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The Colonial School District serves the diverse communities of Conshohocken, Plymouth and Whitemarsh Townships with approximately 5,400 students and 700 employees. Plymouth Whitemarsh High School is the sole high school for the district; a four-year, suburban, public high school located just outside of Philadelphia with a reputation for academic excellence and rigorous course offerings focused on college and career readiness for all students.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Class of 2024.....	346	Enrollment.....	1601
Total PWHS Faculty.....	157	% White.....	69
% Teachers w/ Masters.....	95	% Black.....	13
Student-Teacher Ratio.....	13:1	% Asian/Pacific.....	6
Schedule.....	Block-64 Min Periods	% Hispanic.....	7
Length of Semester.....	91 days	% Multi-Racial.....	5

RIGOR, RECOGNITION and EXCELLENCE

Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS) is considered to be among the top high schools in Pennsylvania; The Washington Post and US News & World Report ranks PWHS in top four percent of high schools in PA and top 10 percent in the nation.

PWHS is recognized as a Top STEM high school by Newsweek. PWHS' STEAM culture challenges students to take rigorous course offerings aligned to their career pathway which build upon a foundation of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math while developing creativity and critical thinking.

PWHS' Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in alignment with the No Place for Hate campaign, challenging students to be effective leaders who focus on social justice issues, specific to the community and school. The process begins annually with anti-bias training for peer leaders, facilitated by ADL training specialists, before student leader outreach and activity block seminars to the student body begin.

PWHS is a certified school for the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program which is a rigorous college preparatory program designed for students in the "academic middle". AVID students are accelerated into Honors and AP courses while receiving support through an intensive supportive curriculum focused on organization, soft skills and leadership. Students gain admission to the program through a rigorous recommendation and screening process.

PW students consistently earn first place accomplishments in state and national competitions such as TSA and DECA, and is a TEDxYouth event site.

PWHS recently excelling in the ARTS includes; Colonial Players 34 Independence Award nominations and 14 wins in theater, "Best Community for Music" by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation and students being recognized for achievement in art and design in local and state competitions with over 132 National Art Honor Society inductees since 2007.

CLASS RANK

Class rank is based on weighted GPA and includes all students in the class; includes all PW courses, approved dual enrollment courses, and transfer credits accumulated at qualifying high schools. Decile rank is recorded on a student's transcript. Higher Ed institutions requiring specific class rank for admission or scholarship consideration should forward the request to the College Counseling Department.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

PWHS offers 34 Advanced Placement (AP) / Pre-AP Courses, has earned the College Board's Female Diversity Award in AP Computer Science, and is one of 15 high schools piloting a Pre-AP Engineering curriculum accredited by E4USA. College Board weighted courses are designated as "AP" or "Pre-AP" on the student's transcript.

African American Studies	English Literature	Pre-AP Theatre
Art 2D Design	Environmental Science	Pre-AP Visual Arts
Art 3D Design	European History	Psychology
Art History	French Language	Physics C: Mechanics
Biology	Human Geography	Research / Seminar
Calculus AB/BC	Latin	Spanish Language
Chemistry	Macroeconomics	Spanish Literature
Computer Science A	Microeconomics	Statistics
Comp Sci. Principles	Music Theory	US Government
Drawing	Pre-AP Calculus BC	US History
English Language	Pre-AP Engineering	World History

All PWHS students who enroll in Advanced Placement courses must take the designated College Board Examinations. In May 2023, 333 students participated in 518 AP Examinations. Ninety percent of students earned a score of 3 or better.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CAREER PROGRAMME

The IB Career-related Programme (IBCP) at PWHS offers academic study and practical hands-on experience through an integrated curriculum, consisting of core IB study, in one of the three career-related pathways; Business & Finance, Design Technology or Visual Arts. The IBCP prepares students for transition to higher education in a specific career pathway. IBCP courses are designated as "IB" on the student transcript. Courses include Math Analysis and Approaches SL, Personal and Professional Skills, and Social and Cultural Anthropology SL. Career-related capstone courses are listed "CP" on the student transcript and also hold IB weight.

HONORS COURSES

CMTHS: Allied Health, Teacher Academy **English:** AVID Tutorial, English 1-2-3-4-5, Writing Fellows, English Seminar, Philosophy & Ethics, Law & Literature, Theories of Leadership **Entrepreneurship-Design-Innovation:** Accounting 2, Architecture 2, Art History, Art Studio 2, Applied Ceramics 2, Art Major, CADD 2, Career & Financial Management, Computer Science 2, Engineering 1-2, Jewelry-Metals 2, Mass Media 2-3, Photo 2, Photo Major, Product Design 2, Robotics 2. **Math:** Integrated 2-3-4-5, Calculus, PreCalculus, Computational Math **Music:** Band, Chorus, Orchestra **Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental, Microbiology, Physics. **Social Studies:** Economics, Human Geography, Social Studies Seminar, US Government, US History, Western Civilization. **World Language:** French 3-4-5, Latin 3-4-5, Spanish 3-4-5-6. *Dual Enrollment courses are designated as "DE" and are Honors weight.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All Plymouth Whitemarsh High School students are required to schedule a full course load of 10 credits each year. With the exception of AP classes, most courses follow a semester schedule and are granted 1 credit. Students must also document 10 pieces of evidence toward career exploration and preparation (artifacts, work-based learning, field trips, etc.) between grades 9-12.

5.0	ENGLISH
5.0	MATHEMATICS
4.0	SCIENCE
4.0	SOCIAL STUDIES
2.0	HEALTH & PHYS ED
3.0	ARTS & HUMANITIES
17.0	ELECTIVES
<u>40.0</u>	

GRADE DISTRIBUTION Class of 2024 Weighted Decile Ranges

Top 10%	5.083-4.689
20%	4.688-4.433
30%	4.40-4.149
40%	4.137-3.91
50%	3.889-3.633
60%	3.627-3.377
70%	3.366-2.889
80%	2.877-2.534
90%	2.526-2.047
100%	2.02-0

CONTINUING EDUCATION

More than 92.1 percent of Plymouth Whitemarsh High School's Class of 2023 are continuing in a program of higher education. 74.4 percent enrolled in four-year schools while 17.6 percent enrolled in two-year schools. The remaining 7.8 percent of students enrolled in the military, are employed full-time or are considering options through a gap year.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & CURRICULUM

AVID Tutorial - AVID Tutorial is designed for motivated 11th and 12th grade students interested in working with AVID students to achieve their full potential by facilitating collaborative tutorial groups. Tutors are thoroughly grounded in AVID strategies (WICOR: writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading) and become a master of each stage of the AVID tutorial and inquiry learning process implementing Socratic questioning and collaborative learning techniques through the tutoring process.

Bonus Block (Embedded Activities Period) – In addition to the five academic periods per semester, students are required to participate in an activities period throughout the year that is included within the instructional day. Scheduled by the students themselves on a bi-weekly basis, Bonus Block affords students the ability to seek academic support and/or enrichment while also providing them the opportunity to participate in over 100 clubs and activities exploring (but not limited to) diversity, leadership, philanthropy, interest, and academic competition.

Dual Enrollment – Students can earn college credit for dual enrollment courses taken on-campus and at the college/university. On-campus offerings are Honors level classes unless already designated AP by the College Board and include; Accounting 2, AVID 12, Computer Science 1, Computer Science 2, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, Computational Math, CP Entrepreneurship, H Career & Financial Mgmt., AP Physics C - Mechanics, AP Psychology, Theories of Leadership, and Pre-AP Engineering.

Integrated Math - PWHS offers an Integrated Math Curriculum where courses encompass vital content in algebra, statistics, geometry, trigonometry and discrete mathematics and are presented consecutively with increasing levels of difficulty. At the completion of their coursework, students will have knowledge equivalent to that of a traditional pre-calculus course.

Writing Fellows - The Writing Fellows Program is designed for highly motivated, independent 12th grade students interested in writing and communication. A Writing Fellow recognizes the importance of voice, expression, and style associated with writing and other forms of communication in all disciplines. This student leadership opportunity prepares candidates to serve as collaborative peer tutors in the PW Writing Center while autonomously developing their own skills in research, composition, speaking, and listening.

GRADING SYSTEM – CALCULATION OF GPA

Letter Grade (%)	Academic	Honors	AP	IB
A 90-100	4.0	5.0	5.5	5.5
B+ 87-89	3.33	4.33	4.83	4.83
B 83-86	3.0	4.0	4.5	4.5
B- 80-82	2.67	3.67	4.17	4.17
C+ 77-79	2.33	3.33	3.83	3.83
C 73-76	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.5
C- 70-72	1.67	2.67	3.17	3.17
D+ 67-69	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33
D 63-66	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
D- 60-62	.67	.67	.67	.67
F 0-59	0	0	0	0
		^Weighted	^Weighted	^Weighted

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Class of	Commended	Finalists
2023	10	0
2022	3	4
2021	4	2
2020	10	2
2019	2	2

*National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars = 3

SAT/ACT MEAN SCORES

	SAT		ACT
	EBRW	MATH	COMPOSITE
Class of 2023	595	605	26.8
Class of 2022	585	590	25.6
Class of 2021	580	580	26.0

PROGRAMS OF ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Focused on academic excellence, Plymouth Whitemarsh High School offers programs and chapters of recognition for high achievement including National Honor Society (NHS), National Business Honor Society (NBHS), National Art Honor Society (NAHS), Global Scholars Program (GSP), AP Capstone Diploma, and IB Career Programme Designation.

ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

Student involvement is key to the success of a Plymouth Whitemarsh High School student's well-rounded development. Approximately ninety percent of students participate in one or more extracurricular activity. PWHS offers over one hundred clubs for students, many of which are initiated and proposed by the students themselves. Students have access to activities in the following areas;

- Academic and Scholastic
- Art and Music
- Cultural Awareness and Service
- Interest – Student Initiated
- Physical Endeavors
- Student Government and Leadership
- Student Publication

PWHS' competitive athletic program encourages physical activity as well as the opportunity to experience leadership roles, cooperation, and team play. Each year student athletes participate in 26 varsity, 24 junior varsity, and 5 freshman teams. Plymouth Whitemarsh has earned State Championships in Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball and Baseball.