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2024-2025 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 108 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: 463, with 120 students in the Class of 2025. 32 percent of Upper School students are people of color.
- Penn Charter's financial aid budget in 2024-25 is \$15.5 million. 51 percent of Upper School students receive financial aid.
- Upper School faculty: 77. Average Upper School class size: 15. Student-teacher ratio: 5:1.
- Student conduct is guided by an Honor Code.
- Students reflect in Quaker Meeting for Worship each week.

Data as of August 2024.

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.

CURRICULUM FEATURES

ADVANCED STUDIES INITIATIVE

Penn Charter is moving 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.

The Class of 2025 will be the last students to access College Board courses at Penn Charter. The Penn Charter faculty continues 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 2025 have the option to study curriculum from college preparatory, advanced, AP and Advanced Studies.

For colleges and universities using the **SRAR**, advanced courses should be viewed as honors courses, and Advanced Studies courses should be viewed as college- or university-level courses.

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
Advanced English XII
Advanced Studies: American Literature (11)

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Advanced Studies: Computer Programming Python
Advanced Studies: Computer Programming Java
AP Computer Science Principles

HISTORY

Advanced Studies:
African American Studies
Advanced Studies:
American Political History (11)
Advanced Studies: Art History
Advanced Studies: East Asian Studies
Advanced Studies:
Modern American History (11)
Advanced Studies: Psychology
AP European History
AP Government & Politics

RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY

Advanced Studies: Philosophy

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
Advanced Latin, Level VI

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
Advanced Studies:
Environmental Science
Advanced Studies: Experimental Biology
Advanced Studies: Engineering
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C: Mechanics

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 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 625-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 2025 JUNIOR-YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

COURSE	TITLE	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F	TOTAL
C810	AP Computer Science Principles	14	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
E500	English XI	23	24	5	6	10	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	72
E510	AP English	6	7	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
E520	American Studies, English	8	3	6	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
L140	Latin, Level I	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
L160	Spanish, Level I	16	5	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
L200	French, Level II	7	4	3	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
L210	Chinese, Level II	17	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
L240	Latin, Level II	11	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19
L260	Spanish, Level II	37	14	9	1	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	69
L300	French, Level III	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
L310	Chinese, Level III	7	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
L340	Latin, Level III	3	2	4	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
L360	Spanish, Level III	31	9	4	4	11	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	65
L400	French, Level IV	3	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
L410	Chinese, Level IV	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
L440	Latin, Level IV	9	8	3	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
L460	Spanish, Level IV	13	6	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
L460A	Advanced Spanish, Level IV	11	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
L500A	Advanced French, Level V	7	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
L510A	Advanced Chinese, Level V	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
L540A	Advanced Latin, Level V	13	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
L560A	Advanced Spanish, Level V	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
L860	AP Spanish	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
M330	Algebra II	11	9	7	9	10	6	1	4	1	0	0	0	58
M440	Functions and Trigonometry	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
M570	Precalculus	4	5	13	8	10	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	45
M570A	Adv. Precalculus A	19	5	6	4	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
M570AA	Advanced Precalculus AA	10	6	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
M668	Intro to Statistics B (Sports Analytics)	19	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
M691	Calculus	23	7	11	8	21	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	77
M750A	AP Statistics	10	4	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
M890AA	Multivariable Calculus	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
S440	Chemistry	22	11	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	46
S440A	Advanced Chemistry	23	26	14	3	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
S610	AP Environmental Science	10	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
S610A	Advanced Studies: Environmental Science	7	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
S620	Earth and Space Science	2	4	3	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
S624	Engineering, Design, and Assistive Technology	4	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
S630	AP Biology	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
S630A	Advanced Studies: Experimental Biology	4	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
S637	Human Anatomy and Physiology	18	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
S640	AP Chemistry	10	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14
S648	Biotechnology	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
S670	Physics	2	3	2	5	7	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	25
S670A	Advanced Physics	16	15	11	4	12	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	64
S680	AP Physics C: Mechanics	9	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
SS500	U.S. History	7	2	7	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
SS510	AP U.S. History	13	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
SS520	American Studies, Social Studies	8	3	6	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
SS540A	Advanced Studies: American Political History	13	10	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
SS550A	Advanced Studies: Modern American History	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
SS615	Introductory Economics	8	8	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
SS621	American Foreign Policy (21st Century)	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
SS632	Global Issues	9	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
SS645	Peace, Justice and Social Change	6	3	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
VA610	AP Art and Design	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8

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

The Class of 2024 enrolled at 70 colleges and universities across the United States and Canada.



FIVE-YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION (2020-2024)

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| Albright College | Fairleigh Dickinson University (3) | Oberlin College (3) | University of Georgia |
| American University (5) | Florida Institute of Technology | Occidental College | University of Glasgow, Scotland (2) |
| Amherst College (4) | Fordham University (2) | Ohio State University (4) | University of Hawaii at Manoa |
| Arcadia University (2) | Franklin & Marshall College (8) | Pennsylvania State University (22) | University of Louisville |
| Arizona State University (3) | George Washington University (9) | Princeton University | University of Maryland, Baltimore County |
| Bates College (2) | Georgetown University (2) | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (3) | University of Miami (2) |
| Boston College (4) | Georgia Institute of Technology (2) | Rochester Institute of Technology | University of Michigan (8) |
| Boston University (6) | Goucher College | Rutgers University (4) | University of Minnesota |
| Bowdoin College (3) | Grinnell College | Saint Joseph's University (7) | University of Mississippi (2) |
| Brandeis University (2) | Hampton University | Sacred Heart University | University of North Carolina (2) |
| Brown University (2) | Harcum College | Sarah Lawrence College | University of North Carolina – Wilmington |
| Bryn Mawr College | Harvard University (2) | Savannah College of Art and Design | University of Notre Dame (2) |
| Bucknell University (8) | Haverford College (5) | Skidmore College | University of Oregon |
| Cabrini College | High Point University | Smith College (3) | University of Pennsylvania (38) |
| Carleton College (2) | Hobart & William Smith Colleges | Southern Methodist University | University of Pittsburgh (12) |
| Carnegie Mellon University (2) | Holy Family University (2) | Springfield College | University of Richmond (7) |
| Case Western Reserve University | Howard University (5) | St. John's University (2) | University of Scranton |
| Catholic University of America (2) | Indiana University – Bloomington (2) | Stanford University (2) | University of South Carolina (2) |
| Chapman University | Ithaca College | Stony Brook University | University of Southern California (4) |
| Chestnut Hill College (2) | James Madison University (3) | SUNY College at Cortland | University of St. Andrews, Scotland |
| Coastal Carolina University | Jewish Theological Seminary / Columbia (2) | Susquehanna University (2) | University of Tampa (3) |
| Colby College | Johns Hopkins University (4) | Swarthmore College (3) | University of Texas |
| Colgate University (3) | Kenyon College | Syracuse University (7) | University of Utah |
| The College of Wooster | Kutztown University | Tel Aviv University / Columbia | University of Vermont (6) |
| College of Charleston (2) | Lafayette College (3) | Temple University (13) | University of Virginia (2) |
| College of Holy Cross (2) | LaSalle University | Trinity College (3) | University of Wisconsin (2) |
| College of William & Mary (2) | Lehigh University (9) | Trinity College Dublin | Ursinus College (7) |
| Colorado College | Liberty University | Tufts University (4) | Villanova University (9) |
| Columbia University (3) | Loyola Marymount University | Tulane University (12) | Virginia Tech University (5) |
| Commonwealth University of PA (2) | Loyola University Maryland (2) | United States Air Force Academy | Wagner College (2) |
| Connecticut College (2) | Lycoming College | United States Military Academy | Wake Forest University (6) |
| Cornell University (7) | Lynn University | United States Naval Academy | Walnut Hill College |
| Dartmouth College (5) | Marist College | University of Alabama (3) | Washington and Lee University |
| Davidson College (3) | Maryland Institute College of Art | University of Arizona (2) | Washington University in St. Louis (2) |
| Delaware State University | McGill University, Canada (2) | University of British Columbia | Wellesley College |
| DePaul University | Merrimack College | University of California at Davis | Wesleyan University (2) |
| DeSales University (2) | Mount Holyoke College | University of California at Los Angeles (2) | West Chester University (10) |
| Dickinson College (2) | Muhlenberg College (3) | University of California at Riverside | Widener University (4) |
| Drew University | New School | University of California at Santa Cruz | Williams College (2) |
| Drexel University (18) | New York University (4) | University of Chicago | Wilmington University |
| Duke University (9) | North Carolina A&T State University | University of Colorado (3) | Winthrop University |
| Duquesne University | Northeastern University (3) | University of Connecticut (2) | Xavier University of Louisiana |
| Emerson College | Northwestern University (3) | University of Delaware (5) | Yale University (2) |
| Fairfield University (3) | | University of Florida (2) | York College of Pennsylvania (2) |