

Pisgah High School Profile 2023–2024

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Mission

We are a school united in educating the whole child with high expectations by respecting the past, embracing the present, and preparing for the future. Pisgah High School strives to produce successful young adults who can compete and succeed in the 21st century through a supportive community, strong student body, and dedicated staff.

Community

Pisgah High School is located in Canton, North Carolina, a town with a population of approximately 4,000 residents within Haywood County, which has a population of approximately 57,000 people. Haywood County Schools is the largest school system in western North Carolina outside of Buncombe County. The district includes eight elementary schools, three middle schools, an Early College, and an alternative school, serving more than 6,500 students. Canton is located along the Pigeon River.

School Facts

- Pisgah High School was established in 1966 after consolidation of the Haywood Community School System.
- The school serves approximately 913 students in grades 9–12.
- The 2023–2024 senior class enrollment is approximately 212 students.
- There are approximately 90 faculty and staff members.
- The school operates on a 4x4 block schedule with four 90-minute periods.
- Students take four courses each semester and eight courses per year.
- Each completed course earns one unit of credit.

Student Demographics

- White: 82.2%
- Hispanic/Latino: 12.4%
- Multi-racial: 3%

- African American: 1%
- Asian and American Indian: 1%
- Students qualifying for free or reduced lunch: 41.8%

Athletics and Arts Programs

Pisgah High School competes in the Mountain 7 Athletic Conference and offers 18 sports including baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball, and wrestling. The school also has an award-winning Sportsmen Club team.

The arts program includes Band, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts, and Vocal Music. The school also offers a Naval Junior ROTC program and a variety of student clubs.

Administration and Staff

- Principal: Clint Conner
- Assistant Principals: Layna Cope, Jessy Wilkins
- Lead Teacher: Amanda Allen
- Athletic Director: Heidi Morgan
- School Counselors: Roddy Alt (A–G), Lori Mills (H–O), Whitney Haas (P–Z)
- Counseling Secretary: Carter Tolley
- Career Coach: Katie O'Connor
- Superintendent of Haywood County Schools: Dr. Trevor Putnam

ACT Scores

PHS ACT Composite 2022–2023: 18.8

North Carolina ACT Composite 2022–2023: 18.5

Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2024

- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits (Math I, Math II, Math III, and a higher-level math course)
- 3 Science credits (Earth/Environmental Science, Biology, and a physical science)
- 4 Social Studies credits (World History, American History, Economics and Personal Finance, and Civics and Economics)
- 1 Health and Physical Education credit
- 2 elective credits from World Languages, Fine Arts, or Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- 4 credits in a concentration (Academics, CTE, Fine Arts, or ROTC)
- 6 additional elective credits

Total credits required: 28 (32 credits possible).

Students planning to attend the University of North Carolina public university system must complete two credits of the same world language.

Post-Graduation Plans for 2023 Graduates

- Public University: 25.27%
- Private University: 5.38%
- Community College: 35.5%
- Private Trade, Business, or Nursing Schools: 1%
- Military: 2.7%
- Employment: 30.6%
- Other: 0%

Advanced Placement Courses

- AP Biology (off campus only)
- AP Calculus AB (off campus only)
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry (off campus only)
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Human Geography
- AP Research
- AP Seminar
- AP Statistics (off campus only)
- AP U.S. History
- AP Government and Politics

Honors and Advanced Courses

- Honors English I, II, III, IV
- Honors Math I, II, III, IV and Honors Pre-Calculus
- Honors Earth/Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry
- Honors Spanish III and IV
- Honors French III and IV
- Advanced Vocal Music, Visual Arts, Theatre, and Band
- Advanced ROTC

Grading Scale

- A: 90–100 (4 quality points)
- B: 80–89 (3 quality points)
- C: 70–79 (2 quality points)

- D: 60–69 (1 quality point)
- F: 0–59 (0 quality points)

Honors and advanced courses receive an additional 0.5 quality point.

AP and College Career Promise (Dual Enrollment) courses receive an additional 1 quality point.