GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
2025-2026 PROFILE



Our School and Community

Located 25 miles west of Philadelphia in Chester County, PA, the Great Valley School District has a population of approximately 36,000. The district encompasses an area of 43.3 square miles and includes Charlestown, East Whiteland and Willistown Townships, plus the borough of Malvern.

Great Valley is a comprehensive public high school with an enrollment of 1,431 students in grades 9 through 12. The professional staff numbers 125 and is fully accredited. Great Valley High School has been recognized by the United States Department of Education for “Excellence in Education.” The district maintains academic partnerships that include the Desmond Project, Sports Marketing, and the Danish Exchange Program.

Great Valley High School has been recognized for Excellence by the Pennsylvania and United States Departments of Education.

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Superintendent

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A Message from the Principal



Greetings,

Welcome to Great Valley High School! At GVHS, we are deeply committed to helping students believe in themselves and in their unique abilities so that every student can pursue their personally challenging goals. Our comprehensive academic programs combined with the work of our dedicated faculty provide a solid foundation for success beyond graduation.

We offer all students access to exceptional educational opportunities that prepare them for lifelong success. We are a community that celebrates achievement, fosters growth, and opens doors to limitless possibilities. Our outstanding staff create a safe, inclusive, vibrant, and caring learning environment for all.

Education extends far beyond the classroom walls, and we take pride in offering an extensive array of opportunities for students to explore their passions and develop leadership skills. Students can choose from over 70 clubs and activities that will enrich their high school years with the opportunity to build character, teamwork, and perseverance that will serve them throughout their lives.

Our school traditions run deep, and our Patriot pride runs even deeper. Whether it's the energy of our Homecoming week, the connection built during our Cultural Celebration, the joy shared at our annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon, or the way our students and families come together to support one another during challenging times, there's something truly special about being part of this community.

Sincerely,
Heidi Capetola, Ed.D.
Principal
Great Valley High School

Grading

Report cards are issued four times during the school year. Grades include: A+ (97-100), A (93-96), A- (90-92), B+ (87-89), B (83-86), B- (80-82), C+ (77-79), C (73-76), C- (70-72), D+ (67-69), D (63-66), D- (60-62), E (less than 60), WF (Withdrawal/Fail), WP (Withdrawal/Pass).

A grade of “S” (Satisfactory) carries credit toward graduation, but is not included in the computation of the grade point average. A grade of “U” (Unsatisfactory) is the equivalent of a failure and is computed in the grade point average. Courses coded with the “TRAN” code are transferred from another accredited school and are also not included in the computation of the grade point average.

Letter Grade Conversion Scale

A+ - 4.25	B+ - 3.25	C+ - 2.25	D+ - 1.25	E - 0
A - 4.00	B - 3.00	C - 2.00	D - 1.00	
A- - 3.75	B- - 2.75	C- - 1.75	D- - 0.75	

Curriculum and Advanced Programs

Great Valley High School offers students an extensive and diverse curriculum featuring a wealth of elective courses. The average class size is 28 students. All Great Valley students are required to successfully complete:

- Four years of English
- Three years of Math, Science and Social Studies
- Two Health courses, six semesters of Physical Education, plus a distribution requirement in humanities and elective areas

Honors and AP courses are designed to offer a greater breadth and depth of learning experiences and are considered to be substantially more difficult than others in the curriculum. In recognition of the high level of achievement expected, grades in these courses are given a weighted factor of .50 for AP and .25 for Honors, in addition to the grade points indicated in the "Letter Grade Conversion Scale" found on page 1. For example, a "B" in an Honors class would receive a quality point value of 3.25 in the GPA calculation, and a "B" in an AP class would receive a quality point value of 3.50 in the GPA calculation.

Advanced Placement Courses

- Art — 2-D Art and Design, 3-D Art and Design, Drawing
- Computer Science — Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles
- English — English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- Mathematics — Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics
- Music — Music Theory Science — Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- Social Studies — Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, European History, Human Geography, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, World History
- World Language — French Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Latin, Spanish Language and Culture

Honors Courses

- English — English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12
- Mathematics — Accounting, Algebra 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus
- Science — Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Biology 2, Chemistry, Chemistry 2, Physics, Physics 2
- Social Studies — Government & Economics, World History 1, World History 2
- World Language — French 4, French 5, German 4, German 5, Latin 4, Latin 5, Spanish 4, Spanish 5



Continuing Education

For the class of 2025, approximately 92% of Great Valley High School graduates continued in a program of higher education. Approximately 87% enrolled in 4-year colleges and 5% enrolled in 1- and 2-year colleges.

Class Rank

Class rank is not included on report cards or transcripts. Great Valley School District will provide colleges with a detailed grade distribution.

When requested by a student, parent, or college, class rank will be reported in deciles. If a student falls in the top 5%, that fact (rather than top 10%) will be reported, and counselors will emphasize the high academic achievement of those with a 4.0 GPA or above in their recommendations.

National Merit Scholarship Program

2024: Six members of the class of 2024 were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists. An additional 22 were recognized as Commended Students.

2025: Six members of the class of 2025 were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists. An additional 31 were recognized as Commended Students.

2026: Eighteen members of the class of 2026 were named National Merit Scholarship Semi- Finalists. An additional 28 were recognized as Commended Students.



GVHS Class of 2026

Cumulative Grade Point Distribution

Compiled at the end of grade 11 (Class size of 372)

4.420 – 4.539 = 5%	3.538 – 3.782 = 10%
4.300 – 4.411 = 5%	3.354 – 3.531 = 10%
4.154 – 4.296 = 10%	2.976 – 3.351 = 10%
4.023 – 4.151 = 10%	2.373 – 2.967 = 10%
3.908 – 4.022 = 10%	0.240 – 2.362 = 10%
3.788 – 3.904= 10%	

GVHS Class of 2026

Grade Distribution

Compiled at the end of grade 11 (Class size of 372)

GRADE RANGE	DISTRIBUTION
3.5 – 4.539	61.6%
3.0 – 3.490	17.5%
2.5 – 2.990	10.5%
2.0 – 2.490	5.8%
1.5 – 1.990	2.8%
0.0 – 1.490	1.8%

Mean SAT and ACT Scores

CLASS OF 2024 (Class size of 306)

SAT

Evidence Based Reading & Writing: 616
Mean Math: 612
Number of students reporting scores: 236
Percentage of class reporting scores: 75%

ACT

Mean English: 26.7 Mean Mathematics: 26.2
Mean Reading: 27.8 Mean Science: 26.5
Mean Composite: 26.9
Number of students reporting scores: 100
Percentage of class reporting scores: 27%

CLASS OF 2025 (Class size of 373)

SAT

Evidence Based Reading & Writing: 625
Mean Math: 623
Number of students reporting scores: 280
Percentage of class reporting scores: 75%

ACT

Mean English: 27.2 Mean Mathematics: 27.1
Mean Reading: 27.5 Mean Science: 27.1
Mean Composite: 27.3
Number of students reporting scores: 70
Percentage of class reporting scores: 19%

Great Valley High School Post-Secondary Education Report: Class of 2025

(Class size of 373)

Information as of July 1, 2025, indicated that 92% of the class of 2025 planned to formally continue their education at the types of institutions shown below.

Four Year Programs

PA state universities..... 8%
PA commonwealth universities 28%
PA independent colleges.....13%
Colleges outside of PA 38%

One and Two Year Programs

Independent colleges outside of PA..... 0.5%
Independent colleges in PA..... 0.2%
Community colleges..... 2.7%
Vocational technical schools..... 1.6%

The remaining 8% of the class pursued the military, employment, a gap year, or were undecided.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING ONE OR MORE STUDENTS FROM THE GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

Allegheny College
Albright College*
Alvernia University*
American University*
Amherst College
Arcadia University*
Arizona State University-Tempe
Auburn University*
Bard College
Bentley University*
Binghamton University
Boston Architectural College
Boston College*
Boston University*
Brandeis University*
Brown University
Bucknell University*
Butler University
Caldwell University
California Institute of Technology
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University*
Catholic University of America*
Champlain College
Chatham University
Christopher Newport University*
Clemson University*
Coastal Carolina University*
Colgate University*
College of Charleston*
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Commonwealth University-Bloomsburg
Lock Haven and Mansfield*
Community College of Philadelphia
Cornell University*
Culinary Institute of America
Delaware County Community College*
DePaul University
Dickinson College*
Drexel University*
Drury University
Duquesne University*
East Carolina University*
East Stroudsburg University*
Eastern University
Elizabethtown College*
Elon University*
Emerson College*
Fairfield University*
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University*
Fordham University*
Franklin and Marshall College*
Franklin University Switzerland
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
Frostburg State University*
Gannon University
George Mason University*
George Washington University*
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology*
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College*
Hartwick College
High Point University*
Hobart and William Smith
Hofstra University*
Howard University*
Illinois State University
Immaculata University*
Indiana University of PA*
Indiana University-Bloomington
Ithaca College*
James Madison University*
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Juniata College*
Kean University
Kennesaw State University
Kent State University
King's College*
Kutztown University*
La Salle University*
Lafayette College*
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University*
Liberty University
Long Island University
Long Island University-Post*
Loughborough University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago*
Macalester College
Manhattanville University
Marist University
Maryland Institute College of Art*
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
McDaniel College*
McGill University
Merrimack College
Messiah University
Miami University (OH)
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Millersville University*
Missouri State University
Montana State University
Montclair State University
Montgomery County Community College*
Moore College of Art and Design*
Moravian University*
Mount Aloysius College
Muhlenberg College
Neumann University
New England Institute of Technology
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York Institute of Technology
New York University*
North Carolina State University*
Northeastern University*
Nottingham Trent University
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio State University*
Ohio University
Oklahoma State University
Oregon State University
Oxford Brookes University
Pace University*
Pennsylvania College of Art and Design
Pennsylvania College of Technology*
Pennsylvania State University-Altoona
Pennsylvania State University-Brandywine*
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus*
Pennsylvania State University-York
Plymouth State University
Point Park University*
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Providence College*
Purdue University*
Quinnipiac University*
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rider University*
Rochester Institute of Technology*
Roosevelt University
Rosemont College*
Rowan University*
Rutgers University*
Saint Joseph's University*
Salisbury University*
San Diego State University*
Savannah College of Art and Design*
School of Visual Arts
Seton Hall University*
Shepherd University
Shippensburg University*
Slippery Rock University
Sophia University
Southern Methodist University*
St. John's University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stockton University
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY Buffalo State*
SUNY College at Geneseo
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Susquehanna University*
Syracuse University*
Temple University Japan
Temple University*
Texas A&M University*
Texas Christian University
Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
The College of New Jersey*
The Juilliard School
The New School
The University of Tennessee*
Thomas Jefferson University*
Towson University*
Trinity College
Tulane University*
Union College (NY)
University at Buffalo*
University College Dublin*
University of Alabama*
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati*
University of Colorado Boulder*
University of Connecticut*
University of Delaware*
University of Denver
University of Exeter
University of Florida*
University of Georgia*
University of Glasgow
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Illinois at Urbana*
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky*
University of Leicester
University of Maine*
University of Maryland-Baltimore County
University of Maryland-College Park*
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami*
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota*
University of Mississippi*
University of Missouri
University of Montana
University of Nebraska
University of New Hampshire*
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Georgia
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania*
University of Pittsburgh*
University of Pittsburgh-Bradford
University of Rhode Island*
University of Richmond*
University of Rochester*
University of Scranton*
University of South Carolina*
University of Southern California*
University of St Andrews
University of Tampa*
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Texas at San Antonio
University of Vermont*
University of Virginia*
University of Washington*
University of Wisconsin-Madison*
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Ursinus College*
Ursuline College
Villanova University*
Virginia Commonwealth University*
Virginia Tech*
Wagner College
Wake Forest University
Walnut Hill College
Waseda University
Washington and Lee University
Washington College
Washington University in St Louis
Webster University
Webster University, The Netherlands
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Chester University*
West Virginia State University
West Virginia University*
Western Connecticut State University
Westminster College (PA)
Westminster University (UT)
Widener University*
Wilkes University
William & Mary*
Wingate University
Winthrop University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
York College*

*Indicates more than one student accepted

Athletics

Fall Sports

Boys Cross Country
Boys Golf
Boys Soccer
Cheerleading
Field Hockey
Football
Girls Cross Country
Girls Golf
Girls Soccer
Girls Tennis
Volleyball

Winter Sports

Boys Basketball
Boys Swimming
Boys Winter Track and field
Cheerleading
Girls Basketball
Girls Swimming
Girls Winter Track and Field
Wrestling
Unified Bocce

Spring Sports

Baseball
Boys Lacrosse
Boys Spring Track and Field
Boys Tennis
Girls Lacrosse
Girls Spring Track and Field
Softball
Unified Track

Clubs & Activities

Academic Team
AJ Volunteering Club
American Red Cross
American Sign Language Club
Andrew L. Hicks Foundation
Arts Care
Athletic Trainers Club
Best Buddies
Black Student Union
Creative Club
Debate Club
Envirothon Team
Esports Team
French Club
Gender Sexuality Alliance
German Club
Girl Up Club
Global Youth Mission
Hispanic National Honor Society
Home of the Sparrow
Interact Club
Junior Classical League
Marching Band
Math Club
Model UN
Multicultural Student Union
Muslim Student Union
National Art Honor Society
National Honor Society
Quiz Bowl
Robotics Club
Science Olympiad
Shanti Bhavan: Students for Change
Ski Club
SPCA Club
Stage Crew
Theatre at Great Valley/Drama Guild
Women in Science & Engineering (WISE)
Yearbook










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GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL


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