

COLLEGE PROFILE CLASS OF 2019

PORTLEDGE SCHOOL

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PORTLEDGE SCHOOL MISSION

PORTLEDGE SCHOOL OFFERS A COMPETITIVE COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM IN A WARM, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY. STUDENTS ARE INSPIRED TO REALIZE THEIR INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL BY DEVELOPING THE CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS AND MORAL COURAGE NECESSARY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING IN AN INCREASINGLY COMPLEX WORLD.

PORTLEDGE SCHOOL DEFINES MORAL COURAGE AS: ACTING WITH KINDNESS, PURPOSE, HONOR, AND RESPECT WHILE RECOGNIZING SUCH ACTIONS MAY NOT BE EASY.

PORTLEDGE SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

FOUNDED IN 1965, THE FIRST SENIOR CLASS GRADUATED IN 1976. FOR THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR:

- PORTLEDGE ENTERS ITS THIRD YEAR AS AN IB WORLD SCHOOL, ENROLLING 526 STUDENTS, INCLUDING 249 IN THE UPPER SCHOOL.
- THE CLASS OF 2019 HAS 58 STUDENTS.
- 19 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ATTEND THE UPPER SCHOOL, 1/2 LIVE WITH HOST FAMILIES. ALL ARE PROFICIENT IN ENGLISH; ELL RESOURCE CLASS IS OFFERED FOR NEW STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET SCORED 90 ON THE TOEFL.
- 41 UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBERS, 77% OF WHOM HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES, THE STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO IS 6:1.
- AVERAGE CLASS SIZE IN THE UPPER SCHOOL IS 12; NO CORE ACADEMIC CLASS IS LARGER THAN 16.
- FINANCIAL AID IS AWARDED TO APPROXIMATELY 25% OF THE STUDENTS.
- TYPICALLY, 100% OF THE SENIOR CLASS ATTENDS 4-YEAR COLLEGES.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- ENGLISH: 4 CREDITS
- MATHEMATICS: 4 CREDITS
- HISTORY: 3 CREDITS
- LABORATORY SCIENCE: 3 CREDITS
- WORLD LANGUAGES: 2 CREDITS (MINIMUM) ENDING IN LEVEL 3 OF FRENCH, SPANISH OR MANDARIN
- ARTS: 1 CREDIT TOTAL CONSISTING OF 1 COURSE IN PERFORMING ARTS (MUSIC OR THEATRE) AND 1 COURSE IN VISUAL ARTS
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION: 4 CREDITS
- HEALTH: 1/2 CREDIT

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE A MINIMUM OF 5 CREDITS PER YEAR. SENIORS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE SENIOR SEMINAR AND COMPLETE A SENIOR PROJECT. FORTY HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE (10 PER YEAR) ARE REQUIRED.

STUDENTS WHO PURSUE A CURRICULUM WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MUSIC, STEAM, PERFORMING OR VISUAL ARTS, MAY EARN MUSIC, STEAM, AND/OR ARTS SCHOLAR DISTINCTIONS AT GRADUATION.

PORTLEDGE IS A MEMBER OF THE CUM LAUDE SOCIETY.

PORTLEDGE SCHOOL GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL CODE: 332 883

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PORTLEDGE SCHOOL IS
CHARTERED AND REGISTERED BY THE NEW
YORK STATE BOARD OF REGENTS, AND
ACCREDITED (GRADES K-12) BY NYSAIS
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PORTLEDGE SCHOOL'S VISION

PORTLEDGE SCHOOL IS AN INDEPENDENT, PRE-NURSERY THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE PREPARATORY DAY SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL'S COORDINATED SEQUENTIAL PROGRAMS, BEGINNING WITH THE REGGIO EMILIA PROGRAM IN EARLY CHILDHOOD THROUGH TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME, PROVIDE A RIGOROUS ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT, PREPARING STUDENTS TO LIVE RESPONSIBLE AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES. DEDICATED TEACHERS USE SMALL CLASS SIZE TO DELIVER KNOWLEDGE BASED ON INQUIRY AND INSPIRED BY A STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING APPROACH. INDIVIDUAL TALENTS ARE NURTURED THROUGH THE ARTS, ATHLETICS, AND A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY AND TRAVEL PROGRAMS THAT ALL EMPHASIZE THE PORTLEDGE PILLARS OF PASSION, PURPOSE, HONOR, AND RESPECT.



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COURSES OFFERED DURING THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR:

HISTORY

- WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO 1500 (9 & 9A)
- WESTERN CIVILIZATION II (10 & 10A)
- UNITED STATES HISTORY 11, AP UNITED STATES HISTORY, IB HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS HL
- IB WORLD HISTORY HL
- AP US GOVT & POLITICS, CIVICS & GOVERNMENT
- AP PSYCHOLOGY

WORLD LANGUAGES

- FRENCH 1, 2, 2A, 3, 3A, 4, 4A, 5, FRENCH IB 1&2, AP FRENCH
- SPANISH 1, 2, 2A, 3, 3A, 4, 4A, 5, SPANISH IB 1&2, AP SPANISH
- MANDARIN 2, 2A, 3, AP, IB

ENGLISH

- ENGLISH 9, 9A, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 11 IB HL, 12 IB HL
- CREATIVE WRITING
- SHAKESPEARE
- MODERN WORLD LITERATURE
- AP LITERATURE

MATHEMATICS

- ALGEBRA 1, ALGEBRA 2, ALGEBRA 2A
- FINANCIAL ALGEBRA
- GEOMETRY, GEOMETRY A
- IB MATH STUDIES
- AP STATISTICS
- PRE CALCULUS, PRE CALCULUS AB, PRE CALCULUS BC
- CALCULUS, AP CALCULUS AB, AP CALCULUS BC
- IB MATH HL

SCIENCE

- BIOLOGY, BIOLOGY A, AP BIOLOGY
- CHEMISTRY, CHEMISTRY A, AP CHEMISTRY
- PHYSICS-MECHANICS, PHYSICS-ELECTROMAGNETISM & WAVES, IB PHYSICS HL 11&12, AP PHYSICS C
- IB ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE 11&12
- HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY
- ASTROPHYSICS
- ROBOTICS 1,2&3

ELECTIVES

- THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE 1&2 (REQUIRED FOR IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES)
- TAILS (TEACHER ASSISTANT IN LOWER SCHOOL)
- CHESS, ADVANCED CHESS
- INTRO TO PROGRAMMING,
- CHORUS, SELECT CHORUS, CONCERT BAND, STRING ORCHESTRA, MUSIC SURVEY, IB MUSIC 1&2, JAZZ COMBO
- THEATRE PERFORMANCE, INTRO TO THEATRE, CREATIVE DRAMATICS, ADVANCED THEATRE, IB THEATRE 1&2 (HL & SL)
- ART FOUNDATIONS, STUDIO ART, GRAFFITI ART, ADVANCED PORTFOLIO, IB HL ART 1&2
- ARCHITECTURE
- CERAMICS, ADVANCED CERAMICS, 3-D DESIGN & SCULPTURE
- PHOTOGRAPHY/MEDIA, FILM & JOURNALISM
- YEARBOOK

GRADING/CALENDAR SYSTEMS

PORTLEDGE IS ON A TRIMESTER CALENDAR AND USES A TRADITIONAL GRADING SYSTEM OF A THROUGH F. PLUSSES AND MINUSES ARE EMPLOYED, EXCEPT FOR THE GRADES OF A+, D+, OR D-. THE TRANSCRIPT REFLECTS FINAL GRADES FOR 9TH THROUGH 11TH GRADES AND TRIMESTER GRADES DURING THE 12TH GRADE. A MIDYEAR GRADE IS CALCULATED FOR ALL SENIORS AT THE END OF JANUARY.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AP CLASSES ARE REQUIRED TO SIT FOR THE EXAM. IN MAY 2018, 74 UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS SAT FOR 173 AP EXAMS IN 17 DIFFERENT SUBJECT AREAS. 50% OF SCORES WERE 3 OR BETTER.

CLASS RANK & GPA

PORTLEDGE DOES NOT COMPUTE RANK IN CLASS, BUT DOES CALCULATE AN UNWEIGHTED GPA ON A 4.0 SCALE BASED ON END-OF-YEAR MARKS AT PORTLEDGE IN 9TH, 10TH, AND 11TH GRADES. GRADES FROM PREVIOUS SCHOOLS, ONLINE COURSES, OR FROM SUMMER MAKE-UP WORK ARE NOT FACTORED INTO THE GPA.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

PORTLEDGE HAS A RIGOROUS APPROACH TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND AN INCLUSIVE PHILOSOPHY WHICH IS COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS OF EACH STUDENT. OUR LEARNING CENTER OFFERS SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES, AND ALSO SERVES AS A RESOURCE CENTER FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

AS THE ONLY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ON LONG ISLAND TO OFFER THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME, PORTLEDGE AWARDED ITS FIRST IB DIPLOMAS IN JULY 2018. EIGHT STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2019 ARE PURSUING THE FULL DIPLOMA, WHICH REQUIRES SITTING FOR THREE HIGHER LEVEL AND THREE STANDARD LEVEL SUBJECT EXAMS AND COMPLETING THE EXTENDED ESSAY (ORIGINAL RESEARCH OF APPROXIMATELY 15 PAGES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A MENTOR), THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (A SOCRATIC STYLE SEMINAR), AND CAS (CREATIVITY, ACTIVITY, AND SERVICE) REQUIREMENTS. MANY STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES SIT FOR IB CERTIFICATES AT THE END OF INDIVIDUAL IB COURSES. IN MAY 2018, 18 STUDENTS SAT FOR A TOTAL OF 50 IB EXAMINATIONS IN 11 SUBJECT CLASSIFICATIONS. IN THE CLASS OF 2018, 4 OUT OF 5 CANDIDATES EARNED THEIR DIPLOMAS. THE MEAN SCORE WAS 32 (COMPARED TO A WORLD MEAN SCORE OF 29.87) WITH A HIGH OF 35.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES FOR THE CLASS OF 2019:

THE AVERAGE COMBINED SAT SCORE (TAKEN BY 9 JUNIORS AS OF JUNE 2018) IS 1358. THE AVERAGE ACT COMPOSITE TEST SCORE (TAKEN BY 42 JUNIORS AS OF JUNE 2018) IS 28. NOTE: SCORE INFORMATION INCLUDES ALL STUDENTS WHO TOOK THE TEST, INCLUDING THOSE FOR WHOM ENGLISH IS NOT THE FIRST LANGUAGE.



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COLLEGE MATRICULATION:

STUDENTS FROM THE CLASSES OF 2014 -2018 ARE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE (2)	UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (2)	THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIV. (6)	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY (3)
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY (2)	GORDON COLLEGE	PACE UNIVERSITY
BABSON COLLEGE	HAVERFORD COLLEGE	PENN STATE UNIVERSITY (2)
BARNARD COLLEGE (4)	HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY (4)	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (2)
BATES COLLEGE	HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES (5)	PROVIDENCE COLLEGE (3)
BENTLEY UNIVERSITY (6)	HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY (5)	QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY (3)
BOSTON COLLEGE (2)	COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS	RICE UNIVERSITY
BOSTON UNIVERSITY (3)	HUNTER COLLEGE (CUNY)	ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (5)
BROWN UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN	ROLLINS COLLEGE
BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY	ITHACA COLLEGE	SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY	JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES (2)	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY	KENYON COLLEGE	SKIDMORE COLLEGE
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY (2)	LAFAYETTE COLLEGE (2)	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
CLARK UNIVERSITY	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY (2)
COLBY COLLEGE	LEHIGH UNIVERSITY (3)	ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
COLGATE UNIVERSITY	LESLEY UNIVERSITY	SUNY UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON (3)	LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND (2)	SUNY NEW PALTZ
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER	LYNN UNIVERSITY (3)	SUNY ONEONTA
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	MANHATTAN COLLEGE	SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY (10)
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE	MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA (3)
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT	MARIST COLLEGE	TRINITY COLLEGE (7)
CORNELL UNIVERSITY (4)	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK (2)	TUFTS UNIVERSITY (3)
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE	MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD (2)	TULANE UNIVERSITY (4)
DENISON UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI (4)	UNION COLLEGE (2)
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER (2)	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (4)	VASSAR COLLEGE (2)
DUKE UNIVERSITY	MUHLENBERG COLLEGE (2)	VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY (2)
ECOLE HÔTELIÈRE DE LAUSANNE	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (10)	VIRGINIA TECH
ELON UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA (3)
EMERSON COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA	WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY (3)
EMORY UNIVERSITY (4)	NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY (4)
EUGENE LANG COLLEGE,		WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
THE NEW SCHOOL FOR LIBERAL ARTS		UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON (2)
FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY (4)		YALE UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY		
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY (4)		

