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- Jessica Bergmaier
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- *CPFA*

Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School Academic Profile 2018 - 2019

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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 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.

***AP Courses Offered:**

- Biology
- Calculus AB & BC
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Literature & Comp.
- Microeconomics
- Physics C
- 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.

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

Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Numeric Grade	Academic & College Prep	Honors	AP/DE
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

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

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.

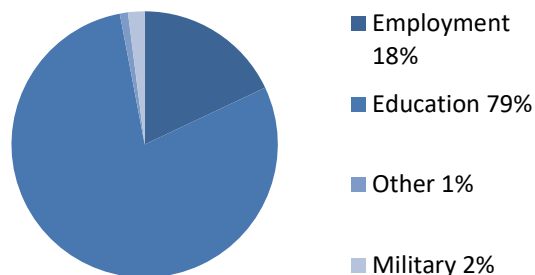
ACT Test Score Information

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.

2018 Post Graduate Plans



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

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

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