GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024 Profile

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Located 25 miles west of Philadelphia in Chester County, PA, the Great Valley School District has a population of approximately 36,000. The district encompasses an area of 43.3 square miles and includes Charlestown, East Whiteland and Willistown Townships, plus the borough of Malvern.

Great Valley is a comprehensive public high school with an enrollment of 1,445 students in grades 9 through 12. The professional staff numbers 114 and is fully accredited. Great Valley High School has been recognized by the United States Department of Education for "Excellence in Education." The district maintains academic partnerships that include the Desmond Project, Sports Marketing, and the Danish Exchange Program.

ABILITY GROUPING

Each course number indicates the instructional level at which the course is presented. GVHS instructional levels are: Advanced Placement (AP), Honors (HR), Academic A (AA), and Modified Course (MC).

     0 = Honors or AP   2/3 = Academic A   5 = Modified Course

Note: Numbers for courses from other schools or programs do not reflect Great Valley academic levels. Courses labeled with the "TRAN" code have been transferred from another accredited school.

GRADING

Report cards are issued four times during the school year. Grades include: A+ (97-100), A (93-96), A- (90-92), B+ (87-89), B (83-86), B- (80-82), C+ (77-79), C (73-76), C- (70-72), D+ (67-69), D (63-66), D- (60-62), E (less than 60), WF (Withdrawal/Fail), WP (Withdrawal/Pass).

A grade of "S" (Satisfactory) carries credit toward graduation, but is not included in the computation of the grade point average. A grade of "U" (Unsatisfactory) is the equivalent of a failure and is computed in the grade point average. Courses coded with the "TRAN" code are transferred from another accredited school and are also not included in the computation of the grade point average.

Letter Grade Conversion Scale

A+ - 4.25	B+ - 3.25	C+ - 2.25	D+ - 1.25
A - 4.00	B - 3.00	C - 2.00	D - 1.00
A- - 3.75	B- - 2.75	C- - 1.75	D- - 0.75
			E - 0

CURRICULUM AND ADVANCED PROGRAMS

Great Valley High School offers students an extensive and diverse curriculum featuring a wealth of elective courses.
The average class size is 28 students. All Great Valley students are required to successfully complete:

- Four years of English
- Three years of Math, Science and Social Studies
- Two Health courses, six semesters of Physical Education, plus a distribution requirement in humanities and elective areas

Honors and AP courses are designed to offer a greater breadth and depth of learning experiences and are considered to be substantially more difficult than others in the curriculum. In recognition of the high level of achievement expected, grades in these courses are given a weighted factor of .50 for AP and .25 for Honors, in addition to the grade points indicated in the "Letter Grade Conversion Scale" found on page 1. For example, a "B" in an Honors class would receive a quality point value of 3.25 in the GPA calculation, and a "B" in an AP class would receive a quality point value of 3.50 in the GPA calculation.

Advanced Placement Courses

- **Art** — 2-D Art and Design, 3-D Art and Design, Drawing
- **Computer Science** — Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles
- **English** — English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **Mathematics** — Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics
- **Music** — Music Theory
- **Science** — Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- **Social Studies** — Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, European History, Human Geography, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History
- **World Language** — French Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Latin, Spanish Language and Culture

Honors Courses

- **English** — English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12
- **Mathematics** — Accounting, Algebra 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus
- **Science** — Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Biology 2, Chemistry, Chemistry 2, Physics, Physics 2
- **Social Studies** — Government & Economics, U.S. History, World History
- **World Language** — French 4, French 5, German 4, German 5, Latin 4, Latin 5, Spanish 4, Spanish 5

CONTINUING EDUCATION

For the class of 2023, approximately 91% of Great Valley High School graduates continued in a program of higher education. Approximately 84% enrolled in 4-year colleges and 7% enrolled in 1- and 2-year colleges.

GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024

Cumulative Grade Point Distribution
Compiled at the end of grade 11
(Class size of 312)

4.409 – 4.481 = 5%	3.525 – 3.744 = 10%
4.339 – 4.406 = 5%	3.285 – 3.519 = 10%
4.181 – 4.325 = 10%	2.965 – 3.281 = 10%
4.019 – 4.180 = 10%	2.455 – 2.963 = 10%
3.916 – 4.016 = 10%	1.288 – 2.454 = 10%
3.764 – 3.914 = 10%	

CLASS RANK

Class rank is not included on report cards or transcripts. Great Valley School District will provide colleges with a detailed grade distribution.

When requested by a student, parent, or college, class rank will be reported in deciles. If a student falls in the top 5%, that fact (rather than top 10%) will be reported, and counselors will emphasize the high academic achievement of those with a 4.0 GPA or above in their recommendations.

GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024

Grade Distribution

Compiled at the end of grade 11. (Class size of 312)

GRADE RANGE	DISTRIBUTION
3.5 – 4.481	60.6%
3.0 – 3.490	18.3%
2.5 – 2.990	9.9%
2.0 – 2.490	6.1%
1.5 – 1.990	4.2%
0.0 – 1.490	0.9%

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2022 Sixteen members of the class of 2022 were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists. An additional 27 were recognized as Commended Students.

2023 Six members of the class of 2023 were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists. An additional 25 were recognized as Commended Students.

2024 Six members of the class of 2024 were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists. An additional 22 were recognized as Commended Students.

MEAN SAT AND ACT SCORES

CLASS OF 2023
(Class size of 327)

SAT

Evidence Based Reading & Writing: *619*
Mean Math: *628*
Number of students reporting scores: *244*
Percentage of class reporting scores: *74%*

ACT

Mean English: *27.3* **Mean Mathematics:** *25.2*
Mean Reading: *30.7* **Mean Science:** *25.6*
Mean Composite: *26.1*
Number of students reporting scores: *110*
Percentage of class reporting scores: *34%*

CLASS OF 2022
(Class size of 332)

SAT

Evidence Based Reading & Writing: *624*
Mean Math: *635*
Number of students reporting scores: *264*
Percentage of class reporting scores: *80%*

ACT

Mean English: *27.9* **Mean Mathematics:** *26.8*
Mean Reading: *28.8* **Mean Science:** *27.1*
Mean Composite: *27.8*
Number of students reporting scores: *131*
Percentage of class reporting scores: *39%*

GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL POST SECONDARY EDUCATION REPORT: CLASS OF 2023
(Class size of 327)

Information as of July 1, 2023, indicated that 91% of the class of 2023 planned to formally continue their education at the types of institutions shown below.

Four Year Programs

PA state universities	6%
PA commonwealth universities	24%
PA independent colleges	16%
Colleges outside of PA	38%

One and Two Year Programs

Independent colleges outside of PA	5%
Independent colleges in PA	5%
Community colleges	5%
Vocational technical schools	1%

The remaining 9% of the class pursued the military, employment, a gap year, or were undecided.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING ONE OR MORE STUDENTS FROM THE GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023

Albright College*
Alvernia University*
AMDA College of the Performing Arts–Los Angeles
American University*
Amherst College
Appalachian State University*
Arcadia University*
Arizona State University*
Auburn University*
Augusta University*
Babson College
Barry University
Bates College
Baylor University*
Bennington College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University*
Bridgewater College
Brigham Young University*
Bryn Mawr College*
Bucknell University*
Cabrini University*
Cal Poly*
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University*
Centenary University
Champlain College
Chatham University
Clarkson University*
Clemson University*
Coastal Carolina University*
Colgate University
College of Charleston*
Colorado College
Colorado State University*
Commonwealth University–Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Mansfield*
Concordia University–Wisconsin
Connecticut College*
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
Delaware County Community College*
Denison University
DeSales University
Dickinson College*
Drew University
Drexel University*
Duquesne University*
East Carolina University
East Stroudsburg University*
Eastern University*
Eckerd College
Elizabethtown College*
Elon University*
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College*
Emory University*
Fairfield University*
Fashion Institute of Technology
Flagler College
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University*
Franklin and Marshall College*
Furman University
George Mason University*
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology*
Gettysburg College*
Guilford College

Gwynedd Mercy University
Hampshire College
Harcum College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University*
Hofstra University*
Holy Family University*
Hood College
Hope College
Immaculata University*
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Indiana University–Bloomington*
Ithaca College*
Jacksonville University
James Madison University*
Kent State University
Kutztown University*
La Salle University*
Lafayette College*
Lake Forest College
Lehigh University*
Liberty University
Longy School of Music of Bard College
Louisiana State University*
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Maryland*
Lycoming College
Lynn University
Manhattan College
Marist College*
Marymount Manhattan College
Miami University
Michigan State University*
Millersville University*
Montclair State University*
Montgomery County Community College
Moore College of Art and Design
Moravian University*
Morgan State University
Mount St. Mary's University*
Muhlenberg College*
Nazareth College
Neumann University*
New College of Florida
New England Institute of Technology*
New Jersey Institute of Technology*
New York University
Niagara University
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina State University*
Northeastern University*
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Ohio State University*
Ohio University
Oklahoma City University
Old Dominion University*
Oregon State University*
Pace University*
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania College of Art and Design
Pennsylvania College of Technology*
Pennsylvania State University–Abington
Pennsylvania State University–Altoona
Pennsylvania State University–Brandywine*
Pennsylvania State University–Main Campus*

Pennsylvania State University–York
PennWest California University
PennWest Clarion University
Pepperdine University
Plymouth State University
Point Park University
Providence College
Purdue Polytechnic Institute
Purdue University*
Quinnipiac University*
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
Ringling College of Art and Design
Robert Morris University
Rochester Institute of Technology*
Roger Williams University*
Rollins College
Rowan University*
Russell Sage College
Rutgers University–New Brunswick*
Rutgers University–Newark
Sacred Heart University*
Saint Joseph's University*
Saint Michael's College
Savannah College of Art & Design*
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Shippensburg University*
Simmons University*
Skidmore College
Smith College
Spelman College
Stevens Institute of Technology*
Stevenson University
Stockton University
Stony Brook University*
Suffolk University
SUNY College at Geneseo
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry*
Susquehanna University*
Syracuse University*
Temple University*
Texas A & M University–College Station*
Texas Christian University
Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology*
The Catholic University of America*
The College of New Jersey*
The George Washington University*
The New School
The University of Alabama*
The University of Montana
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee*
The University of Texas at Dallas
Thomas Jefferson University*
Towson University*
Tulane University of Louisiana*
Union College*
United States Merchant Marine Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California–Berkeley
University of California–Davis*
University of California–Irvine
University of California–Los Angeles*
University of California–San Diego*
University of California–Santa Cruz

University of Central Florida
University of Colorado Boulder*
University of Connecticut*
University of Delaware*
University of Florida*
University of Georgia
University of Hartford*
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky*
University of Maine*
University of Maryland*
University of Massachusetts–Amherst*
University of Massachusetts–Boston*
University of Miami*
University of Michigan–Ann Arbor*
University of Minnesota–Twin Cities*
University of Mississippi*
University of New England
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina Wilmington*
University of Northern Iowa
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh*
University of Rhode Island*
University of Richmond*
University of Rochester*
University of Scranton*
University of South Carolina*
University of South Florida*
University of Southern California
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Vermont*
University of Virginia*
University of Washington–Seattle Campus*
University of Wisconsin–Madison*
Ursinus College*
Utah State University
Villanova University*
Virginia Tech*
Washington & Jefferson College*
Washington College*
Wayne State University
Wentworth Institute of Technology*
Wesleyan University
West Chester University*
West Virginia University*
Widener University*
William & Mary*
Wilson College
Xavier University
Yale University
York College

*Indicates more than one student accepted