

2020–2021

School Profile

CEEB Code #210191

About Our School

OUR MISSION

Pearson Online Academy, a private virtual school, meets individual needs through high quality instruction and enriching, rigorous curriculum; empower students to be self-directed and reflective learners who actively participate in our global society through innovative 21st century technology; and builds the essential skills necessary for college or career readiness while creating a community of learners through interactive communication within a supportive environment.



OUR PROGRAM

Pearson Online Academy is a K–12 online private school that students attend from home. Pearson Online Academy brings a U.S. education directly to your family's door – anywhere in the world. Pearson Online Academy's college prep curriculum brings learning to life with engaging technology, clubs and activities, and over 100 courses to choose from. The teamwork of the Learning Coach and Pearson Online Academy teachers provide a quality experience that prepare students for success.

Here are some important facts about the program:

- » Pearson Online Academy has approximately 2000 full-time and part-time students in grades K-12.
- » Our full-time K–12 program provides a comprehensive private school experience – from individualized instruction to clubs and activities, academic/career counseling, a wide range of electives, and more.
- » Part-time solutions help students get ahead, catch up, or explore new subjects through hundreds of virtual K–12 courses.
- » Summer school options engage K–8 students with academic enrichment opportunities while on summer break. High school students can recover credits for graduation or accelerate their

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studies with original credit courses and electives.

- » Career Technical Education (CTE) courses allow students to combine both college preparation and workforce skills development into one customized education program. CTE courses encourage students to explore and prepare for careers in astronomy, marketing, psychology, criminal justice, and more.
- » Pearson Online Academy is accredited by MSA, as well as the following accrediting divisions of Cognia, formerly AdvancED: SACS CASI, NWAC, and NCA CASI.

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Pearson Online Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, where they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions. Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. AP course offerings include: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. Government, & U.S. History.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra I & II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Marine Science, English 9-12, Geometry, Physical Science, Physics, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History

SCHOOL ACCOLADES:

The student body represents over 70 countries. Pearson Online Academy has a 92% graduation rate. At Pearson Online Academy, 66% of Advanced Placement Exam scores resulted in scores of 3 or higher.

ACCREDITATIONS:



SAMPLING OF STUDENT ACCEPTANCES:

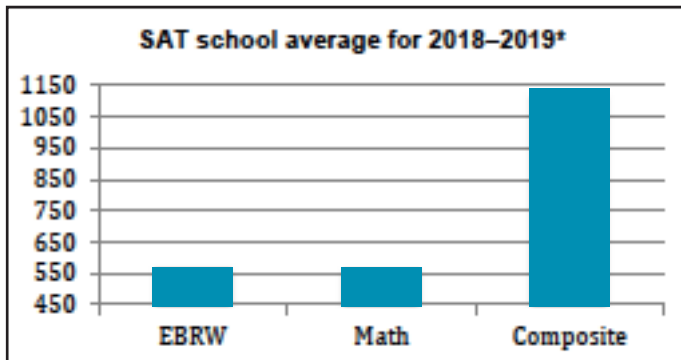
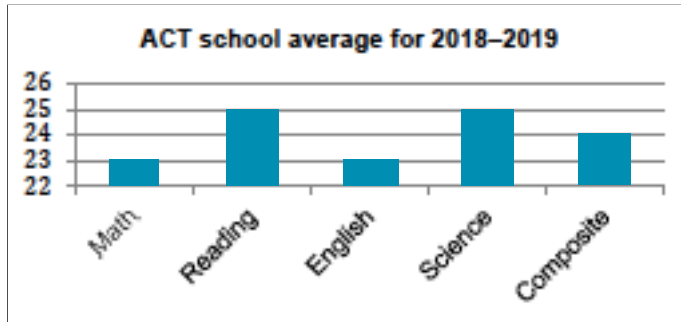
Students in the Class of 2020 were accepted to the following colleges: University of North Texas, Rice University, University of Alabama, California State University, University of NC at Chapel Hill, Auburn University, Clemson University, Vanderbilt University

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Pearson Online Academy operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit. The typical course load is six classes per semester. Students are able to earn up to seven (7) credits during the school year.

Average Test Scores

Area/Subjects	Units
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
Foreign Language	2
Other Electives	3
Total	21



*Previous school year data used due to COVID-19

GRADE SCALE

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)
A	92-100	4.00	4.5	5.00
A-	90-91	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	88-89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82-87	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80-81	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	78-79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	72-77	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70-71	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	68-69	1.33	1.33	1.33
D	62-67	1.00	1.00	1.00
D-	60-61	0.67	0.67	0.67
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00