




## Pine Creek at a Glance

We believe that building positive relationships is at the heart of all student academic success and emotional growth. Partnered with rigorous educational opportunities that are relevant to student's lives, Pine Creek provides a dynamic educational environment for your child.

 We are ASD20's School of Innovative Learning through Technology (SILT) high school.

 We are a 1:1 iPad School (PCHS provides an iPad to each student with a user fee).


 We have 4x4 Alternating Block Scheduling with 90 minute classes, allowing students a minimum of 8 class choices a year.


### Our Professional Staff


PCHS teachers and staff are highly qualified and believe in the power of education.

- ◇ We have 17 teachers and staff with BA/BS degrees
- ◇ We have 77 teachers and staff with MA/MS degrees
- ◇ We have 1 teacher with a Ph.D.

### Our Students

 In 2016 alone, PCHS graduates earned more than \$17 million in scholarship awards.

 Six PCHS students were recognized by the Gazette as Colorado Springs Best and Brightest (more than any other school in the city!)

 PCHS is the home of 8 Boettcher Scholars!

#### 2015-2016 Academic Snapshot

	PCHS	State
Graduation Rate	93.4%	77.3%
ACT Composite Score	22.8	20.4
CMAS Science (% Meets or Exceeds Expectation)	55.6%	24.3%
PARCC 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA (% Meets or Exceeds Expectation)	62%	37%
Students Graduating with a Cumulative GPA > 3.75	189	—

#### CDE Performance Rankings 2015-2016

Academic Achievement	<b>PCHS Exceeds</b> Expectation
Academic Growth	<b>PCHS Meets</b> Expectation
Postsecondary and Work-force Readiness	<b>PCHS Exceeds</b> Expectation



#### Global Leaders Emerge

These Pine Creek students and alumni were nominated to participate in a Leadership Summit. This year's summit at The Hague, these honors students partook in an educational tour and a human rights conference that brings young leaders from around the world together to inspire and prepare them to solve global challenges. Home to the U.N.'s International Court of Justice, headquartered in the Peace Palace, and the International Criminal Court, The Hague is the city where diplomacy and international relations meet.

"Everyone there was working to improve the world," remarked one student. Others added that the experience in studying human rights issues was "eye-opening." Feelings of humility and appreciation were expressed as one student remarked that individuals are all "connected. [We] are able to protect the rights of others or contribute to their oppression." A powerful lesson for our students and all those reading this.

### Meet Our Students—Past & Present



#### Strong Foundation, Solid Future

Vibrantly, Quintiya Miller remarks on her high school years with a fond sense of nostalgia, "It was a great four years." She remembers PCHS as a place that "was not clique-ish." While she recalls that she and her friends were "extremely academically competitive with each other," motivating one another in a positive way to succeed, she couples this with a genuine little laugh, "I had a blast."

"You have to realize that everyone has a story," she professes with a thoughtful smile. After graduating from PCHS in 2003 with a soccer scholarship to Alcom State, Quintiya earned her Juris Doctorate in law school, and now works at SafeSport, an organization whose purpose is to promote a safe and healthy environment so that one's experience playing a sport is not compromised. She admits there "are good days and bad days," but the joy by far outweighs all else in her work with USA Volleyball.

In addition to her work with SafeSport, Quintiya speaks with concerned parents and educators about bullying. Her goal is to dialogue about a way to broach this difficult topic, reiterating that such teaching of compassion and tolerance must be taught at home as well as in schools.

When asked if she had a final message for students here at Pine Creek, she shrugged as if it were obvious, "Give 'em the best!"



## Pine Creek High School

#### Our Mission

Pine Creek High School, a school with a culture of excellence and community, equips and empowers all learners and cultivates exemplary citizens of integrity for life-long success by providing innovative, relevant, and challenging learning opportunities.

#### Our Vision

The vision for digital learning at Pine Creek High School is focused on **students as learners** and **teachers as their partners** in the learning process. Here we use digital tools to **create** products, **innovate** design, **collaborate** with others inside and out of the classroom, and **demonstrate** learning.



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## Athletics & Extra Curricular

The goal of Pine Creek is to attain 100% participation of students in a co-curricular or athletic program.

### Athletics

Pine Creek athletics is characterized by high expectations and fierce competition. In 2016, Pine Creek was crowned the Colorado Springs Metro League Champions in 12 of 18 boys' and girls' sports, and awarded the League's traveling trophy for success in athletics and school spirit. Post-season competition is attained by 90% of Pine Creek's athletic teams or individuals.

- Football—5A State Champions 2013 and 2014
- Soccer—5A Colorado Springs Metro League Champions 2016 and State Champions 2013
- Volleyball—5A State Qualifiers
- Wrestling—5A State Champions 2012
- Four National Gatorade Athletes of the Year

### Extracurricular Activities

**DECA:** 80 State and National DECA champions and 2 National DECA scholarship recipients

**FBLA:** District and State Winners

**Symphonic and Concert Bands:** Superior ratings with distinction from the Colorado Bandmasters Association

**Chamber and Festival choirs:** Superior ratings at the CHSAA large group festival for the 16th year in a row

**Theatre:** International Thespian Festival main stage performance June 2016

**Plus** a wide variety of clubs and nine academic honor societies!

## Academics

Pine Creek has a strong, and well-rounded academic program that accommodates a wide variety of interests and learning styles.

### Honors Strand

Provides all students with the opportunity to challenge themselves with rigorous courses focused on depth of knowledge.

### Advanced Placement (AP)

Pine Creek offers 22 college level courses and leads the district with 477 students taking 833 AP examinations last year, and 230 of those students earned a 4 or a 5 (passing is a 3) on their exams!

- Traditional strands in Math, Science, Social Sciences, Art and Performing Arts, World Languages, Music
- Computer Science, AP Psychology (unique to PCHS)

### College Level Programs

Community partnerships with post-secondary institutions (PCC and UCCS) allow Pine Creek students to accrue college credit and real-life skills while in high school.

- Area Vocational Program (AVP)
- Concurrent Enrollment Program

### Specialty Classes

Our courses meet the interests of a wide variety of students to promote inclusion and engagement.

- Game Programming
- Rocky Mountain High
- Biomed Science
- American Sign Language

### Interventions

We are committed to providing support to all students who may be struggling to reach their full potential.

- Guided Study Hall
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
- After-school Math Lab
- Special Education: Resource, Affective Needs (AN), and Significant Support Needs (SSN)



## Family Resources

### Parent Seminars & Academies

[www.asd20.org/newsroom/parentacademy](http://www.asd20.org/newsroom/parentacademy)

Free workshops for parents, families and caregivers to be informed about timely relevant issues facing families and schools. School-sponsored opportunities are provided throughout the year as Parent Seminars. District-sponsored Parent Academies include topics as wide ranging as Human Trafficking, ICAP & Dual Enrollment, and Helping Children Manage Stress.

### Committee Opportunities

<https://pinecreek.asd20.org/Info/GetInvolved>

**DAC** (District Accountability Committee) and **SAC** (School Accountability Committee) are comprised of parents, faculty, students, and community members. The aim of each committee is to provide feedback on district or school decisions such as the site plan, school-wide activities and programs, and the budget.

**PTP** (Parent Teacher Partnership) is a volunteer organization consisting of parents, teachers, staff and interested community members who are committed to supporting the staff and students at Pine Creek High School. The Partnership hosts numerous hospitality and appreciation events throughout the school year and assists with school events/dances. Each year the Pine Creek High School Parent Partnership allocates funding from its Membership Dues and Bake Sale to further enhance various school programs and activities.

### Involvement Opportunities

- Back to School Night (August)
- Parent Teacher Conferences (October and March)
- Choice Night for prospective families (February)
- Creek to College Informational Nights (school year)
- Athletic and Extracurricular events (school year)

### Communication Resources

PCHS sends an email alert to parents twice per week. The school app is updated with pertinent information in real time as well as applicable social media avenues. Teachers are accessible through email. Grades are available through the online gradebook, Infinite Campus.