

Pekin Community High School

District 303 Profile

2016-2017



District and Community

The city of Pekin (population 34,094) is located in the west central portion of Illinois, along the eastern bank of the Illinois river. Pekin Community High School students come from five elementary districts and two private schools within and around the city. For more information about the city of Pekin and all it has to offer visit www.pekinchamber.com

Pekin Community High School

Pekin Community High School is located in Central Illinois approximately ten miles southwest of Peoria. As one of the largest downstate high schools, the park-like campus occupies 125 acres in the heart of Pekin. Including the Holman Tech Ed Center, the main campus buildings cover approximately 550,000 square feet. The school serves 2,100 students in its 133 classrooms and has multiple computer labs, a foreign language lab and the F.M. Peterson Theater which seats 600. It also includes a natatorium and two gymnasiums. Every classroom has a SmartBoard and is fully integrated with technology; we are also proud to offer blended, flipped and online classes. Career and technical education prepares youth for a wide range of careers, from child care, registered nursing, business, culinary arts, imaging, engineering, JROTC, computer technician, to manufacturing and construction. The CTE program provides students with college dual credit, advanced placement, certification, or the background to easily transition into a career or post-high school training and education. We offer 56 different CTE courses by 20 very qualified teachers. Our extensive number of extra-curricular programs and diversified, rigorous curricula allow students to excel in the classroom and beyond.

Mission Statement

Pekin Community High School District No. 303 is committed to preparing all students to become responsible, productive and enlightened citizens who can meet the challenges of a changing society by engaging them in a high quality, diverse and contemporary learning environment which maximizes the talents of students, staff, families and the community.

Faculty and Staff

There are approximately 145 certified staff and 95 classified (support) staff at Pekin Community High School. Of the 145 certified staff, 75 have Masters Degrees and 68 have Bachelors Degrees and 2 have Doctorate Degrees. The District student-to-teacher ratio is 16 to 1 and the school's average class size is 18.6 students.

Rank

Beginning with the class of 2013, PCHS students will not be ranked. Valedictorian and senior academic awards are determined by using accumulated grade points plus GPA.

Grading System

Grade	Percent	Points	AP
A	100-90	4	5
B	89-80	3	4
C	79-70	2	3
D	69-60	1	2
F	59-00	0	0



Advanced Placement / Dual Credit Courses

Pekin Community High School offers ten AP classes: AP Calculus, AP Statistics, AP U.S. History, AP Macro Economics, AP English, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics, AP Psychology and AP Chemistry. In the 2015-16 school year, PCHS had 200 students signed up to take 360 AP tests. Dual Credit courses include: Health Occupations II, Networking, Computer Repair. PCHS is a Project Lead the Way school in the Pathway to Engineering Program.

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"Home of the Dragons"

Student Activities

PCHS offers over 50 clubs and organizations for students to be involved throughout the school including many community service opportunities.



Curriculum / Career Technical Education

Pekin Community High School offers over 200 courses with several career pathway programs. A full listing of course descriptions can be found at www.pekinhigh.net.

Graduation Requirements	
English — 1,2,3,4 (Speech),5,6 and one of the following senior year courses: Research Writing, Composition or Technical Communication are required for graduation.	4.0
Social Studies —U.S. History and American Government including Constitution Test	2.5
Mathematics —One year of Algebra and Geometry content	3.0
Science —Minimum 2 years of lab science is recommended	2.0
General Studies —One year chosen from music, foreign language, art, drama or vocational education.	1.0
Consumer Education —Consumer Economics, Economics, or one year Cooperative Work Program fulfills requirement.	.5
Health	.5
Drivers Education —Classroom	.25
Physical Education	2.5
Electives	5.0
Total Credits:	20.0

Student Enrollment 2016-17	
Freshmen	481
Sophomore	512
Junior	472
Senior	489
Total:	1,954

Class of 2016 Post-Secondary Plans	
Four-Year College	45.1%
Two-Year College	29.0%
Technical School	2.6%
Military	4%
Full-Time Employment	13.8%
Undecided / Other	10.1%

Class of 2016 ACT Scores			
501 Students Tested	PCHS	State	National
English	18.5	20.5	20.4
Math	19.6	20.6	20.8
Reading	19.7	21.0	21.4
Science	19.4	20.6	20.9
Composite	19.5	20.8	20.8

ACT Composite Averages			
	PCHS	State	National
Class of 2012	21.0	20.9	21.1
Class of 2013	19.9	20.6	20.9
Class of 2014	19.5	20.7	21.0
Class of 2015	19.9	20.7	21.0
Class of 2016	19.5	20.8	20.8



Pekin Community High School...“Where we do many things and do them well”