



The Pennington School

COLLEGE COUNSELING

SCHOOL PROFILE

2024-25

MISSION: *The Pennington School is committed to developing individual excellence in all of its students.*

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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UPPER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2024-25

Grade	Day	Boarding	Total
Grade 12	76	41	117
Grade 11	90	30	120
Grade 10	75	36	111
Grade 9	74	31	105
Total			453

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Average SAT Reasoning Test Data 2024

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	632
Math	629
Total	1261

Average ACT Test Data 2024

English	29
Mathematics	27
Reading	30
Science	28
Composite	28

AP Exams

In May 2024, 162 students took a total of 409 Advanced Placement Exams in 22 subjects. 88% of the students earned a passing score of 3 or higher.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade	Rating	Grade	Rating
A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	60-66
B-	80-82	F	Below 60
C+	77-79		

At the conclusion of each academic year, grade point averages are calculated by assigning numerical points to each letter grade based on a 4.0 scale. **The rigor of Honors and AP courses is considered the same; grades in each course receive an additional one-third extra point. The Pennington School does not rank its students.**

CURRICULUM

The Pennington School offers a challenging college preparatory curriculum to all students. For the Class of 2025, Honors and Advanced Placement courses have been available as follows:

Honors: English I, American Identities, Literary Thesis; Geometry, Algebra I and II, Precalculus, Discrete Mathematics; Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biology, Physics; Data Structures and Algorithms; U.S. History, World History; Thesis Seminar; Chinese IV; German III and IV; French III and IV; Spanish II, III, IV, and Latino and Latinx Studies; Latin III and IV.

Advanced Placement: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition; United States History, Macroeconomics and Microeconomics, United States Government and Politics, Modern European History; Statistics, Calculus AB and BC; Computer Science A; Latin V, French V, Spanish V, German V; Physics C, Chemistry, Biology; Studio Art, and Music Theory.

Cum Laude Society: The Pennington School chapter of the Cum Laude Society inducts the top ten percent of the senior class, as determined by grade point average, and the School views selection for membership as one of the highest honors it can confer.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate, a student must have earned twenty credits, including four years of English; three years of mathematics; three years of history/social studies; three years of science (two years of lab science); two years of world language; two semesters each of religion/ethics and arts; one semester each of technology and health; and one quarter of public speaking.

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS

Applied Science Certificate in Computer Science, Innovation, and Engineering

The Applied Science Certificate in Computer Science, Innovation, and Engineering gives students in this two-year program many opportunities to take the strong skills they develop in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and combine them with their capabilities in critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and collaboration in order to innovate practical applications and real-world solutions. Program components include specialized and extended coursework, fieldwork, STEM experiences, participation in a speaker series with industry professionals, and a STEM-focused senior project.

Global Studies Certificate Program

The Global Studies Certificate Program offers an interdisciplinary academic and co-curricular environment in which students participate meaningfully to learn about and address global issues. Students in this two-year program develop their capacity to understand and act on topics of worldwide significance, broaden their outlook beyond Pennington's campus, and take their places as true global citizens. Program components include specialized and extended coursework, fieldwork, global experiences, participation in a global studies speaker series, and a globally-focused senior project.

The Edmund V. Cervone Center for Learning

The Edmund V. Cervone Center for Learning prepares students with diagnosed learning disabilities by offering compensatory skills and strategies for academic work. Students graduate from this program equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to be successful in college and beyond.

Student Life: Arts, Athletics, and Activities

- 4 theatrical productions; myriad instrumental and vocal performance groups; visual and lens-based art exhibitions
- 21 varsity sports (42 athletic teams)
- Signature Leadership Programs: Peer Leadership, Hall Prefects, Junior Proctors, Student Government
- 90+ student-led clubs in categories including: Arts, Humanities, Culture, Identity, STEM, and Special Interest
- Seniors participate in month-long Horizon transition-to-college program





COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

2024–25 PROFILE

ACHIEVEMENT

100% of Pennington’s 2024 graduates are attending four-year institutions. The following list comprises the colleges/universities at which Pennington graduates have enrolled over the last five years (2020–2024):

American University Amherst College Arcadia University Arizona State University (Downtown Phoenix) Arizona State University (Tempe) Babson College Bard College Barnard College Bates College Belmont University Bentley University Berklee College of Music Boston College Boston University Brandeis University Brigham Young University Brown University Bryant University Bucknell University Butler University California Institute of Technology California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo) Carleton College Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University Champlain College Chapman University Clemson University Coastal Carolina University Colby College Colgate University College of Charleston College of the Holy Cross Colorado College Columbia University Commonwealth University (Bloomsburg) Connecticut College Cornell University Dartmouth College Delaware State University Denison University Dickinson College Drew University Drexel University Duke University Duquesne University Eckerd College Elizabethtown College Elon University Emerson College Emory University Endicott College Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School Fairfield University	Fairleigh Dickinson University (Florham) Five Towns College Florida Institute of Technology Fordham University George Washington University Georgetown University Georgia Institute of Technology Gettysburg College Goucher College Grinnell College Hamilton College Hampden-Sydney College Hampshire College Hampton University Harvard University Harvey Mudd College Haverford College High Point University Hobart and William Smith Colleges Hope College Howard University IE University Indiana University (Bloomington) Ithaca College Jacksonville University James Madison University Johns Hopkins University Kenyon College Lafayette College Lehigh University Louisiana State University Loyola Marymount University Loyola University Maryland Lynn University Macalester College Marist College Miami University (Oxford) Michigan State University Middlebury College Millersville University of Pennsylvania Monmouth University Montana State University Montclair State University Moravian University Morehouse College Muhlenberg College New York University North Carolina A & T State University North Carolina State University Northeastern University Northwestern University Oberlin College Ohio University (Main Campus) Oklahoma City University Palm Beach Atlantic University Penn State University (Abington) Penn State University (University Park) Pepperdine University	Pomona College Post University Princeton University Providence College Purdue University (Main Campus) Quinnipiac University Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rhodes College Rider University Rutgers University (New Brunswick) Rutgers University (Newark) SUNY Oneonta Saint Louis University, Madrid Salisbury University San Diego State University Santa Clara University Savannah College of Art and Design School of Visual Arts Seton Hall University Siena College Skidmore College Smith College Southern Methodist University Spelman College St. John’s College (Santa Fe) St. Lawrence University Stevens Institute of Technology Stockholm School of Economics Susquehanna University Swarthmore College Syracuse University Temple University Texas Christian University The American University of Paris The College of New Jersey The College of Wooster The University of Tampa The University of Tennessee (Knoxville) The University of Texas at Austin The University of Texas at San Antonio Thomas Jefferson University Towson University Trinity College Trinity College Dublin Tufts University Tulane University of Louisiana Union College United States Air Force Academy United States Military Academy at West Point United States Naval Academy University of Arizona University of Arkansas University of Bristol University of California (Irvine) University of California (Los Angeles) University of California (San Diego)	University of California (Santa Barbara) University of Chicago University of Cincinnati (Main Campus) University of Colorado Boulder University of Connecticut University of Delaware University of Denver University of East Anglia University of Florida University of Hawaii at Manoa University of Iowa University of Kentucky University of Maryland (Baltimore County) University of Maryland (College Park) University of Massachusetts (Amherst) University of Miami University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) University of Mississippi University of New Haven University of North Carolina Wilmington University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill University of North Carolina at Charlotte University of Notre Dame University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh) University of Rochester University of Scranton University of South Carolina University of South Florida (Main Campus) University of Southern California University of St Andrews University of Toronto University of Vermont University of Virginia (Main Campus) University of Washington (Seattle Campus) University of Wisconsin (Madison) University of the District of Columbia Ursinus College Vanderbilt University Villanova University Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Wake Forest University Washington University in St. Louis Wellesley College Wesleyan University West Chester University William & Mary Williams College Xavier University
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Bold type indicates matriculation by more than one Pennington graduate during the period 2020–2024

NOTIFICATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The Pennington School does not volunteer to colleges/universities information about infractions for which a student may have been suspended or placed on probation. If asked, the School will report suspensions or probations resulting from violations of local, state, and federal law; from acts of academic dishonesty or vandalism; or from any violation of the safety of the School community. The School will notify the appropriate colleges of a student’s separation from the School if that student has already submitted applications.

COLLEGE VISITATIONS

College/university representatives are welcome to speak with students and counselors. If representatives are interested in scheduling a visit, they may contact the College Counseling Office at jennifer.roberts@pennington.org or 609-737-6130 to set up an appointment.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Independent Schools • New Jersey Association of Independent Schools • National Association of College Admission Counseling • New Jersey Association of College Admission Counseling • Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling • Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools • Cum Laude Society • The College Board