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2023-2024 PROFILE



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.



CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

Penn Charter has a long history of access and, in its fourth century, is more diverse than ever.

An urban school located on a 47-acre green campus in the East Falls neighborhood of Philadelphia, Penn Charter is just five miles from the business and cultural resources of one of the nation's largest and most complex cities. Our Center for Public Purpose, built on a rich tradition of service, engages PC students in community-based work addressing some of the city's most pressing social issues.

The school seeks to enroll young people of diverse faiths, races, backgrounds and talents. Families reside in 106 zip codes, across county and state lines and in heterogeneous neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia. More than a third of our students receive financial aid; more than a third identify as people of color. Buddhism, Catholicism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Protestantism, Quakerism and more are represented.



SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Founded in 1689 by William Penn and the Religious Society of Friends, and operating under three charters granted by Penn, Penn Charter is the oldest Quaker school in the world.

- Quaker, coeducational college preparatory day school.
- Admission is highly selective and determined by school record, standardized test scores, a personal interview and teacher recommendations.
- Pre-K to 12 enrollment: 1012 students, from 108 zip codes.
- Upper School enrollment: 459, with 108 students in the Class of 2024. 32 percent of Upper School students are people of color.
- Penn Charter's financial aid budget in 2023-24 is \$13.9 million. 50 percent of Upper School students receive financial aid.
- Upper School faculty: 76. Average Upper School class size: 14. Student-teacher ratio: 6:1.
- Student conduct is guided by an Honor Code.
- Students reflect in Quaker Meeting for Worship each week.

Data as of August 2023.

DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate, students must complete 40 units with this distribution. 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

*Science: The required science sequence in order to graduate is: Biology in ninth grade, Chemistry in 10th grade, and Physics or Earth and Space Science in 11th or 12th grades.

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

GRADING

- Passing grades range from A to D-. F denotes failure.
- 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 course 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. A few students are inducted at the end of junior year, but most inductees receive recognition in spring of senior year.

CLASS OF 2024: COVID EXPERIENCE

2020-2021: As ninth graders, the Class of 2024 learned in a hybrid teaching environment.

2021-2022: As 10th graders, the Class of 2024 received full on-campus instruction for the first time since March 2020 and experienced their first five-day final exam period in June 2022.

CURRICULUM FEATURES

ADVANCED STUDIES INITIATIVE

After much study, Penn Charter has decided to move beyond the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) program in favor of our own rigorous advanced courses that provide for innovative teaching and deeper exploration of content areas. This decision better aligns our academic program with our vision of educating students to live lives that make a difference.

The Class of 2025 will be the last students to access College Board courses at Penn Charter. The Penn Charter faculty have begun developing our own advanced courses, designated as Advanced Studies on the transcript. Advanced Studies courses provide instruction at the college or university level.

Members of the Class of 2024 have the option to study curriculum from college preparatory, advanced, AP and Advanced Studies.

ADVANCED COURSES AND AP COURSES

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

Due to the structured nature of the freshman and sophomore year curriculum, students typically do not have the opportunity to take **Advanced Studies** or **Advanced Placement** courses until their junior year. Enrollment in these courses requires faculty approval. History and English require assessment test for placement.

ART

Advanced Ceramics
Advanced Costume Design
AP Art and Design

ENGLISH

Advanced Creative Writing: Short Form
Advanced Creative Writing: Long Form
AP English Literature and Composition (11)
Advanced English XII

COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Computer Science Principles

HISTORY

AP European History
AP Government & Politics
AP United States History (11)
Advanced Studies:
American Political History (11)
Advanced Studies:
Modern American History (11)
Advanced Studies: Psychology
Advanced Studies: Art History

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Advanced Spanish, Level IV
Advanced Spanish, Level V
AP Spanish
Advanced Chinese, Level V
Advanced French, Level V
Advanced Latin, Level V

MATHEMATICS

Advanced Geometry
Advanced Algebra II
Advanced Precalculus A
Advanced Precalculus AA
AP AB Calculus
AP BC Calculus
AP Statistics
Multivariable Calculus

SCIENCE

Advanced Biology
Advanced Chemistry
Advanced Physics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C: Mechanics
Advanced Studies:
Environmental Science
Advanced Studies: Experimental Biology
Advanced Studies: Physics II–Topics
in Engineering

RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY

Advanced Studies: Philosophy

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Three certificate programs – Global Studies, Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability, and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice – offer engaged students the opportunity to integrate different aspects of the Upper School program around a particular focus and passion in their junior and senior years. The main components of certificate work are approved coursework, major projects, minimum number of hours of activity credit and a Senior Comprehensive Project. Enrollment requires faculty approval. A completed certificate demonstrates high academic achievement and is awarded during graduation ceremonies.

INDEPENDENT STUDY & SYMPOSIUM

Qualified students may opt to take independent study courses in subjects not covered in the curriculum. They present their work at an annual symposium attended by teachers, classmates and guests. Independent study courses may not be used to fulfill graduation requirements and must be approved by the student's parent, advisor, the department head involved and the director of Upper School.

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, serve the Philadelphia community, and make a final presentation to the Upper School community.

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

When students exhaust the curriculum offerings in a particular discipline they are able to access more advanced courses through One Schoolhouse, a nonprofit accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. For enrichment or course credit fulfillment, students may enroll in online courses through Educere, a local virtual learning platform.

ARTS, ATHLETICS & CLUBS

Arts and athletics are cocurricular programs, engaging every student at points in their high school career. Upper School has four **visual arts** studios, including a digital lab, plus an IdeaLab makerspace. More than 100 students are active in the **performing arts**; Upper School offers 11 instrumental and choral ensembles and theater productions in a 650-seat theater. Penn Charter competes in the **Inter-Academic League**; founded in 1887, the Inter-Ac is the oldest interscholastic athletic league in the United States. The PC Quakers field 18 sports. Nearly 40 student-led and student-inspired **clubs** provide exploration in a range of topics, including cultural identity, food security, environmental stewardship, ethical behavior, microfinance, service, social justice, student publications and more.

CLASS OF 2024 JUNIOR-YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

COURSE	TITLE	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F	TOTAL
C810	AP Computer Science Principles	22	5	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
E500	English XI	19	20	12	12	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	71
E510	AP English	7	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
E520	American Studies, English	12	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
L110	Chinese, Level I	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
L140	Latin, Level I	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
L160	Spanish, Level I	21	9	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
L260	Spanish, Level II	43	8	4	5	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	64
L300	French, Level III	6	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
L310	Chinese, Level III	5	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
L340	Latin, Level III	14	4	5	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
L360	Spanish, Level III	27	12	10	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
L400	French, Level IV	5	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
L410	Chinese, Level IV	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
L440	Latin, Level IV	10	4	6	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	28
L460	Spanish, Level IV	5	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
L460A	Advanced Spanish, Level IV	11	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
L500A	Advanced French, Level V	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
L510A	Advanced Chinese, Level V	10	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
M330	Algebra II	1	5	13	15	4	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	47
M440	Functions and Trigonometry	0	2	1	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
M570	Precalculus	8	13	6	15	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
M570A	Advanced Precalculus: A	12	6	4	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	30
M570AA	Advanced Precalculus: AA	9	5	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
M661	Probability and Statistics	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
M668	Intro to Statistics B (Sports Analytics)	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	18
M691	Calculus	10	17	8	14	7	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	64
M750A	AP Statistics	7	6	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
M790A	AP Calculus (AB)	5	8	6	5	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	34
M790AA	AP Calculus (BC)	9	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
M900AA	Linear Algebra	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
S440	Chemistry	37	6	8	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
S440A	Advanced Chemistry	31	16	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
S610	AP Environmental Science	8	3	6	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	26
S620	Earth and Space Science	5	4	3	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
S630	AP Biology	4	1	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
S637	Human Anatomy and Physiology	17	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
S640	AP Chemistry	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
S648	Biotechnology	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
S668	Robotics II	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
S670	Physics	5	5	8	8	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	33
S670A	Advanced Physics	15	17	9	4	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	49
S680	AP Physics C: Mechanics	19	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
SS500	U.S. History	10	10	3	8	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	36
SS510	AP U.S. History	15	9	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
SS520	American Studies: Social Studies	12	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
SS530A	Advanced Studies: Modern American History	11	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
SS628	Women and Gender in American History	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
SS632	Global Issues	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
SS637	Psychology I	7	4	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
SS645	Peace, Justice and Social Change	7	3	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	17
SS700	Philosophy	12	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
VA610	AP Art and Design	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10

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

The Class of 2023 enrolled at 65 colleges and universities across the United States, Canada and Europe.



FIVE-YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION (2019-2023)

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| Albright College | Fayetteville State University | North Carolina A&T State University | University of Georgia |
| American University (5) | Fordham University (2) | Northeastern University (3) | University of Glasgow, Scotland (2) |
| Amherst College (4) | Franklin & Marshall College (7) | Northwestern University (2) | University of Hawaii at Manoa |
| Arcadia University (2) | George Washington University (8) | Oberlin College (2) | University of Louisville |
| Arizona State University (2) | Georgetown University (2) | Occidental College | University of Maryland, Baltimore County |
| Babson College | Georgia Institute of Technology (2) | Ohio State University (3) | University of Maryland |
| Bates College (2) | Gettysburg College | Pennsylvania State University (20) | University of Miami (3) |
| Boston College (4) | Goucher College | Pomona College | University of Michigan (7) |
| Boston University (8) | Grinnell College | Pratt Institute | University of Mississippi |
| Bowdoin College (4) | Hampton University | Princeton University | University of North Carolina (2) |
| Brown University (3) | Harcum College | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (3) | University of North Carolina - Wilmington |
| Bryn Mawr College | Harvard University (2) | Rochester Institute of Technology (2) | University of Notre Dame |
| Bucknell University (10) | Haverford College (5) | Rutgers University (4) | University of Pennsylvania (40) |
| Cabrini College | High Point University | Saint Joseph's University (9) | University of Pittsburgh (8) |
| Carleton College (2) | Hobart & William Smith Colleges | Sarah Lawrence College (1) | University of Rhode Island |
| Carnegie Mellon University (2) | Holy Family University (3) | Savannah College of Art and Design | University of Richmond (6) |
| Case Western Reserve University | Howard University (7) | Skidmore College | University of Scranton |
| Catholic University of America (2) | Indiana University - Bloomington (3) | Smith College (2) | University of South Carolina (2) |
| Chapman University | Ithaca College | St. John's University (2) | University of Southern California (4) |
| Chestnut Hill College (2) | James Madison University (3) | Stanford University (3) | University of St Andrews, Scotland |
| Coastal Carolina University | Jewish Theological Seminary / Columbia (2) | Stony Brook University | University of Tampa (3) |
| Colby College (2) | Johns Hopkins University (4) | SUNY College at Cortland | University of Texas (2) |
| Colgate University (4) | King's College | Susquehanna University (2) | University of Utah |
| The College of Wooster | Kutztown University | Swarthmore College (2) | University of Vermont (6) |
| College of Charleston (2) | Lafayette College (3) | Syracuse University (6) | University of Virginia (3) |
| College of Holy Cross | LaSalle University | Tel Aviv University / Columbia | University of Wisconsin (2) |
| College of William & Mary | Lehigh University (7) | Temple University (17) | Ursinus College (6) |
| Colorado College | Liberty University | Trinity College (2) | Vanderbilt University |
| Columbia University (4) | Loyola Marymount University | Trinity College Dublin | Villanova University (9) |
| Commonwealth University of PA | Loyola University Maryland (3) | Tufts University (4) | Virginia Tech University (5) |
| Lock Haven | Lycoming College | Tulane University (11) | Wagner College (2) |
| Connecticut College | Lynn University | Union College | Wake Forest University (3) |
| Cornell University (9) | Marist College | United States Air Force Academy | Walnut Hill College |
| Dartmouth College (3) | Maryland Institute College of Art | United States Military Academy | Washington and Lee University |
| Davidson College (3) | McGill University, Canada (3) | United States Naval Academy (2) | Washington University in St. Louis |
| Delaware State University | Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2) | University of Alabama (4) | Wellesley College |
| DeSales University (2) | Middlebury College (2) | University of Arizona (2) | Wesleyan University |
| Dickinson College (4) | Millersville University | University of British Columbia | West Chester University (11) |
| Drew University | Monmouth University | University of California at Davis | Widener University (8) |
| Drexel University (20) | Moore College of Art and Design | University of California at Los Angeles | Williams College (2) |
| Duke University (8) | Morehouse College (3) | University of California at Riverside | Wilmington University |
| Elon University | Mount Holyoke College | University of Chicago | Winthrop University |
| Emerson College | Mount St. Mary's University | University of Colorado (3) | Xavier University of Louisiana |
| Emory University (2) | Muhlenberg College (3) | University of Connecticut | Yale University (3) |
| Fairfield University | New School | University of Delaware (4) | York College of Pennsylvania (2) |
| Fairleigh Dickinson University (2) | New York University (3) | University of Florida | |