Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School
Academic Profile 2022-2023

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CEEB Code 391441

Community & School Information

Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School (PA Leadership) is a state-approved, public cyber charter school for students in grades K through 12 who reside within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Students are individually scheduled for classes, with the ability to select from over 300 course offerings.

Curriculum

The curriculum at PA Leadership meets or exceeds all Pennsylvania State Academic Standards. Courses are taught by highly qualified, certified teachers who work from one of the PA Leadership sites. PA Leadership combines academically challenging, knowledge-based curriculum with the best teaching practices and the latest technology. Textbooks and all learning materials are provided for students as well as various online resources. While the PA Standards serve as the foundation of our curriculum, the greatest strength resides with the teachers who develop their own unique courses, deliver instruction, create and grade assignments and interact with students on a daily basis.

- **Center for Performing and Fine Arts**
  
  Head Administrator: Dr. Steven Dziekonski
  The Center for Performing and Fine Arts (CPFA) opened in the fall of 2005 and offers art, music, theater and dance both online and onsite at our West Chester facility. It is an adjunct, audition-only program component to cyber charter school that allows students to explore a well-rounded art education. Today, the CPFA has an enrollment of nearly 220 middle and high school students.

- **University Scholars Program**
  
  Principal: Mr. Christopher Stiles
  The University Scholars Program (USP) is an honors college-preparatory program that offers a specialized, accelerated education curriculum. USP is designed to maximize the intellectual potential for high achieving and motivated learners, where individual achievement is valued and supported. The USP program currently has an enrollment of 288 students.

*AP Courses Offered:*
- Biology
- Calculus AB & BC
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Literature & Comp.
- Microeconomics
- Music Theory
- Physics I
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Studio Art 2D & 3D
- US Government
- US History
- World History

*Honors Courses Offered:*
- Algebra I & II
- American Literature
- Biology
- British Literature
- Chamber Orchestra
- Chemistry
- Geometry
- Introduction to Engineering
- Jazz Studies
- PreCalculus & Trigonometry
- Physics
- Treble Ensemble
- US Government
- US History
- World History

*This is a partial list of courses offered.

Student Activities

- The Talon (Student Newspaper)
- Student Government
- National Honor Society
- National Jr. Honor Society

Special Programs

**Professional Studies Program:** The Professional Studies Program (PSP) is a certificate program which offers elective-based concentrations for students in grades 9-12. This program is designed to equip students for their post-secondary plans while giving them an opportunity to explore their area of interest.

**Academic Assistance:** This program is designed to provide additional assistance to K-12 students who are struggling academically.

**Homework Help Tutoring:** Tutoring is offered during the school year as a resource for students who need extra support after normal school hours.

**Dual Enrollment:** PALCS provides opportunities for high school students to earn high school and college credits simultaneously throughout Pennsylvania.
Grading Scale

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DE-Dual Enrollment  CL – College Level  AP – Adv. Placement

Graduation Requirements

To receive a diploma, students must successfully complete 20.5 credits and a .5 credit Graduation Portfolio course for each year they are enrolled. In addition, students must take the Keystone examinations in Algebra, Biology and Literature.

- 4 Credits ............ English
- 3 Credits ............ Science (including Biology)
- 3 Credits ............ Math (including Algebra 1)
- 3.5 Credits ........ Social Studies (including US History or US Government)
- 1 Credit ............ Arts & Humanities
- 1 Credit ............ Health/Safety/PE
- 1 Credit ............ Technology
- 4 Credits ........ Additional Electives
- .5 Credit (per year) Graduation Portfolio

Grade Point Average (GPA)

High school level courses receive quality points based on credit worth and final letter grade. Quality points are used to calculate the grade point average. Honors and Advanced Placement courses are weighted. Courses graded as Pass/Fail are not included in the GPA.

Class Rank

Class rank is determined by using the grade point average of all students in a graduating class. Class rank is calculated after the first semester and again at the end of each school year.

SAT Test Score Information

PALCS students scored 1185 overall on the SAT, higher than the state average of 1123.

ACT Test Score Information

PALCS students obtained an average composite score of 28.1 on the ACT, higher than the state average of 25.

AP Test Scores Information

162 students took 285 AP exams with an average score of 3.6. 82.72% of these students obtained a score of 3 or higher.

Graduates from the Class of 2022 were accepted by the following Colleges & Universities.

- Aberystwyth University
- Albright College
- American University
- Arizona State University
- Bennington College
- Berklee University
- Bloomsburg University
- Bob Jones University
- Bucks County CC
- Butler County CC
- Cabrini University
- California College
- Carlow University
- CC of Allegheny County
- CC of Philadelphia
- Chapman University
- Chesapeake College
- Chestnut Hill College
- Clarion University
- College of Charleston
- Dartmouth University
- Delaware County CC
- Dickinson College
- Drexel University
- Duquesne University
- East Stroudsburg Univ.
- Eastern University
- Ecole National de Cirque
- Edinboro University
- F.I.D.M.
- Flagler University
- Franklin & Marshall
- Gannon University
- Harrisburg Area CC
- Hamilton University
- Immaculata University
- I.U.P.
- Kutztown University
- Laguna College of Art
- Lasell University
- Lehigh Carbon CC
- Liberty University
- Lycoming College
- Marist College
- Marywood University
- Messiah University
- Millersville University
- M.I.T.
- Montgomery County CC
- Moravian University
- Northampton CC
- Oral Roberts University
- Penn College of Technology
- Penn State University
- Pepperdine University
- Pittsburgh Technical College
- Point Park University
- Portland Community College
- Reading Area CC
- Regent University
- Rochester Inst. of Technology
- Robert Morris University
- Rose Hulman Inst. of Tech.
- Rowan University
- Savannah College of Art
- School of Visual Arts
- Shippensburg University
- Slippery Rock University
- South Australia Tertiary
- St. Joseph's University
- Stevens College of Tech.
- State University of NY
- Susquehanna University
- Swarthmore College
- Temple University
- Tulane University
- Tyler School of Art
- University of Alabama
- University of Arizona
- University of California
- University of Chicago
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware
- University of Delaware
- University of Findlay
- University of Maryland
- University of Minnesota
- University of North Carolina
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of South Florida
- University of Virginia
- University of the Arts
- Ursinus College
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University
- West Chester University
- West Virginia University
- Widener University
- York College

This is a partial list of colleges and universities to which our students will be attending.