



STATE COLLEGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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PROFILE

2024-2025

COMMUNITY

State College, home to about 42,000 permanent residents comprises part of the largest metropolitan area in Centre County. Located in the center of Pennsylvania, the borough and adjacent townships form the State College Area School District and Centre Region, a vibrant community fueled by Penn State. With 46,000 undergraduate and graduate students at its University Park campus in State College, the university serves as an economic engine, employing the most residents, supporting scientific and high-tech industries and helping make the area a regional retail hub. Though it's growing, State College remains at heart a small college town with downtown shops, tree-lined streets and tranquil parks. Minutes from town lie working farms, state forests and mountains. Sports are popular, but a wealth of cultural opportunities—from classical music concerts to Broadway shows—exist for a diverse population representing a variety of academic, scientific, medical, artistic, commercial and agricultural occupations.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

- Four year public school
- IB World School
- Comprehensive curriculum: academic and vocational/technical
- Total enrollment for grades 9 - 12 is 2,349 (Fall 2024)

ACCREDITATION

- Pennsylvania Department of Education
- International Baccalaureate

AWARDS

- Ranked 10th best PA School District per Niche in 2023
- Ranked 43rd of 750 best PA Public High Schools per U.S. News & World Report 2023-2024
- Siemens AP High School Award for the highest averages in PA on exams in Math, Science & Computer Science
- International Thespian Society Festival Main Stage 2021
- NAMM Foundation named State College as a "Best Community for Music Education"
- NAfME, PMEA, ACDA All-State, All-Eastern and All-National honor ensemble awards.
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CLASS OF 2024

TOTAL GRADUATES - 583

FACULTY SCHOLARS - 235

GPA OF 4.00 weighted or 3.75 unweighted

TESTING

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION (2023-2024)

Commended - 37 Semi-Finalist - 14 Finalist - 11

SAT	ERW	Math
SCASD	607	575
STATE	543	529
NATIONAL	527	509

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

COLLEGE, VOCATIONAL, EMPLOYMENT

4 year colleges - 77%
 2 year colleges - 3%
 Apprenticeship - 3%
 Employment - 16%
 Military - 1%

2024 TOP SCHOOLS OF CHOICE*

SCHOOL	ATT
Penn State University	255
University of Pittsburgh	12
Lock Haven University	11
Pennsylvania College of Technology	11
Bloomsburg University	6
University of Arizona	4
Arizona State University	4
West Chester University	4
University of Pennsylvania	3
Saint Francis University	3
Slippery Rock University	3
Carnegie Mellon University	2
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	2
West Virginia University	2
Temple University	2
United States Naval Academy	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1
Susquehanna University	1
Stanford University	1
Swarthmore University	1
Syracuse University	1
Bucknell University	1
Towson University	1

*Data is selected from over 406 schools where students sent applications. Students are attending over 102 different schools.

GRADING SYSTEM GPA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

GPA is computed according to the scale below. One extra credit point is added for each IB, AP and Advanced course completed. **Class rank is not on the transcript.**

Letter	%	Credit Pts
A	90-100	4
B	80-89	3
C	70-79	2
D	60-69	1
E	< 59	0

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

25.0 Credits are required for graduation in 2024

Subject	Credits Required	Subject	Credits Required
English	4.00	Health	1.00
Social Studies	4.00	Physical Ed	1.50
Science	3.00	Drivers Ed	0.25
Math	3.00	Electives	8.25

AP TESTING

**In 2024, 780 students took 1,339 AP tests.
91% of the tests taken scored a 3 or higher.**

Total Scholars = 285 (avg. score of 4.24)

AP AND ADVANCED COURSES

Adv. Algebra 2	Adv. Tech Research & Design
Adv. Astronomy	Adv. Topics in Math
Adv. Band	Adv. Topics in Physics
Adv. Biology 1	Adv. World Religions
Adv. Botany	Adv. Zoology
Adv. Chemistry 1	AP African American Studies
Adv. Chemistry 2	AP Art History
Adv. Choir	AP Calculus AB
Adv. Earth Systems Science 1	AP Calculus BC
Adv. English 9	AP Chinese Lang & Culture
Adv. English 10	AP Comparative Government
Adv. French 4	AP Computer Science
Adv. Genetics	AP Computer Sci Principles
Adv. Geology	AP European History 1450
Adv. Geometry	AP European History 1815
Adv. German 4	AP English Lang 11
Adv. Honors Precalculus	AP English Lit 12
Adv. Journalism 2	AP French Language
Adv. Latin Lit. A	AP German Language
Adv. Latin Lit. B	AP Government
Adv. Meteorology	AP Human Geography
Adv. Molecular and Cellular Bio	AP Music Theory
Adv. Oceanography	AP Psychology
Adv. Photography	AP Physics 1+
Adv. Physics 1 & AET	AP Physics C: M & EM
Adv. Precalculus	AP Spanish Language
Adv. Rock Ensemble	AP Statistics
Adv. Spanish 4	AP Studio Art
Adv. Strings	AP US History

CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER ADVANCED COURSES

Adv. Accounting 1, 2, 3	Adv. Engineering Technology
Adv. Arch Draft & Design 3, 4	Adv. Personal Training/Fitness & Exercise Science/Sports Nutrition
Adv. Automotive Technology 4	Adv. Stocks & Investments 2
Adv. Building Const Tech 3 & 4	Adv. Tech Research & Design
Adv. Coding & Game Dev	
Adv. Computer Eng. Graphics	
Adv. Comp Network & Cybersec	
Adv. Comp Program 1, 2	
Adv. Engineering Systems	

IB COURSES

In October 2018, State College Area High School was authorized as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School®. We offer the IB Diploma (DP) to 11th and 12th grade students as well as the option for students to take IB courses a la carte.

IB Business Management
IB Economics
IB Environmental Systems and Societies
IB Film
IB French
IB German
IB History of the Americas
IB Language and Literature
IB Latin
IB Math
IB Physics
IB Spanish
IB Sports, Exercise and Health Science
IB Theory of Knowledge
IB Visual Arts
IB World Religions

DELTA PROGRAM ADVANCED COURSES

Adv. Anatomy & Physiology
Adv. Anthropology
Adv. Biology
Adv. Bioethics
Adv. Biotechnology & Genetics
Adv. Calculus
Adv. Economics
Adv. English Seminar 1, 2
Adv. Poets & Poetry 1, 2
Adv. Psychology
Adv. Psychology 2
Adv. Sociology
Adv. Topics in English 1, 2
Adv. Topics in Social Studies 1
Adv. Topics in Social Studies 2