SOLEBURY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL PROFILE | 2026-2027

Our Mission

Solebury School's mission is to create an environment of educational excellence that prepares students for success in college and beyond. In the Solebury community, we strongly value intellectual challenge and academic achievement, creative and independent thinking, mutual respect between students and teachers, deep respect for each individual, and diversity.

Our Community

Founded in 1925, Solebury School is a progressive, college preparatory, all gender boarding and day school, enrolling 255 students in grades 9 through PG. Located on a bucolic 140-acre campus in the Pennsylvania countryside, Solebury students are encouraged to think creatively, independently and critically, and to understand their responsibility to the larger world. While our style is informal, our curriculum is rigorous and prepares students for success at a range of colleges according to their best fit, including the most selective schools in the nation.

Academic Program

Academic Calendar

Solebury School operates on a trimester system. First trimester grades will be sent in late November, second trimester grades are ready in early March, and final grades are sent in June.

Graduation Requirements

- English | 4 years
- Mathematics | 3 years (Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II & Trigonometry)
- World Language | 3 years (at least 2 of the same language)
- Science | 2 years (Biology required, Chemistry recommended)
- History | 2 years (World History and US History)
- Arts | 2 years
- Health | One trimester

Course Credits

A minimum of 109 credits is required for graduation. Every student must carry a minimum of 27 credits each year with at least 9 each trimester. Most full-year and trimester courses earn 2 credits each trimester. Most Health, Computer and Art classes earn 1 credit each trimester. All courses attempted at Solebury School will appear on the transcript and factor into the GPA. Solebury School does NOT include courses attempted at other institutions on the transcript nor GPA calculation. Solebury School does NOT rank.

Academic Policies

Grading and Weighting

Honors and AP courses are weighted. The bonus is not added to the course grade itself, but is added in calculating GPA. The Honors bonus is 0.33. The AP bonus is 0.66.

Discipline Reporting Policy

Solebury School asks that its students respond truthfully when college applications ask about disciplinary violations. The School will respond truthfully if asked about academic or behavioral standing.

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Grading Scale

Grading is on a 4 point scale.

A+ (97-100) = 4.333
A (93-96) = 4.000
A- (90-92) = 3.666
B+ (87-89) = 3.333
B (83-86)= 3.000
B- (80-82) = 2.666
C+ (77-79) = 2.333
C (73-76) = 2.000
C- (70-72) = 1.666
D+ (67-69) = 1.333
D (63-66)= 1.000
D- (60-62) = 0.666

D– is the lowest passing grade

AP Courses by Subject

English	History	Math	Language	Science	Art
• English Language • English Literature and Composition	• US History • US Gov't and Politics • World History	• Calculus AB • Calculus BC • Statistics	• Spanish Language & Culture • French Language & Culture	• Biology • Chemistry • Physics • Envt Science • Comp Sci A • Comp Sci Principles	• Studio Art

The class of 2026 earned scores of 3 or higher on 74% of AP exams

Honors Courses

English: English 9, English 10, English 11, Poetry Workshop, Literature of Satire, Private School Literature,
History: Ethics, Psychology, US History, World History, Economics
Math: Geometry, Algebra II & Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Multivariable Calculus*
Language: Spanish Conversation and Culture, Spanish IV, French IV, French V
Science: Anatomy, Chemistry, Biology, Independent Science Research
Art: Elite Ensemble, Jazz Roots, Ear Training & Music Theory, Ceramics, Vocal Performance Workshop, Film Production, Theatre Production

**Dual Enrollment Course with Delaware Valley University*

Distinctive Programs

Global Education Concentration* | With an emphasis on the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development, and as a member of the Global Educators Benchmark Group, students can deeply engage in global academic courses, cultural events, travel immersion and more.

Social Justice Concentration* | Designed for students to explore issues of equity, whether focused on economics, race, gender, the environment, or any host of justice concerns, this concentration encourages students to participate in their communities through activism, volunteerism, and learning.

STEM Concentration* | Students will go beyond classroom offerings and dive into their STEM interests, choosing the path that works best for them to complete the requirements.

Arts Concentration* | The Arts Concentration is designed to recognize and celebrate Solebury School students who are passionate about artistic expression and want to delve deeply into one or more areas of Visual, Performing, or Literary Arts. This concentration will emphasize the importance of creativity, experimentation, collaboration, originality, and authentic artistic voice, while also fostering critical thinking, consistent practice, and communication skills.

**Each Concentration has required coursework, experiential learning, community engagement and outlined expectations that will need to be completed by graduation.*

Entrepreneurship/ Entrepreneurship Management| These classes combine entrepreneurial concepts with real-world experience as students operate and manage their own student-run business: Mike's Cafe. Students oversee financial data, training and development, social media and marketing, while serving in manager training positions.

Senior Capstone | Under the guidance of the program's Co-Directors, students may work as apprentices or volunteers, conduct independent research, or pursue creative projects. To qualify, seniors must be in good academic and social standing and have completed all application requirements, including submitting a proposal.

Solebury Seminar | Modeled after First Year Seminars offered at colleges and universities, this 8-week seminar equips 9th grade students with knowledge and skills to help them thrive in a new environment. By combining practical skill-building with community-building, students feel more confident, prepared, and connected to the school community.

Writer-in-Residence |Solebury's Writer-in-Residence Program brings a published writer into the heart of our academic community, offering students, as well as the outside community, the rare opportunity to write alongside a practicing author. Small by design, these courses create a unique learning environment where writers of different ages, backgrounds, and experiences share the page and push one another's work forward.

Accreditation

Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools; Member of PACAC, NACAC, ACCIS, IACAC