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# 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.

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## 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

**Student Activities**

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

This is a partial list of courses offered.

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## 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)

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### Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Numeric Grade	Academic & College Prep	Honors	AP/DE/CL
A	94-100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90-93	3.70	4.30	4.70
B+	87-89	3.30	4.00	4.30
B	84-86	3.00	3.70	4.00
B-	80-83	2.70	3.30	3.70
C+	77-79	2.30	3.00	3.30
C	74-76	2.00	2.70	3.00
C-	70-73	1.70	2.50	2.70
D+	67-69	1.30	1.30	1.30
D	64-66	1.00	1.00	1.00
D-	60-63	0.70	0.70	0.70
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

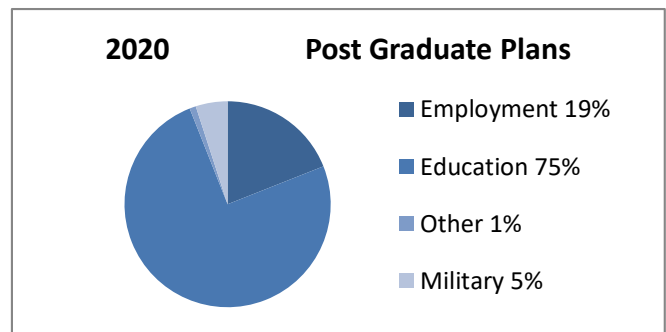
PALCS students scored 1136 overall on the SAT, higher than the state average of 1078.

### 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.

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

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