THE CLASS OF 2024 IS PVCICS’s EIGHTH GRADUATING CLASS

2023-2024 School Profile  CEEB: 220667

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Mission Statement: The Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School (PVCICS) prepares K-12th grade students for academic and personal success through rigorous study and instruction augmented with Chinese language and culture. PVCICS is committed to equal access and is an International Baccalaureate (IB) for all high school. All students in the 11th and 12th grade take all their courses in the IB Diploma Program.

About Us: PVCICS is a tuition-free regional public charter school located in Hadley, Massachusetts. It opened in the fall of 2007 and had its first graduating class in 2017. PVCICS draws students from 39 rural, suburban, and urban communities in Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. Students represent a diverse range of races, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds. Most students at PVCICS speak English as their first language. PVCICS is a Title I targeted assistance school.

Enrollment: Entrance is by lottery. PVCICS total enrollment 2023-2024: 552 students in K-12 program. The high school enrollment is 132 students. The Class of 2024 has 20 seniors.

US News Best High Schools 2023-2024 Rankings
#1 in Springfield, MA Metro Area High Schools
#2 in Massachusetts High Schools
#12 in Charter High Schools
#57 in National Rankings

Graduation Requirements*:
All students who earn a PVCICS Diploma must meet the following course requirements. (1 credit = 1 year of study):

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<th>Subject</th>
<th>Credits</th>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>The Arts</td>
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<td>2 credits</td>
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<td>Social Science</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Electives</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Complete CAS</td>
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<td>Natural Science</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Minimum</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>28 credit MIN</td>
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*Graduation requirements exceed Massachusetts State requirements

** IB Courses Offered 2023-2024

SL=Standard Level   HL=Higher Level

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<td>HL/SL</td>
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<tr>
<td>Theory of Knowledge</td>
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** Both IB Math Courses include calculus.

*PVCICS Students take at most three HIGHER LEVEL (HL) AND THREE STANDARD LEVEL (SL) classes per year.

Chinese Immersion/IB For All

“IB for All” Philosophy: PVCICS provides ALL students with access to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program without having to be preselected for admission. Therefore, ALL 11th and 12th grade students will take all their coursework in the IB program. Students may earn IB Certificates in specific courses or complete the full IB Diploma Program. The full IB Diploma Program requirements:

- Enroll in 3 Higher Level (HL) and 3 Standard Level (SL) courses and achieve an overall score of 24 on a battery of 6 externally marked exams (out of 7 points each). Points are accumulated on a combination of examinations taken in May of senior year and coursework submitted for external marking.
- Complete Theory of Knowledge (TOK), the IB course in critical thinking.
- Complete a 4000-word extended essay on a topic of their choice.
- Complete activities in three strands: Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS).

All High School students also take a double period of Chinese. All grade 9 and grade 10 core courses are comparable to HONORS level to prepare students for the rigors of the IB Program.
College Admission Testing: Class of 2024
SAT Combined (mean): 1304  ERW: 665  Math: 639

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
CLASS OF 2024: Commended Students: 3

CLASS OF 2023
College Bound: 100%  Graduation: 100%

GRADING

- **Grade Scale:** All term and final grades are reported as letter grades. To receive credit for a course, a student must earn at least a 60 percent (a “D-” or above).

- **Grade Point Average (GPA) & Class Rank:** The unweighted GPA is based on a 4.0 scale and includes core subjects only. No additional weight is given for any courses including IB courses. The GPA is computed at the end of each school year and does not include Pass/Fail courses or transfer grades. PVCICS does not report rank in class except by percentile when requested by colleges, universities, and scholarship services as part of the application process.

### Grading Scale: 4.0 UNWEIGHTED GPA

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### TRANSCRIPT KEY:

- **GRADE LEVEL:** Current Grade (9,10,11,12) in School
- **YEAR:** School Year
- **COURSE:** Course Name
- **GRADE:** Final Grade in Course
- **CREDIT:** Credits Earned in Course
- **CREDIT HOURS:** Total Credits Earned to Date
- **IB:** International Baccalaureate Course
- **HL:** Higher Level IB Course
- **SL:** Standard Level IB Course
- **TOK:** Theory of Knowledge IB Course
- **CAS:** Creativity, Activity, Service Requirement
- **ATL:** Approaches to Learning Course
- **P:** Pass (specials & elective courses)
- **F:** Fail (specials & elective courses)
- **GPA:** Grade Point Average (unweighted) from Core Academic Courses Taken at PVCICS in each grade. It does not include pass/fail courses (PE, Art, Music, electives) or Transfer Grades from other schools.

### CUMULATIVE UNWEIGHTED GPA

Unweighted Cumulative Grade Point Average is the average of all final course grades received in high school level courses.

### COVID-19:
Since the Pandemic started, PVCICS has been fully compliant with IB guidelines for IB courses and assignments.

### Clubs:
- Student Council
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- Math Club
- Quill & Ink
- Genders & Sexualities Alliances (GSA)
- Service Club
- Mock Trial
- Running Club
- Model United Nations (MUN)
- PVCICS Voice Bilingual Podcast
- Newspaper PVCICS Gazette
- Theater Club
- Environmental Club
- Chess & Tabletop Games Club
- Students Against Sexual Harassment & Assault (SASHA)
- Art Club
- Esports Club
- Role Playing Games (RPG) Club
- Asian Student Union (ASU)
- Film Club
- Music Ensemble Club
- Fashion & Design Club

### Sports:
- Soccer
- Field Hockey
- Cross Country
- Football
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Ice Hockey (girls)
- Skiing
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee (Club Sport)
College Acceptances since 2017  *Indicates where Class of 2023 is attending

Allegheny College
American International College
American University
Amherst College
Assumption University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bay Path University
Beloit College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University*
Bridgewater State University
Brown University*
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College*
Bucknell University
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Clark University
Connecticut College*
Cornell University
CUNY City College
CUNY Hunter College
Curry College
Dartmouth College
Dean College
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drake University
Drew University*
Drexel University
Duke Kunshan University
Duke University
Eckerd College
Elms College
Emerson College
Emmanuel College - Boston
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fisher College
Fitchburg State University
Fordham University
Framingham State University
Franklin and Marshall College
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Greenfield Community College
Grinnell College
Hampshire College*
Harvard College
Hofstra University
Holyoke Community College
Howard University
Indiana University-Bloomington
Ithaca College
Thomas Jefferson University
Johnson & Wales University
Johns Hopkins University*
Keene State College
Lafayette College
Lasell University
Lewis & Clark College
LIM College
Macalester College
Maine Maritime Academy
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marymount Manhattan College
MCLA
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
Middlebury College
Molloy College
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
New England Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
NYU Shanghai
Oberlin College
Pace University-New York
Penn State University-Main Camp.
Pomona College
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Sacred Heart University
Salve Regina University
San Diego State University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art Design
Simmons University
Skidmore College
Smith College*
Springfield College
Springfield Tech. Com. Coll.(STCC)*
St. John's University
SUNY New Paltz, Purchase, Coll.of Environmental Science & Forestry*
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Texas A&M - College Station
The University of Arizona
The University of Tampa
Trinity University
Tufts University
Union College
US Coast Guard Academy
US Military Academy WestPoint
US Naval Academy
University of Bradford
University of Bridgeport
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San Diego
University of Chicago*
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Hartford
University of Maine
University of Toronto*
UMass Boston
UMass Dartmouth
UMass Amherst*
UMass Lowell
University of Miami
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
UNH-Main Campus
University of New Haven
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vassar College
Vermont Technical College
Wellesley College*
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Western New England University
Westfield State University
Wheaton college
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Worcester State University
Yale University