

# Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School Academic Profile 2023-2024

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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. While the PA Standards serve as the foundation of our curriculum, the greatest strength 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** Head Administrator: Dr. Steven Dziekonski  
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 300 students.

### **\*AP Courses Offered:**

- Biology
- Calculus AB & BC
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Literature & Comp.
- Microeconomics
- Music Theory
- Physics 1
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Studio Art 2D & 3D
- US Government
- US History
- World History

### **\*Honors Courses Offered:**

- Algebra I & II
- American Literature
- Biology
- British Literature
- Chamber Orchestra
- Chemistry
- Geometry
- Introduction to Engineering
- Jazz Studies
- PreCalculus & Trigonometry
- Physics
- Treble Ensemble
- US Government
- US History
- World History

## Student Activities

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

\*This is a partial list of courses offered.

## Special Programs

**Dual Enrollment:** PALCS provides opportunities for high school students to earn high school and college credits simultaneously throughout Pennsylvania

**Homework Help Tutoring:** Tutoring is offered during the school year as a resource for students who need extra support after normal school hours.

**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 interest.

**SOAR Program:** SOAR is a credit recovery program that helps students earn graduation credits in half the time with focused, semester-long courses created by PALCS teachers. SOAR courses are offered in all core subjects (English, Math, Social Studies & Science).

### 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 Keystone examinations in Algebra, Biology and Literature.

- 4 Credits..... English
- 3 Credits..... Science (including Biology)
- 3 Credits..... Math (including Algebra I)
- 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

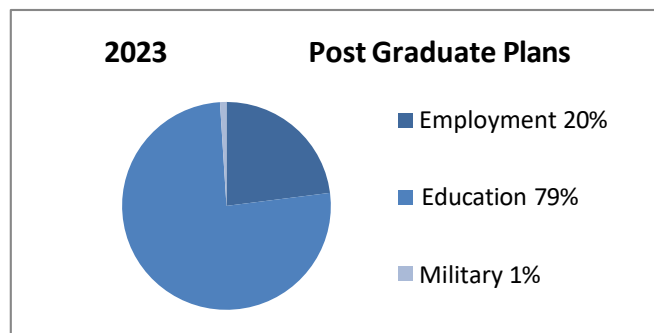
PALCS students scored 1174 overall on the SAT, higher than the state average of 1091.

### ACT Test Score Information

PALCS students obtained an average composite score of 30.7 on the ACT, higher than the state average of 24.4.

### AP Test Scores Information

184 students took 313 AP exams with an average score of 3.4. 77% of these students obtained a score of 3 or higher.



### Graduates from the Class of 2023 were accepted by the following Colleges & Universities.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Albright College         | Drew University           | LaSalle University      | Princeton University        | University of Penn       |
| Arcadia University       | Drexel University         | Lebanon Valley College  | Reading Area CC             | University of Pittsburgh |
| Arizona State University | Duquesne University       | Lehigh Carbon CC        | Rider University            | University of Scranton   |
| Berklee University       | East Stroudsburg Univ.    | Lehigh University       | Roanoke College             | University of Texas      |
| Bloomsburg University    | East Tennessee State      | Long Island University  | R.I.T.                      | University of the Arts   |
| Boston Conservatory      | Eastern University        | Manhattan College       | Rowan University            | Ursinus College          |
| Bryn Athyn College       | Elizabethtown University  | Manor College           | Rutgers University          | Villanova University     |
| Bucknell University      | Embry Riddle              | Mansfield University    | Savannah College of Art     | West Chester University  |
| Bucks County CC          | Emerson College           | Maryville University    | Slippery Rock University    | Widener University       |
| Butler County CC         | Frederick CC              | Mercyhurst University   | Southern New Hampshire      |                          |
| Cairn University         | Georgetown University     | Messiah University      | St. Francis University      |                          |
| Carlow University        | Georgia Inst. of Tech.    | Millersville University | St. Joseph's University     |                          |
| Clarion University       | George State University   | Molloy University       | St. Martin's University     |                          |
| College of Charleston    | Gettysburg College        | Montgomery County CC    | St. Vincent University      |                          |
| Columbus College of Art  | Harrisburg Area CC        | Moravian University     | State University of NY      |                          |
| CC of Allegheny County   | Hawaii Pacific University | New York University     | Stevens Inst. of Technology |                          |
| CC of Philadelphia       | Holy Family University    | Northampton CC          | Temple University           |                          |
| Cornell University       | Houghton University       | Ohio Wesleyan           | The Juilliard School        |                          |
| CUNY John Jay            | Howard University         | Peabody Conservatory    | Thomas Jefferson University |                          |
| Cuyahoga Falls CC        | Immaculata University     | Penn Highlands CC       | Tyler School of Art         |                          |
| Delaware County CC       | I.U.P.                    | Penn State University   | Unity Maine                 |                          |
| Delaware Valley Univ.    | Iowa State University     | Polk State College      | University of Dallas        |                          |
| DePaul University        | Kutztown University       | Pratt Institute         | University of Delaware      |                          |

*This is a partial list of colleges and universities to which our students will be attending.*