

SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024



Moon Area High School
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COMMUNITY: Moon Area School District educates more than 4020 students from Crescent and Moon Townships. There are 337 students in the Class of 2024. The district covers an approximate 26 square mile attendance area, is 15 miles from the City of Pittsburgh and only minutes from the Pittsburgh International Airport. The ethnic/racial composition of the district is: 75.85% White/Caucasian, 5.84% Black/African American, 4.89% Asian Pacific Islander, 7.18% Hispanic, 5.84% Multi-Racial, .032% Native American, 0.08% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. 25.97% of the student body qualifies for the free/reduced lunch program. 5.4% of our students are enrolled in our English Language Development Program.

COVID STATEMENT: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Moon Area School District was physically closed from March 13, 2020 to the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Online instruction replaced in-person instruction during this time, however the same standards of attendance and grading were upheld throughout the closure. We started the 2020-2021 school year in virtual, synchronous learning, with most of our students returning to school four days a week (Wednesdays were virtual days) on October 13. The remainder of the school year, we vacillated between being in-person and 100% virtual. Students had the choice to remain virtual for the entire school year. The 2021-2022 school year was 100% in person, 5 days a week. Throughout the pandemic, grades were calculated in their traditional letter grade format using all four marking periods equally. We are committed to providing a safe and equitable learning environment for our students, staff, and community members.

CURRICULUM: Moon Area High School offers a wide program of studies that includes classes at all academic ability levels. A student's program of study largely depends on course availability in a given year and teacher recommendations. A typical high school schedule contains between six and seven credits of coursework each year. There is no limit to the number of Honors or AP courses a student can take each year. Moon students have the option to study one of the 16 career, technical, and pre-professional programs at Parkway West Career and Technology Center. This regional CTC offers half-day, accredited programs for high school students. Moon currently has 122 students enrolled at Parkway West.

CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE: GPA is calculated at the end of each school year, using only final grades for each course. Honors and AP classes are weighted. The GPA is reported on a 4.0 scale. Class rank is not calculated or reported.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Approximately 85% of Moon Area High School graduates pursue a post-secondary education. 72% enroll in four-year colleges, 13% enroll in two-year colleges, 3% of students join the military and 4% enter the workforce. The remaining 8% are undecided or are taking time off before furthering their education.

GRADING SCALE:

Letter Grade	AP	Honors	Academic
A = 90-100	5.0	4.5	4.0
B = 80-89	4.0	3.5	3.0
C = 70-79	3.0	2.5	2.0
D = 69-60	2.0	1.5	1.0
F = 0-59	0	0	0

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:	
English.....	4.0 credits
Social Studies.....	4.0 credits
Science.....	3.0 credits
Mathematics.....	3.0 credits
Health and PE.....	2.5 credits
Arts and Humanities.....	2.0 credits
Electives.....	5.5 credits

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Grades: 9-12
 Enrollment: 1265
 Graduating class: 337

School policy prevents the disclosure of reporting disciplinary infractions.

Honors Courses (24 courses)

English 9
 English 10
 US History 1865-1945
 Comparative World History
 Contemporary Global History
 Geometry
 Algebra II
 Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus
 Biology
 Engineering Design 1 and 2
 Cybersecurity

Chemistry
 Anatomy/Physiology
 Percussion Ensemble
 Symphonic Band
 Chamber String Ensemble
 Concert Choir
 French IV, V
 German IV, V
 Spanish IV, V

AP Courses (13 courses)

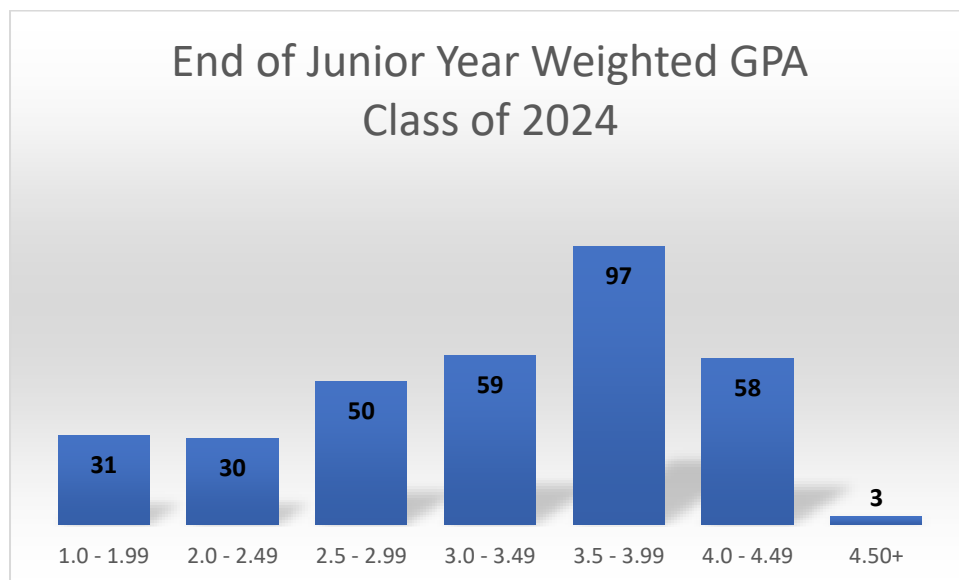
Language 11
 Literature 12
 US History
 European History
 Government/Politics
 Art History
 Computer Science Principles
 Statistics
 Calculus AB
 Calculus BC
 Biology
 Physics 1
 Chemistry

CHS classes (weighted at 5.0)

Physics, Accounting, and Statistics

** Statistics can be taken as either Advanced Placement, or College in High School.

GPA Data for the Class of 2024



College Entrance Examinations:

Approximately 53% of the class of 2022 took the SAT and 6% took the ACT.

With significantly lower participation in SAT and ACT testing, we are not reporting middle 50% bands for either test. Understanding test scores correlate strongly with socio-economic status, we hope you look deeper at our students' grades and courses as they are a stronger indicator of success in higher education.

Advanced Placement Exams—2023

Total Exams.....511
 Grades of 5.....63
 Grades of 4.....103
 Grades of 3.....160

Sample of College Matriculations for the Class of 2023: American University, Barnard College, Bucknell University, Case Western Reserve University, Chatham University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, Community College of Allegheny College, Community College of Beaver County, Duquesne University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Indiana University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Juniata College, Lehigh University, Louisiana State University, The Ohio State University, Ohio University, Oklahoma State University, Penn State University – Beaver, Penn State University- Erie, Penn State University – University Park, PennWest University – California, PennWest University – Edinboro, Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, Pittsburgh Technical College, Purdue University, Robert Morris University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rosedale Tech, Shenandoah University, Siena College, Slippery Rock University, University of Akron, University of Dayton, University of Kentucky, University of Michigan, University of Notre Dame, University of Pittsburgh -Pittsburgh, University of South Carolina, Vet Tech Institute, Washington and Jefferson College, West Chester University Western Pennsylvania hospital School of Nursing