Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School
Academic Profile 2018 - 2019

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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 200 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 230 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 245 students.

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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.

TAPP (Teenage Parenting Program) • SAP (Student Assistance Program)

Student Activities

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

This is a partial list of courses offered.
### Grading Scale

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DE = Dual Enrollment

### 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 1166 overall on the SAT, higher than the state average of 1073.

### ACT Test Score Information

PALCS students obtained an average composite score of 26.1 on the ACT, higher than the state average of 23.7.

### AP Test Scores Information

93 students took 162 AP exams with an average score of 3.9. 87.1% of these students obtained a score of 3 or higher.

### Graduation Requirements

To receive a diploma, students must successfully complete 21.5 credits. 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
- 1 Credit  .........  Graduation Portfolio

### 2018 Post Graduate Plans

- Employment 18%
- Education 79%
- Other 1%
- Military 2%

### Graduates from the Class of 2018 were accepted by the following Colleges & Universities:

- Arizona State University
- Art Institute of Pittsburgh
- Bard College
- Berkeley College
- Bloomsburg University
- Boston Conservatory
- Brigham Young University
- Bucks County CC
- Butler County CC
- Cabrini University
- Cairn University
- Chesapeake College
- Chestnut Hill College
- Circumcision
- Clarion University
- Columbia College
- CC of Allegheny County
- CC of Philadelphia
- Curtis Institute of Music
- Delaware County CC
- DePaul University
- DeSales University
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- East Stroudsburg University
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Geneva College
- Georgia Institute
- Georgian Court University
- George Mason University
- Grove City College
- Harrisburg Area CC
- IUP
- Indiana University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Julliard School
- Kutztown University
- Laurel Technical Institute
- Lehigh Carbon CC
- LIM College
- Lindenwood University
- Loyola University
- Luzerne County CC
- Lycoming College
- Messiah College
- M.I.T.
- Montgomery County CC
- Muhlenberg College
- Neumann University
- North Carolina A & T
- Northeastern University
- Northampton CC
- PA College of Health
- Penn College of Technology
- Penn State
- Pennsylvania Highlands CC
- Reading Area CC
- Reading School of Health
- Rider University
- Ringling College of Art
- Rowan University
- Rocky Mountain College
- Saint Joseph’s University
- Schreyer’s Honor College
- Slippery Rock University
- State University of NY
- Temple University
- Thaddeus Stevens College
- University of California
- University of Delaware
- University of Illinois
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of South Florida
- University of Virginia
- Ursinus College
- Vet Tech Institute
- Villanova University
- West Chester University
- West Virginia University
- Westmoreland County CC
- Widener University
- Wilkes University
- Wilmington University
- Worcester Polytechnic Inst.
- York College
- Youngstown University
- Zaytuna College

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