Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School
Academic Profile 2019 - 2020

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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 240 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.

**TAPP** (Teenage Parenting Program) • **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 1158 overall on the SAT, higher than the state average of 1086.

ACT Test Score Information

PALCS students obtained an average composite score of 25.8 on the ACT, higher than the state average of 23.5.

AP Test Scores Information

129 students took 213 AP exams with an average score of 3.4. 87% of these students obtained a score of 3 or higher.

2019 Post Graduate Plans

- Employment 23%
- Education 75%
- Other 1%
- Military 1%

Graduates from the Class of 2019 were accepted by the following College & Universities.

Alvernia University  George Washington Univ.  Oklahoma City University  University of Pennsylvania
Arizona State University  Harrisburg Area CC  Penn Foster College  University of Pittsburgh
Berklee College of Music  Hodges University  Penn Highlands CC  University of Scranton
Bowdoin College  I.U.P.  Penn State University  University of Valley Forge
Bucks County CC  Keiser University  Point Park University  University of the Arts
Butler County CC  Kingswood University  Princeton University  Ursinus College
California Univ. of Penn  Kutztown University  Robert Morris University  Vet Tech Institute
Cedar Crest College  Lamar Community College  Rochester Institute of Tech.  Villanova University
Chatham University  LaSalle University  Rowan University  Virginia State University
Cheyney University  Lehigh Carbon CC  Rutgers University  West Chester University
Clark's Summit University  Liberty University  Ryerson University  Wheaton College
Clemson University  Loyola University  St. John's College  Widener University
CC of Allegheny  Luzerne County CC  St. Joseph's College  Wilson College
CC of Philadelphia  Manhattan College  Shenandoah University  York College
Cornell University  Manhattan School of Music  Shipensburg University  This is a partial list of colleges and universities to which our students have been accepted.
Delaware County CC  M.I.T.  Slippery Rock University  which our students have been accepted.
Delaware State Fire School  Messiah College  Smith College  University of Colorado
DeSales University  Millersville University  Southern New Hampshire University  University of Delaware
DeVry University  Montgomery County CC  State University of NY  University of Maryland
Drexel University  Mount Aloysius College  Susquehanna University  University of N. Hampshire
Duquesne University  Muhlenberg College  Temple University  University of Pennsylvania
East Stroudsburg University  Neumann University  University of Colorado
Eastman School of Music  New York University  University of Delaware
Edinboro University  Northampton CC  University of Maryland
Elizabethtown University  Ohio State University  University of N. Hampshire

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