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# Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School Academic Profile 2019 - 2020

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391441

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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 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.

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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.

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

### ACT Test Score Information

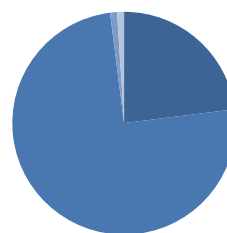
PALCS students obtained an average composite score of 25.8 on the ACT, higher than the state average of 23.5.

### 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

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### 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.*