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Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School

Academic Profile 2019 - 2020

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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. 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

Student Activities

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

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

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 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

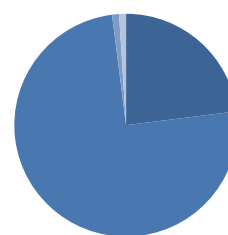
PALCS students obtained an average composite score of 25.8 on the ACT, higher than the state average of 23.5.

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



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

Alvernia University
Arizona State University
Berklee College of Music
Bowdoin College
Bucks County CC
Butler County CC
California Univ. of Penn
Cedar Crest College
Chatham University
Cheyney University
Clarks Summit University
Clemson University
CC of Allegheny
CC of Philadelphia
Cornell University
Delaware County CC
Delaware State Fire School
DeSales University
DeVry University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
East Stroudsburg University
Eastman School of Music
Edinboro University
Elizabethtown University

George Washington Univ.
Grove City College
Harrisburg Area CC
Hodges University
I.U.P.
Keiser University
Kingswood University
Kutztown University
Lamar Community College
LaSalle University
Lehigh Carbon CC
Liberty University
Loyola University
Luzerne County CC
Manhattan College
Manhattan School of Music
M.I.T.
Messiah College
Millersville University
Montgomery County CC
Mount Aloysius College
Muhlenberg College
Neumann University
New York University
Northampton CC

Oklahoma City University
Penn Foster College
Penn Highlands CC
Penn State University
Point Park University
Princeton University
Robert Morris University
Rochester Institute of Tech.
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Ryerson University
St. John's College
St. Joseph's University
Shenandoah University
Shippensburg University
Slippery Rock University
Smith College
Southern New Hampshire
State University of NY
Susquehanna University
Temple University
University of Colorado
University of Delaware
University of Maryland
University of N. Hampshire

University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Scranton
University of Valley Forge
University of the Arts
Ursinus College
Vet Tech Institute
Villanova University
Virginia State University
West Chester University
Wheaton College
Widener University
Wilmington University
Wilson College
York College

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