Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School
Academic Profile 2020-2021

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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. The curriculum materials serve as the foundation at PA Leadership, but the greatest strength of the curriculum 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**
  Director: Mr. Mark Allen
  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 250 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 275 students.

*AP Courses Offered:*
- Biology
- Calculus AB & BC
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Literature & Comp.
- Microeconomics
- Physics 1
- Psychology
- Statistics
- US Government
- US History
- World History

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

This is a partial list of courses offered.

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 through Delaware County Community College and Penn State Lehigh County.

♦ **SAP (Student Assistance Program)**
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 11th grade 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 1136 overall on the SAT, higher than the state average of 1078.

ACT Test Score Information

PALCS students obtained an average composite score of 28.6 on the ACT, higher than the state average of 23.5.

AP Test Scores Information

131 students took 222 AP exams with an average score of 3.6. 80% of these students obtained a score of 3 or higher.

Graduates from the Class of 2020 were accepted by the following Colleges & Universities.

- Allegheny College
- Appalachian State Univ.
- Arcadia University
- Arizona State University
- Bangor University
- Berklee College of Music
- Berks Technical Institute
- Boston Conservatory
- Bucks County CC
- Butler County CC
- Cabrini University
- California Univ. of Penn
- Capital University
- Cedarville University
- Clarion University
- Clarks Summit University
- College of Redwoods
- CC of Allegheny
- CC of Philadelphia
- Cornell University
- CUNY Baruch College
- Curtis Institute of Music
- Cuyahoga CC
- Delaware County CC
- Drexel University
- Eastern University
- Florida Int’l University
- Francis Marion University
- Frederick CC
- Geneva College
- Grove City College
- Gwynedd Mercy University
- Harrisburg Area CC
- Houghton College
- Immaculata University
- I.U.P.
- James Madison University
- Juniata College
- Kent State University
- Lebanon Valley College
- Lehigh Carbon CC
- Lewis University
- Liberty University
- Lincoln Tech
- Lockhaven University
- Luzerne County CC
- Lynn University
- Manor College
- McMaster University
- Messiah College
- Millsersville University
- Montclair State University
- Montgomery County CC
- Moravian College
- Muhlenberg College
- Neumann University
- New College of Florida
- New York University
- Northampton CC
- Oberlin Conservatory
- Otterbein University
- Penn College of Technology
- Penn Highlands CC
- Penn State University
- Point Park University
- Robert Morris University
- Rochester Institute of Tech.
- Ryerson University
- San Diego Christian College
- Shenandoah University
- Shippensburg University
- Smith College
- Susquehanna University
- Temple University
- The Juilliard School
- Towson University
- Tyler School of Art
- University of Alabama
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Tampa
- University of the Arts
- Ursinus College
- Villanova University
- West Chester University
- Wilmington University
- Worcester Polytechnic Inst.
- York College
- Youngstown State Univ.

This is a partial list of colleges and universities to which our students have been accepted.