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2019-2020 PROFILE



SCHOOL

William Penn Charter School is a Quaker, co-educational, college preparatory day school. Founded in 1689, Penn Charter operates under the latest of three charters granted by William Penn.

- Pre-K to 12 enrollment: 975
Upper School enrollment: 457; Class of 2020: 112.
- 100% college preparatory.
- Upper School faculty: 92.
Average Upper School class size: 16. Student-faculty ratio: 8:1.
- Student conduct is guided by an Honor Code.
- Starting in fall 2016, the academic year is composed of semesters.
- The school operates on a 10-day rotational schedule.
- Admission is highly-selective and determined by school record, standardized test scores, a personal interview and teacher recommendations.



CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

Penn Charter resides on a 47-acre campus in the East Falls section of Philadelphia.

The school seeks children of diverse faiths, races, backgrounds and talents. At the start of its fourth century, Penn Charter is more diverse than ever. More than a third of our students receive financial aid; more than a quarter identify themselves as students of color. Buddhism, Catholicism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Protestantism are all represented.



MISSION STATEMENT

Quaker principles and practice continue to guide William Penn Charter School, a Friends school founded in 1689.

Within a school community that honors difference, we seek that of God in each person. We value scholarship and inquiry. With excellence as our standard, we challenge students in a vigorous program of academics, arts and athletics. Through global connections, civic engagement and a focus on environmental sustainability, we inspire students to be thinkers, collaborators, innovators and leaders. We educate students to live lives that make a difference.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students must accrue 40 units and meet specific distribution requirements.
- Students must take a minimum of five units per semester.
- Students must take physical education throughout high school and fulfill an aquatics requirement.
- Students must participate in two 40-hour activities per year. One of those 40-hour activities must be a sport. Other 40-hour activities include theater, newspaper, approved clubs and community service.

• Distribution requirements:

(One unit equals one semester of course work.)

English	8 units
Social Studies	6 units
Math	7 units
Science	6 units
Foreign Language*	6 units
Religion	2 units
Arts	2 units
Computer	.5 units
Health & Physical Education	2.33 units

**Majority of students fulfill 2 of 6 units in grade 8.*

GRADING

- Passing grades range from A to D-. F denotes failure.
- Courses are not weighted.
- Students may take any fifth, non-required elective on a pass/fail basis. P denotes passing.
- **HONORS:** an individual semester GPA of 3.0 with no grade lower than a B-.
- **HIGH HONORS:** an individual semester GPA of 3.65 with no grade lower than a B-.
- Penn Charter does not rank students, weight grades or report GPA.

DISCIPLINE REPORTING POLICY:

All suspensions and disciplinary probation resulting from community council deliberations or from an administrative decision at any time in a student's Upper School career, regardless of length, will be reported to colleges if requested by the college or university.

STATISTICAL YEARLY COMPARISON

Class	Total Number of Students	Mid 50% SAT Reading	Mid 50% SAT Math	Mid 50% SAT Writing	Mid 50% SAT Total	Mid 50% ACT Composite
2019	107	610-700	600-735	N.A.	1210-1425	25-32
2018	106	600-700	590-710	N.A.	1180-1410	24-32
2017	117	600-710	590-700	N.A.	1150-1410	25-31
2016	109	570-700	570-700	540-690	1660-2090	26-31
2015	112	550-690	570-680	570-710	1680-2080	25-30

CURRICULUM FEATURES

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Starting with the Class of 2019, two Certificate Programs were developed: Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability and Global Studies. A completed certificate goes beyond the school's graduation requirements, demonstrates high academic achievement, and is awarded during graduation. These optional programs allow engaged students to integrate different aspects of the Upper School program around a particular focus and passion in their junior and senior years. The four main components of certificate work are approved coursework, major projects, minimum number of hours of activity credit, and a Senior Comprehensive Project. Enrollment in the Certificate Programs requires faculty approval.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Due to the structured nature of the freshman and sophomore year curriculum, students typically do not have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement courses until their junior year.

Penn Charter offers 17 AP courses in the following subjects: Art History, Biology, Calculus (AB), Calculus (BC), Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, English, Environmental Science, Government & Politics, Physics (E and M), Physics (Mechanics), Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art, U.S. History and World History. Enrollment in these courses requires faculty approval.

Fifty-seven members of the Class of 2020 (51% of the class) took a total of 87 AP exams by the completion of their junior year. 79% of the scores were 3 or higher.

ADVANCED COURSES

Penn Charter offers 14 Advanced courses in the following subjects: Algebra II, Introductory Biology, Chinese V, Introductory Chemistry, English XII, French Topics, Geometry,

Latin Topics, Physics, Pre-Calculus A, Pre-Calculus AA, Robotics, Spanish IV and Spanish Topics. Advanced coursework in the visual arts is also available for qualified students. Enrollment in these courses requires faculty approval.

SCIENCE

Starting with the Class of 2012, all students must complete a three-year science sequence in order to graduate: Biology or Advanced Biology in 9th grade, Chemistry or Advanced Chemistry in 10th grade, and Physics, Advanced Physics or Earth and Space Sciences in 11th or 12th grades.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Qualified students may opt to take independent study courses in subjects not covered in the curriculum. Independent study courses must be approved by the student's parent, the student's advisor, the department head involved, and the director of the Upper School. Independent study courses may not be used to fulfill graduation requirements.

SENIOR COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT

The Senior Comprehensive Project (SCP) provides students the opportunity to participate in a program that integrates traditional academic disciplines with "real world" settings, issues and topics. It is required and occurs during May of senior year. During the SCP, students work approximately 20 hours per week, read related material, maintain a daily journal, and make a final presentation to the Upper School community.

CUM LAUDE SOCIETY

Founded in 1906, the Cum Laude Society is dedicated to honoring scholastic achievement in secondary schools; Penn Charter was one of the original seven schools invited to join.

ATHLETICS

Penn Charter competes in the Inter-Academic League. Founded in 1887, the Inter-Ac is the oldest inter-scholastic athletic league in the United States. PC athletes compete in Basketball, Baseball, Crew, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Squash, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field (indoor and outdoor), Water Polo, and Wrestling.

CLASS OF 2020 JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

COURSE	TITLE	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F	Total
C810	AP Computer Science Principles	13	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
E500	English XI	16	14	12	21	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	73
E510	AP English	4	5	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
E520	American Studies, English	2	7	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
L140	Latin, Level I	6	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
L160	Spanish, Level I	10	10	3	7	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	33
L260	Spanish, Level II	47	17	13	7	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	90
L300	French, Level III	3	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
L310	Chinese, Level III	6	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	13
L340	Latin, Level III	11	4	5	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
L360	Spanish, Level III	21	20	8	10	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	71
L400	French, Level IV	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
L410	Chinese, Level IV	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
L440	Latin, Level IV	4	4	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	16
L460	Spanish IV	13	5	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
L460A	Spanish, Level IV Adv.	9	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
L510A	Chinese, Level V Adv.	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
L860	AP Spanish	8	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
M330	Algebra II	15	15	9	7	8	4	6	0	0	1	0	0	65
M570	Pre-Calculus	8	15	12	10	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	55
M570A	Adv. Pre-Calculus	5	7	6	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	26
M570AA	Adv. Pre-Calculus	11	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
M660	AP Statistics	4	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
M670	Integrated Mathematics	0	2	1	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
M790A	AP Calculus (AB)	14	11	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
M790AA	AP Calculus (BC)	11	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
M796	Mathematics of Finance	4	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
S440	Chemistry	30	13	10	9	9	3	3	3	0	1	0	0	81
S440A	Advanced Chemistry	10	11	6	10	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
S607	Bioethics	5	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
S610	AP Environmental Science	13	5	8	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
S620	Earth & Space Science	8	13	8	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
S628	Molecular Biology/Botany	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
S630	AP Biology	11	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
S637	Human Anatomy and Physiology	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
S640	AP Chemistry	3	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
S670	Physics	5	8	9	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
S670A	Advanced Physics	13	9	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
S680	AP Physics C: Mechanics	9	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
SS500	U.S. History	19	7	7	16	8	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	65
SS510	AP U.S. History	4	7	4	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
SS520	American Studies, Social Studies	2	7	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
SS615	Introductory Economics	9	1	5	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	20
SS622	American Foreign Policy	5	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
VA610	AP Studio	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

COURSE TITLE A A- B+ B B- C+ C C- D+ D D- F TOTAL



An end-of-year survey showed that **95 percent of students in the Class of 2019** are attending one of their top-choice colleges. More than half were admitted to a “most competitive college” according to Barron’s Profiles of American Colleges.

Penn Charter’s college list is as diverse as our student body.



FIVE-YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION (2015-2019)

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| Albright College | Elon University (6) | Morehouse College (2) | University of British Columbia |
| Alvernia University | Emerson College | Mount St. Mary’s University | University of California at Berkeley |
| American University (3) | Emory University (4) | Muhlenberg College (4) | University of Chicago |
| Amherst College (6) | Fairfield University (2) | New School University | University of Colorado (3) |
| Auburn University (3) | Fayetteville State University | New York University (8) | University of Connecticut (3) |
| Babson College (3) | Florida International University | Northeastern University (2) | University of Delaware (6) |
| Barnard College | Fordham University (4) | Northwestern University | University of Denver |
| Barry University | Franklin & Marshall College (7) | Oberlin College | University of Maryland,
Baltimore Co |
| Bloomsburg University (2) | George Washington University (5) | Occidental College | University of Maryland (3) |
| Boston College (3) | Georgetown University (4) | Ohio State University | University of Massachusetts |
| Boston University (7) | Gettysburg College | Pennsylvania State University (24) | University of Miami (8) |
| Bowdoin College (3) | Goucher College | Pomona College | University of Michigan (3) |
| Brandeis University (2) | Hampton University | Pratt Institute | University of North Carolina (2) |
| Brown University (3) | Harvard University | Princeton University (3) | University of Pennsylvania (45) |
| Bucknell University (13) | Haverford College (7) | Purdue University | University of Pittsburgh (12) |
| Carleton College | High Point University | Quinnipiac University | University of Rhode Island (3) |
| Carnegie Mellon University (2) | Hobart & William Smith Colleges | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | University of Richmond (5) |
| Case Western Reserve University (2) | Howard University (11) | Rider University | University of South Carolina (3) |
| Catholic University of America | Indiana University -
Bloomington (2) | Roanoke College | University of Tampa (2) |
| Chapman University | Indiana University of PA | Rochester Institute of Technology | University of Texas (2) |
| Clark Atlanta University | Ithaca College (3) | Rutgers University (2) | University of Utah |
| Clemson University | Jewish Theological Seminary | Saint Joseph’s University (5) | University of Vermont (9) |
| Coastal Carolina University | Johns Hopkins University | Sarah Lawrence College | University of Virginia (3) |
| Colby College (2) | King’s College | Skidmore College (2) | University of Wisconsin (6) |
| Colgate University (6) | Kutztown University | Southern Methodist University | Ursinus College (11) |
| College of Charleston | Lafayette College (3) | Spelman College (4) | Vanderbilt University (4) |
| College of the Holy Cross (2) | LaSalle University (6) | St. John’s University (2) | Vassar College |
| College of William & Mary | Lehigh University (7) | Stanford University | Villanova University (8) |
| College of Wooster (2) | Loyola Marymount University (2) | SUNY College at Cortland | Virginia Tech University |
| Colorado College | Loyola University Maryland (2) | Susquehanna University (2) | Wake Forest University |
| Columbia University (4) | Marist College | Syracuse University (11) | Washington College |
| Cornell University (9) | Marlboro College | Temple University (11) | Washington University, St. Louis (4) |
| Dartmouth College (4) | Marquette University | Texas A&M University | Wellesley College |
| DePaul University | Marymount University | Tufts University (6) | West Chester University (6) |
| Dickinson College (9) | Marywood University | Tulane University (6) | Widener University (9) |
| Drew University (3) | McDaniel College | Tyler School of Art | Yale University (3) |
| Drexel University (21) | McGill University, Canada (3) | Union College | York College of PA |
| Duke University (5) | Middlebury College (3) | United States Military Academy | |
| Duquesne University | Misericordia University | United States Naval Academy (6) | |
| Earlham College | MIT (2) | University of Alabama (4) | Post Graduate Year (4) |
| Eckerd College | | University of Arizona | Other (4) |