

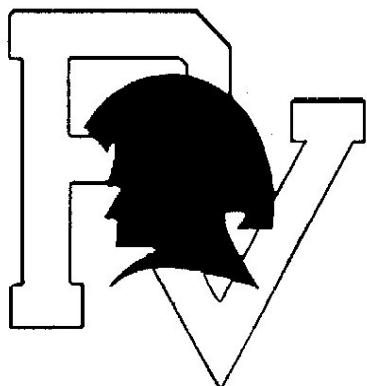
# Pleasant Valley

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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**RECIPIENT OF STATE  
AND NATIONAL AWARDS  
FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN EDUCATION**

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Pleasant Valley Community High School is a public school which serves 1,100 students in grades 9-12. The semester-based curriculum is taught by 80 professional staff members. Sixty-five percent of the faculty holds at least a Master's Degree. The school is accredited by the Iowa Department of Public Instruction and the North Central Association.

## OUR COMMUNITY

Pleasant Valley Community School District is a suburb of the Quad City Metropolitan area. The Iowa-Illinois Bi-State Region, joined by the Mississippi River, has a population of over 390,000 and hosts many national and international manufacturing concerns. The Quad-Cities are noted for farm implement and aluminum manufacturing. Although the school district is comprised of the full range of socio-economic strata, a large percentage of the parents are college graduates who are business executives, professional and federal employees.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Twenty-three (23) semester units are required for graduation. Required units are English - four units, Social Studies - three units, Mathematics - three units, Science - two units (for class of 2009), three units (for the class of 2010), Expressive or Technical Arts - one half unit, Technology - one half unit, Parenting Skills - one half unit, Health - one half unit, Wellness - one unit and Service-Learning - one unit. Each course receiving credit, with the exception of Wellness and Service-Learning, is utilized to compute a weighted grade point average. An explanation of the weighted grading system is included on the transcript.

## COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

Approximately 55 percent of the Pleasant Valley students enroll in 4-year colleges. An additional 32 percent enroll in 2-year colleges or technical programs.

## SPECIAL CURRICULUM FEATURES

The 183 course offerings at PVCHS allow a student to prepare extensively for college or technical fields. High ability courses are offered in most curricular areas. Due to the excellent student body and the strong curriculum, each class typically scores in the top 10% of the national norms and the top 15% of state norms on the Iowa Tests of Educational Development. All 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are evaluated with this achievement test.

## TESTING RESULTS

ACT	06-07	07-08
English	24.7	23.9
Mathematics	24.7	24.0
Reading	25.5	24.9
Science	24.5	24.0
Composite	24.9	24.3
	N=176	N=204

SAT	06-07	07-08
Critical Reading	647	604
Mathematics	631	615
Writing	643	602
	N=35	N=29

Although our high school ACT mean ranks above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile, our students rank at the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in terms of the high school's grade average. We conclude that the grading practices are not inflated but rather more stringent than other schools.

Due to outstanding achievements on standardized tests, we have eliminated class rank as part of a student's transcript.

Additional questions should be addressed to the counseling staff by calling (563) 332-6250.

Mrs. Kerry Anderson, Counselor  
Mr. Doug Bodeen, Counselor  
Mrs. Linda Noble, Counselor  
Mrs. Valerie Tucker, Counselor

# PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

## BASIC EDUCATION

American Government Fundamentals  
Flex 9, 10  
Independent Living Skills  
Individual Skills  
Math Fundamentals  
Optimum English  
Optimum Reading  
Reading Fundamentals  
Science Fundamentals  
Skills Enrichment 1, 2  
Social Studies Fundamentals  
Social Studies/Community Mobility  
Transition Skills  
Vocational Training  
Work Experience

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Auto Mechanics  
Child Care Aide  
Cosmetology  
Landscape/Retail Sales  
Service-Learning  
Service-Learning 9/10, 11/12

## INFORMATION

## TECHNOLOGY/BUSINESS/MARKETING

Accounting  
Business Computer Applications  
Education Academy  
Entrepreneurship Academy  
Introduction to Business  
Personal Finance  
Principles of Marketing  
Technology Independent Study  
Web Design W/Front Page  
Web Design W/HTML

## MULTI-OCCUPATIONS

Multi-Occupations

## MUSIC EDUCATION

Band 9, 10-12  
Chamber Choir  
Concert Choir  
\*Introduction to Music Theory  
\*AP Music Theory  
Orchestra Ensemble  
Pleasant Valley Singers  
Women's Ensemble

## ART

Advanced Photography  
Computer Graphic Design  
Design  
Drawing  
Graphic Arts  
Introduction to Studio Art  
Painting  
Photography  
Sculpture  
Senior Survey

## INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Architectural Design  
Automotive Maintenance  
Basic Modeling  
Computer Aided Drafting  
Construction Skills  
Engineering Problems  
Engineering Problems Academy

## INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CONTINUED

Introduction to Industrial Technology 1, 2  
Logistics Academy  
Metals 2  
Principles of Technology 1, 2  
Transportation Technologies  
Welding and Metal Fabrication  
Wood Production Processes

## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Advanced Food Preparation  
Child Development  
Fashion Construction  
Food Prep 1  
Food Sanitation and Safety  
Guiding the Behavior of Children  
Health, Safety & Nutrition  
International Cuisine  
Introduction to Baking  
Introduction to Fashion Merchandising  
Introduction to Interior Design  
Parenting Skills  
Relationships  
Youth Apprenticeship

## INDIVIDUALIZED/INDEPENDENT STUDY

Acting /Theater Arts 1  
Iowa Assembly Affairs  
\*Journalistic Writing Principles of Media 3  
Stagecraft/Theater Arts 2

## COMPUTER SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

C++  
CISCO Networking Academy  
JAVA  
Visual Basic

## ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

American Literature  
College Writing  
English 9, 10  
\*Honors English 9, 10  
English Skills 9, 10  
Expressive Writing  
Journalistic Writing Principles of Media 1, 2  
(The) Language of Film: How to Read a Movie

\*AP Language/Composition  
\*AP Literature/Composition

Modern Literature  
Optimum English  
Optimum Reading  
Essential English  
Professional Writing  
Public Speaking  
Young Adult Literature 1, 2  
World Literature

## WORLD LANGUAGE

French 1, 2, 3, \*4, \*AP French  
Japanese 1, 2, 3, \*4, \*5  
Spanish 1, 2, 3, \*4, \*AP Spanish

## MATHEMATICS

\*Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry  
Algebra  
Algebra 2  
Adv. Algebra and Trigonometry  
\*AP Calculus  
Consumer Math  
\*Discrete Math  
General Math

## MATHEMATICS CONTINUED

Geometry  
\*Geometry  
Informal Geometry  
Introduction to Algebra 1, 2  
\*Pre-Calculus  
\*Probability and Statistics  
WELLNESS  
B.F.S. Adv. Weight Training  
Beyond BFS/Total Package  
Circuit Weight Training/Conditioning  
Health  
Health Occupations Academy  
Individual Fitness  
Lifeguarding  
Lifetime Activities  
Medical Careers I  
Sports Medicine & Emergency Treatment  
Ultimate Fitness

## SCIENCE

\*Anatomy & Physiology 1, 2  
Biology  
\*Honors Biology  
Chemistry  
\*Honors Chemistry  
\*AP Chemistry  
Earth Science  
Environmental Science  
General Science 1, 2  
\*Microbiology/Organic Chemistry  
Pharmacology/Medical Terminology  
Physics  
\*Honors Physics  
\*AP Physics  
Principles of Technology 1, 2  
SOCIAL STUDIES  
American Government  
American History  
American History-The Post Modern Era  
\*AP Comparative Government  
Economics Principles and Practices  
\*AP European History  
Foundations of World History  
\*AP Human Geography  
\*AP MicroEconomics  
Psychology  
Sociology  
You and the Law

## GRADING KEY

	A	B	C	D	F	PASS/FAIL
* Prefix	5	4	3	2	0	0
*AP Prefix	5	4	3	2	0	0
No Prefix	4	3	2	1	0	0

(The maximum G.P.A. a student can achieve, excluding Independent Studies, is 4.7)

NOTE: Independent Study opportunities are available in each curricular area with instructor approval.

### TRANSCRIPT GRADING SCALE CLARIFICATION

Pleasant Valley High School is a premier, innovative school district in the Midwest, which prepares students to succeed in a diverse, global society. Extensive preparation for college is a major strategic goal of Pleasant Valley High School. Our graduating classes typically score in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of national norms of the ACT tests. These scores, as well as the stringent grading practices that we follow, prepare students for the most rigorous of college curriculums. Students are encouraged to take curricular offerings that are the most challenging for their ability level. Due to this factor, weighted grades are used at Pleasant Valley High School to reflect course difficulty. If you decide to convert these grades to a four-point scale, please note the difficulty level of the classes and credit those classes accordingly. Honors level and AP classes are noted with an asterisk on transcripts. These courses are designed to be more challenging and are taught at a higher level than their college preparatory counterparts. Please refer to the grading key above.