listed.

### **Preferences:**

Per the school's charter, admission to PCS is determined by lottery, after certain admissions preferences are exercised.

1. Preference for First-Time College Attendee.
  - The preference applies to applicants who would be the first in their family to attend college. It reserves five seats in Grade 7 (or 14% of spaces remaining for Grade 7 *after* implementation of preferences 2 & 3, whichever number is larger). 1% increase in percent of spaces each year up to 15%.
  - All eligible applicants for Preference #1 will be selected through a lottery process.
  - A wait-list of all Preference #1 candidates not selected for Grade 7 through that particular lottery will be compiled, and maintained as necessary.
  - Any candidate for admission through Preference #1 not selected in that smaller lottery will then be a candidate for the appropriate grade-level lottery and will also be automatically re-classified according to Preference #5.
2. Children of Faculty and Staff.
3. Siblings of currently-enrolled students who will also attend PCS next year.
4. Children of current or prior Board Members.
5. Preference for applicants residing within SCCS Secondary District.
  - Applies to all who would be eligible to attend Harbor, Santa Cruz, and Soquel High Schools, as well as SCCS alternative options.
  - In-district applicants are awarded a weighted advantage in the lottery process such that their chances of being selected are greater than those of out-of-district applicants. SCCS high school residents name go into the lottery 10 times and non SCCS residents go into the lottery 9 times.
  - This preference addresses a legal duty of PCS and is exercised as part of each grade-level lottery.

### **How the lottery works:**

- All lottery entrants will receive a lottery number once they fill out the lottery application and create an account online at pcslotteryapp.com. This number is the number entered into the lottery on March 22, 2018.
- On the night of the lottery, the numbers are submitted for each grade via our lottery software through Smart Choice Technologies and placed on a list in the order generated.
- Excluding 7<sup>th</sup> grade, which has a predetermined number of spots open, seats are filled from the list created by the lottery as they open up. In other words, from a wait list.
- For the fall semester, seats may be filled up until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school. In January some students may be admitted to fill vacant seats in middle school. Their admission will be based on an appropriate class schedule being available for that student.

### **Lottery timeline:**

- Applications must be submitted online no later than March 12, 2018 at 3:30 PM.
- Submission of the application, and verified attendance at an Information Meeting, guarantees entry into the lottery, March 22, 2018 at 5:00 PM.
- You may view the results of the lottery by logging into your application and seeing if you were awarded a seat or what your number is on the wait list.
- Forms submitted after the lottery will place a student on the waiting list in the order that they are received.