

# 先鋒中英雙語學校

**THE CLASS OF 2024 IS PVCICS'S EIGHTH GRADUATING CLASS**



**2023-2024 School Profile**

**CEEB: 220667**

## Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School

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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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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):**

English	4 Credits	Mathematics	4 credits	Plus ALL Students:
Chinese	8 Credits	The Arts	2 credits	
Social Science	4 Credits	Electives	2 credits	Complete CAS
Natural Science	4 Credits	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>28 credit MIN</b>	Complete Extended Essay

\*Graduation requirements exceed Massachusetts State requirements

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students 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.

### IB Courses Offered 2023-2024

**SL=Standard Level HL=Higher Level**  
**All IB Courses Are Two Years (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>)**

English Literature	HL/SL
English Lang & Lit	HL/SL
Mandarin Chinese	HL/SL
History	HL/SL
Psychology	HL/SL
Business & Management	HL/SL
Biology	HL/SL
Physics	HL/SL
Chemistry	SL
Environmental Systems & Societies	SL
Math Applications & Interpretations**	SL
Math Analysis & Approaches**	HL/SL
Theater	HL/SL
Theory of Knowledge (TOK)	N/A

**\*\* Both IB Math Courses include calculus.**

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

### Class of 2023 IB Diploma Scores\*

(Of possible 45 maximum score):

PVCICS Ave.: 34 Worldwide Ave: 30

**IB DIPLOMA AWARDED per Class:**

2023: 100% 2022: 97% 2021: 92% 2020: 100%

### 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

Numerical Range	Letter Grade	International Baccalaureate (IB)	Value in Grade Point Average (GPA)
97-100	A+	7	4.3
93-96	A	7	4.0
90-92	A-	6	3.7
87-89	B+	5	3.3
83-86	B	5	3.0
80-82	B-	5	2.7
77-79	C+	4	2.3
73-76	C	4	2.0
70-72	C-	4	1.7
67-69	D+	3	1.3
63-66	D	3	1.0
60-62	D-	3	0.7
57-59	F	2	0.0
53-56	F	1	0.0

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