

Downingtown High School East

Downingtown Area School District

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Student Involvement and Academic Excellence

Downingtown High School East has a robust offering of extracurricular activities including 70 clubs, a vibrant music department of 269 students, and a theatre department of 85 students. Additionally, there are 33 sports teams comprised of many multi-sport student athletes. Community service is an integral part of student life at East. All students must complete a 40-hour graduation project which is often volunteering but can be career exploration, job shadowing, or original research.

School Community and District High Schools

Located in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Downingtown Area School District is a suburban residential community with a thriving business district. An abundance of new housing developments has caused a significant increase in school district enrollment. Currently, the District serves over 13,500 students and has three high schools: Downingtown High School East (1,728), Downingtown High School West (1,810) and the STEM Academy (963).

Curriculum

Downingtown East and West offer an extensive program of study that includes both Honors and Advanced Placement courses. Classes are offered in a traditional, year-round format. *A student's program of study largely depends upon course availability in a given year.* A typical schedule contains between six and seven credits of coursework each year. Approximately 80% of students take at least one Honors class, 64% take at least one AP class and 35% take at least one Dual Enrollment course. Vocational career opportunities for seniors include early graduation, early college acceptance programs, career and work-based experiences, along with field study opportunities.

Dual Enrollment Courses

Dual Enrollment programs through Delaware County Community College:
Healthcare Career Exploration (4 courses)
Downingtown Teacher Academy (4 courses)
Associate Degree: Engineering, Liberal Arts

Dual Enrollment Partnerships with:
Immaculata University (8 courses)
Temple University – Sports Business Academy
University of Pittsburgh (12 courses)

Air Force JR ROTC Program (2 courses per year)

Advanced Placement Courses

Biology	German	Research
Calculus AB	Human Geography	Seminar
Calculus BC	Latin	Spanish
Chemistry	Macroeconomics	Statistics
Computer Science A	Microeconomics	Studio Art: 2D
Computer Science Principles	Music Theory	Studio Art: 3D
English Lang/Comp	Physics I	Studio Art:
English Lit/Comp	Physics II	Drawing
Environmental Science	Physics C: Elec & Mag	U.S. Govern.
European History	Physics C: Mechanics	U.S. History
French	Psychology	World History

2023-2024 Enrollment in AP courses was 1,354. In May 2024, 608 students took 1,227 exams. 229 students were recognized as AP Scholars.

Grading System

The Downingtown Area School District utilizes a traditional letter grade system. A student's grade point average is calculated on a 4.0 scale. Additional quality points weight Honors, AP and Dual Enrollment courses. Only final grades are used in calculating GPA.

Downingtown High School East DOES NOT report Class Rank.

Grade	Standard Course	Honors Course	AP & Dual Enrol. Course
A (90-100%)	4	4.5	5.0
B (80-89%)	3	3.5	4.0
C (70-79%)	2	2.5	3.0
D (60-69%)	1	1.5	2.0
F (below 59%)	0	0	0

The mission of the Downingtown Area School District, proud of our tradition of excellence, is to educate all students to meet the challenges of a global society by providing an individually responsive learning environment characterized by outstanding academic and personal achievements in partnership with family, students and community.

Class of 2025 GPA Distribution

Grade Point Range	Class Distribution
4.0 – 4.72	31.5 %
3.5 – 3.99	25.5 %
3.0 – 3.49	18.2 %
2.5 – 2.99	12.9 %
2.0 – 2.49	5.3 %
Below 1.99	6.9 %

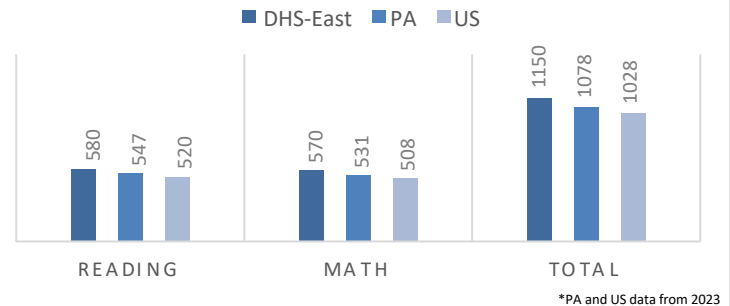
Class of 2025 GPA Percentiles (435 students)

Cumulative Grade	Point Average
4.72 – 4.46 = 5%	3.66 – 3.43 = 10%
4.45 – 4.35 = 5%	3.42 – 3.20 = 10%
4.34 – 4.18 = 10%	3.19 – 2.82 = 10%
4.17 – 4.00 = 10%	2.81 – 2.36 = 10%
3.99 – 3.82 = 10%	2.35 – 1.81 = 5%
3.81 – 3.67 = 10%	Below 1.81 = 5%

2024 NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

National Merit Finalists
5
National Merit Commended
14

2024 MEAN SAT SCORES



Downingtown High School East Post-Graduate Plans for the Class of 2024

4-year college: 79%

1-year or 2-year college: 12%

The remaining 9% of the class pursued the military, employment, a gap year or were undecided.

Class of 2024 College Destinations

Arcadia University	Florida Atlantic University	North Carolina State University	The Ohio State University
Arizona State University	Fordham University	Northeastern University (7)	The University of Alabama (4)
Auburn University	Georgetown University	Ohio University	The University of Tennessee (4)
Automotive Training Center (2)	Gettysburg College (3)	Pennsylvania College of Art & Design	The University of Texas at Dallas
Aveda Institute	High Point University	Pennsylvania College of Technology	Thomas Jefferson University
Bloomsburg University (5)	Immaculata University (3)	Pennsylvania State University (64)	Tulane University of Louisiana
Boston College	Indiana University – Bloomington (2)	Purdue University (5)	Universal Technical Institute (4)
Bowie State University	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Quinnipiac University	University of Cincinnati
Butler University	International Christian University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Delaware (7)
California State University, Fullerton	Iona University	Rollins College	University of Florida
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	Ithaca College	Rowan University	University of Kentucky
Case Western Reserve University	James Madison University (7)	Rutgers University (2)	University of Maryland (2)
Champlain University	Johns Hopkins University	Saint Joseph's University (8)	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Clemson University	Johnson and Wales University	Salve Regina University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Coastal Carolina University (2)	Kent State University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Pittsburgh (27)
College of Charleston	King's College	Scranton University	University of Rhode Island
Community College of Morris	Kutztown University (4)	Shenandoah University	University of Scranton
Contemporary Health Institute	La Salle University	Shippensburg University (2)	University of South Carolina (5)
Cornell University (2)	Lebanon Valley College	Simon Fraser University	University of South Florida
Cortiva Institute	Lehigh University (4)	Sling Pilot Academy	University of Tampa (5)
Culinary Institute of America	Liberty University	Slippery Rock University (2)	University of Utah
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Lincoln Technical Institute	St. Lawrence University	University of Vermont
Dickinson College	Long Island Academy of Fine Art	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Waterloo
Drexel University (10)	Louisiana State University	SUNY College of Technology at Delhi	Ursinus College (3)
Duquesne University (7)	Manhattan College	Susquehanna University (2)	Utah Valley University
East Stroudsburg University	Marist College	Syracuse University	Vassar College
Elizabethtown College	Maryland Institute of Creative Arts	Temple University (18)	Washington College (2)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (3)	Marywood University	Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (3)	West Chester University (51)
Fairfield University	Michigan State University (2)	The Catholic University of America	West Virginia University
	Millersville University (7)	The George Washington University (2)	Widener University (3)
	New York University, Shanghai		Xavier University