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## 2020-2021 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 2021: 120.
- 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.

### 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.

## 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
2020	112	595-680	565-685	N.A.	1170-1375	22-30
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

## 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 European History.

**Enrollment in these courses requires faculty approval.**

Sixty-two members of the Class of 2021 (52% of the class) took a total of 111 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

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.

### ONE SCHOOLHOUSE

When students exhaust the curriculum offerings in a particular discipline, they are able to access more advanced courses through One Schoolhouse

### MINI-COURSES

Mini-Courses are 8-week seminars where students meet twice a week for two hours after school to learn about a topic not currently offered in-depth in our curriculum. These are enrichment courses and listed on the transcript; no credit is given toward graduation and they are pass/fail.

## 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 2021 JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

COURSE	TITLE	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F	Total
C810	AP Computer Science Principles	8	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
E500	English XI	8	16	22	22	10	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	84
E510	AP English: Lit & Composition	3	7	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
E520	American Studies, English	12	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
L100	French, Level I	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
L140	Latin, Level I	2	4	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	15
L160	Spanish, Level I	12	4	6	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	30
L200	French, Level II	5	5	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
L210	Chinese, Level II	12	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19
L260	Spanish, Level II	26	6	11	8	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	57
L300	French, Level III	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
L360	Spanish, Level III	29	19	15	13	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	86
L400	French, Level IV	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
L410	Chinese, Level IV	6	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
L440	Latin, Level IV	14	1	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
L460	Spanish IV	14	6	6	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
L460A	Spanish, Level IV Adv.	6	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
M330	Algebra II	36	16	7	10	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
M330A	Advanced Algebra II	23	9	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
M570	Pre-Calculus	21	7	15	10	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	58
M570A	Adv. Pre-Calculus	10	9	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
M570AA	Adv. Pre-Calculus	15	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
M660	AP Statistics	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
M664	Introduction to Statistics Part I	1	5	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
M670	Integrated Mathematics	0	1	3	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
M790A	AP Calculus (AB)	11	5	5	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
M790AA	AP Calculus (BC)	10	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
M890AA	Multivariable Calculus (One Schoolhouse)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
S440	Chemistry	42	18	9	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
S607	Bioethics	7	6	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	20
S610	AP Environmental Science	7	8	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
S620	Earth & Space Science	7	8	11	6	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	42
S630	AP Biology	18	8	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
S640	AP Chemistry	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
S654	The Physics of Sound	11	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	15
S670	Physics	20	8	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
S670A	Advanced Physics	14	9	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
S680	AP Physics C: Mechanics	15	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
SS500	U.S. History	25	22	16	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
SS510	AP U.S. History	10	7	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
SS520	American Studies, Social Studies	12	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
SS606	Penn: His School, State and City	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
SS615	Introductory Economics	3	1	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
VA610	AP Studio	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

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**Class of 2020** enrolled at over 70 colleges and universities.

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



## FIVE-YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION (2016-2020)

Alvernia University	Elon University (4)	New York University (7)	University of Chicago
American University	Emerson College	Northeastern University (2)	University of Colorado (2)
Amherst College (6)	Emory University (4)	Northwestern University	University of Connecticut (2)
Arcadia University	Fairfield University (3)	Oberlin College	University of Delaware (5)
Auburn University (2)	Fayetteville State University	Occidental College	University of Denver
Babson College (2)	Florida International University	Ohio State University (2)	University of Maryland (3)
Barry University	Fordham University (4)	Pennsylvania State University (19)	University of Massachusetts
Bates College	Franklin & Marshall College (8)	Pomona College	University of Miami (8)
Bloomsburg University (2)	George Washington University (4)	Pratt Institute	University of Michigan (4)
Boston College	Georgetown University (3)	Princeton University (2)	University of North Carolina (3)
Boston University (7)	Gettysburg College	Purdue University	University of Pennsylvania (50)
Bowdoin College (3)	Goucher College	Quinnipiac University	University of Pittsburgh (15)
Brandeis University (2)	Grinnell College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Rhode Island (3)
Brown University (4)	Harvard University	Rider University	University of Richmond (6)
Bucknell University (12)	Haverford College (6)	Roanoke College	University of Scranton
Cabrini College	High Point University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of South Carolina (3)
Carleton College	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Rutgers University (3)	University of Southern California (2)
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	Holy Family University	Saint Joseph's University (8)	University of Tampa (2)
Case Western Reserve University (2)	Howard University (9)	Sarah Lawrence College (2)	University of Texas (3)
Catholic University of America (2)	Indiana University - Bloomington (2)	Southern Methodist University	University of Utah
Chapman University	Ithaca College (3)	Spelman College (4)	University of Vermont (4)
Chestnut Hill College	James Madison University (2)	St. John's University (2)	University of Virginia (3)
Clark Atlanta University	Jewish Theological Seminary	Stanford University	University of Wisconsin (6)
Clemson University	Johns Hopkins University (2)	Stony Brook University	Ursinus College (9)
Coastal Carolina University	King's College	SUNY College at Cortland	Vanderbilt University (4)
Colby College	Lafayette College (3)	Susquehanna University (2)	Vassar College
Colgate University (7)	LaSalle University (4)	Swarthmore College	Villanova University (9)
College of Charleston	Lehigh University (8)	Syracuse University (6)	Virginia Tech University
College of Holy Cross (2)	Loyola Marymount University	Temple University (18)	Wagner College (2)
College of William & Mary	Loyola University Maryland (2)	Trinity College	Wake Forest University
Colorado College (2)	Marist College	Tufts University (4)	Washington University, St. Louis (4)
Columbia University (3)	Marlboro College	Tulane University (7)	Wellesley College
Cornell University (8)	Marquette University	Tyler School of Art	West Chester University (6)
Dartmouth College (3)	McDaniel College	Union College	Widener University (10)
Delaware State University	McGill University, Canada (3)	United States Military Academy	Williams College
DeSales University	Middlebury College (4)	United States Naval Academy (3)	Wilmington University
Dickinson College (8)	Misericordia University	University of Alabama (6)	Yale University (4)
Drew University (3)	MIT (2)	University of Arizona (2)	York College of PA
Drexel University (20)	Morehouse College (3)	University of British Columbia	
Duke University (5)	Mount St. Mary's University	University of California	
Duquesne University	Muhlenberg College (5)	University of California at Berkeley	Post Graduate Year (4)
Eckerd College	New School (2)	University of California at Los Angeles	Other (5)