For the 2020-2021 School Year
PGHS Counseling Department
Our Complete Course Bulletin for 2020-2021 can be viewed online pghigh.pgusd.org, click on Counseling Page
NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pacific Grove High School  
615 Sunset Drive, Pacific Grove, CA 93950  
pghigh.pgusd.org

Guidance Office Registration Hours: Mon – Fri 7:30am – 12:00pm / 1:30 – 3:30pm,  
BY APPOINTMENT

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 YEAR WILL MID-APRIL UNTIL MAY 27TH, 2020  
(Please contact the Guidance Office in Mid-March)

First day of School: Thursday, August 6, 2020

Debby Farmer, Guidance Office Administrative Assistant/New Student Registration  
831 646-6590 x277, dfarmer@pgusd.org 831 646-6660 - Fax

In order to attend the PGUSD schools, a student must live within the district boundary— which generally means within Pacific Grove city limits, or in Pebble Beach between Pacific Grove and the Bird Rock area. (Those between Bird Rock and Carmel should contact the Carmel USD or Monterey Peninsula Unified School District to determine in which district they reside. Proof of residence must be brought to Pacific Grove High School for verification. If you have any questions about residency or where your current or future address lies relative to the boundary, please call the Business Office at 831-646-6517.

*TO BEGIN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS:
1. Call or email to schedule an appointment to bring all required documents (listed below) to the Guidance Office (Debby Farmer). 646-6590 x277 or dfarmer@pgusd.org
2. Once Step #1 has been completed, a “portal” will be created to complete the online registration forms.
3. An appointment* to meet with the counselor will be made to schedule your student(s). NOTE: The Counselors are unavailable after May 30. 2020. Appointments will resume on July 28, 2020.

Please bring the following documents to the Guidance Office (Debby Farmer). An appointment is recommended 831.646.6590x277 or dfarmer@pgusd.org:

☐ Current District Approved Proof of Residency (see page two for details)**  
**NOTE: If parents are living in separate households, please provide a current copy of court custody agreement. The student(s) must live a minimum of 50% at the PGUSD household address.
☐ Photo ID of parent/guardian enrolling the student(s)
☐ Birth Certificate (official or notarized copy only)
☐ Proof of Immunization Records (For more details about changes in immunization requirements click on this link.)

UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT: Please ask your current school’s registrar to print an unofficial transcript. This is a vital document that we require in order to accurately enroll your student in the classes that they will need to meet graduation requirements. Once your student is enrolled, we will request an official transcript and the forwarding of their school records to us.

☐ For Incoming Freshmen – Most recent Report Card or withdrawal grades (if enrolling after school has started)  
   NOTE: All incoming freshmen (at the start of the school year) will be required to take a Math Placement Test.
☐ Grade 11-12: Unofficial transcript and/or Withdrawal Sheet with current grades (if enrolling after school has started)
☐ If your student has a current IEP, or 504, please provide a copy of the document.

NOTE: If coming from a foreign country, provide an official, translated (English), transcript

More questions? Call 646-6590 x277 or email dfarmer@pgusd.org  
(see Page Two for residency requirements)
The Pacific Grove Unified School District is a “Basic Aid” school district; therefore the enrollment of children who reside in other Districts brings only a nominal additional amount into the district’s budget, whereas the cost of educating each additional student transferred from another District is the same as if the student lived in the district. It is therefore the District’s general policy not to accept inter-district transfer students who might otherwise be allowed to enroll under Education Code sections 46600 et. seq. or subdivision (f) section 48204 of the Education Code.

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ENFORCEMENT

Any family suspected of living outside Pacific Grove while attending Pacific Grove schools shall be subject to investigation.

Reports of fraud can be made by parents, students, teachers or other school staff, principals, assistant principals, or other PGUSD employees, including those who have reason to suspect fraud as part of the registration process. Information can be registered at 831-646-6517.

PGUSD shall retain the services of an investigative agency and/or hire a residency investigator to pursue tips and conduct proactive investigations of residency declarations suspected to be fraudulent.

A residency investigation shall be conducted on families suspected of living outside the City of Pacific Grove, including, but not limited to:

- Families who submit incomplete, suspicious or contradictory proofs of address;
- Families reported to be in violation of the residency policy through calls made to the Office of the Assistant Superintendent (831-646-6517)
- Randomly chosen families whose correspondence from PGUSD is returned by postal authorities to a school or district office because of invalid address.
- Any family under investigation may be required to present additional proofs of residency beyond those originally requested.

Residency Documentation

A. HOMEOWNERS
   A current mortgage statement, tax bill, deed, affidavit of title or settlement statement and a current PG&E bill, water bill, or cable bill. We do not accept cell phone or telephone bills.

B. RENTERS
   Current lease with all adults and children listed or a completed Landlord Affidavit. The district will contact the current landlord/property management company to confirm any tenants not listed on the lease and a current PG&E bill, water bill, or cable bill.

C. FOR SHARED RESIDENCY AND CAREGIVERS
   If person with whom you are living owns the house you share, or if caregiver owns the house, they provide: A current mortgage statement, tax bill, deed, affidavit of title or settlement statement and a current PG&E bill, water bill, or cable bill. Persons requesting Shared Residence or Caregiver also provides photo ID.

D. If your student will be living with a relative or legal guardian, please contact our District Office at 646-6517 to apply for a Caregiver Affidavit. If the student will be living with a family friend, or relative, who is not a legal guardian, please contact the District Office for more information.

Please see next page for District Map
TIP: If your address has a zip code of “93950”, you are within our school district. If your address has a zip code of 93953 (Pebble Beach), the school boundaries are divided between Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, Pacific Grove Unified School District and Carmel Unified School School District. Please call our District Office (831-646-6517) if you need assistance. If your address has a zip code of “93940”, you are not within our school district.

Please scroll to the next page for Frequently Asked Questions
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We don’t live in Pacific Grove. Can we apply for an inter-district transfer?
Because we are a “Basic Aid” district, we cannot accept inter-district transfer requests. For more information please see our Pacific Grove Unified School District website http://pgusd.org/ or call our District Office 831-646-6517.

We don’t live in Pacific Grove, but we work here. Does that count?
No, sorry. Proof of residency within our school district boundaries must be a place of residence.

How soon can we register?
For the current school year, families may register if they can provide proof that they live within our school district boundaries. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year, will begin in mid-April. Once the required documentation is submitted, you will be given a link to complete the registration process. Once that is complete, Debby Farmer (831-646-6590x277) can schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor.

We plan to move to Pacific Grove. Can we enroll ahead of time?
Families must be actually occupying and living in the place of residence, in our school district, before the enrollment process can begin.

What school records will we need to register?
If your student is enrolling during a semester, please bring “Withdrawal Grades” and an unofficial transcript, from their former school. If you are coming from a foreign country, please provide official transcripts, translated into English. All new students must provide current proof of immunization records, in order to attend school.

If your student is enrolling at the beginning of a semester (or school year), please bring a copy of their transcript (unofficial is okay), if they have completed at least one semester of high school. In addition, we will need updated health records, an official copy of their birth certificate (or current passport), and a copy of their current 504 Plan or IEP (if applicable). Once your student is enrolled with us, we will send for their official records.

We haven’t moved to the area, yet, but are concerned about getting our student registered as soon as possible. Can we do it now?
Unfortunately, we cannot register families until they have clearly established residency within our district boundaries.

I want to register a student who will be a senior. Do we need anything special to register?
We want to be sure that all of our students are in “class standing” and on track to graduate. That is, we want to make sure that they will be able to complete all of the required graduation courses/credits. (Please see page two of our Course Bulletin for graduation requirements.) It is really important that we receive a copy of their most current high school transcript and (if applicable) any “grades in progress” if they are enrolling during their senior year, and after our school year has begun.

What if our student is behind in school credits and might be at risk of graduating?
Once our Guidance Counselor reviews your student’s transcript, they will advise you if your student’s credits are short of “class standing”, and might be at risk of not graduating. In that event, we have an Alternative High School—“Community High School” and our counselors may refer your student to that location for credit recovery.
NOTE: The minimum age requirement to attend Community High School is 16 years of age, and the same residency requirements need to be met. Space is limited, as well.

Do you offer summer school?
Our summer school program is only for currently enrolled students who have failed a class.

Can we download or request a mailed registration packet?
Sorry, but registrations forms cannot be downloaded nor mailed. All registration is done online, once we receive the required proof of residency and documents.
Can we tour the school?
Because we are a “closed campus” we are unable to offer tours of the campus between the hours of 7:25am until 2:45pm. Otherwise, feel free to stop by the Guidance Office after 2:30pm. We can give you a Campus Map, and you are free to explore our campus after 2:45pm.

Can my student “shadow” classes to check out the school?
Sorry, we do not offer “class shadowing” in order to minimize classroom disruptions to the teachers while classes are in session.

Do we accept foreign exchange students?
We are not an F1 Visa accredited school, but we can accept foreign exchange students who have a J-1 Visa. In addition, we can only accept foreign exchange students who:

- Apply via a federal and California Attorney General’s Office approved international exchange program that provides health and accident insurance coverage from the time of departure from home to the time the student returns to the home country.
- The student must be at least 15 years old and not more than 18 years and six months of age as of start date.
- The student must not have completed more than 11 years of primary and secondary study in their home country, excluding kindergarten.
- We can only accept foreign exchange student enrollments beginning for the Semester 1(fall) semester, and they must complete one school year of education (two semesters).
- If enrolling a foreign exchange student creates a hardship on class size or school program/s, acceptance is not guaranteed. The district may limit the number of exchange students during any school year.

HONORS/AP CLASS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

How do we register for Honors or AP Classes for the school year?
For incoming freshmen we offer Honors English/AP Human Geography. An Essay Exam is one of the required. Please read our Course Bulletin, on our website for a course description of all Honors/AP Classes that we offer.

NOTE: If you are transferring from another school, once the school year has begun, we will “match” their Honors/AP classes if we have a transfer grade for that subject—and if we offer the same class.

Do we offer a New Student Orientation?
For the beginning of the fall school year, we have “Breaker Buddy” students who volunteer to give a tour of our school to all incoming new students. For students who register after school begins, we will have a Campus Supervisor or a student give them an orientation of the campus and where student services are located.

What types of clubs do you offer?
Please visit our website pghigh.pgusd.org Click on the “Clubs” tab on the left. You will also find information about our sports program, and more information on the left side bar tabs.

How can I get more information about playing a sport?
You can contact visit our “Sports” webpage at pghigh.pgusd.org/sports Or, you can contact our Athletic Director, Todd Buller, tbuller@pgusd.org

Additional information:
Please visit our Counseling Website Page to view our Course Bulletin. You will find detailed information that includes Course Descriptions and Requirements.