



College Counseling School Profile

THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

2026-2027

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

CURRICULUM The Pennington School offers a challenging college preparatory curriculum to all students. For the Class of 2027, Honors and Advanced Placement courses have been available as follows:

Honors: Algebra II, American Identities (English I), Literary Thesis Seminar, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Creative Writing, Data Structures, French III, IV, Geometry, Geography, German III, IV, The Good Life (English and Religion), History Thesis Seminar, Introduction to Literary Forms and Critical Writing, Journalism, Latin III, IV, Latin American and Latinx Studies, Multivariable Calculus, Organic Chemistry, Physics, Precalculus, Senior Seminar in Theatre, Spanish III, IV, United States History, World History

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

Cum Laude Society: The Pennington School chapter of the Cum Laude Society inducts the top ten percent of the senior class each fall and spring, 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 a world language; two semesters each of religion/ethics and arts; Grade 9 and Grade 10 semester-long seminars in study skills, 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.

Gateway Term Each grade level participates in a two-week program in May, a third "mini-mester" intentionally designed for students at that stage in their academic and developmental lives. All students develop a personal portfolio of achievements and skills acquired over their four years, with these experiential learning opportunities occurring outside the classroom, both domestically and abroad. The capstone project is the senior year Horizon internship experience. (Launching May 2027)

Global Studies Certificate Program The Global Studies Certificate 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 (45 athletic teams)
- Signature leadership programs: Peer Leadership, Hall Prefects, Junior Proctors, Student Government, Student Ambassadors
- 90+ student-led clubs in categories including arts, humanities, culture, identity, STEM, and special interest

UPPER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2026-27

Grade	Day	Boarding	Total
Grade 12	76	32	108
Grade 11	73	46	119
Grade 10	83	32	115
Grade 9	63	21	84
TOTAL			426

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade	Rating
A	93-100
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	60-66
F	Below 60

STANDARDIZED TESTING

SAT	
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	636
Math	632
TOTAL	1268
ACT	
English	29
Mathematics	28
Reading	31
Science	26
COMPOSITE	29

AP EXAMS

In May 2026, 156 students took a total of 401 Advanced Placement Exams in 21 subjects; 94% of students earned a passing score of 3 or higher.

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.

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, please 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 • Round Square • Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL)

ACHIEVEMENT

100% of Pennington's 2026 graduates are attending four-year institutions. The following list comprises the colleges/universities at which Pennington graduates have enrolled over the last five years (2022-2026):

American University*	George Washington University*	Princeton University*	University of Cincinnati
Arizona State University (Tempe)	Georgetown University*	Providence College*	University of Colorado (Boulder)*
Auburn University	Georgia Tech	Purdue University*	University of Delaware
Babson College*	Gettysburg College*	Quinnipiac University*	University of Denver*
Bard College*	Glion Institute of Higher Education	Raritan Valley Community College	University of East Anglia
Barnard College	Goucher College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Florida*
Bates College	Hamilton College*	Rhodes College	University of Kentucky
Belmont University	Hampden-Sydney College	Rowan University*	University of Louisville
Bentley University*	Hampshire College	Rutgers University*	University of Maryland*
Berklee College of Music	Hampton University*	Rutgers University (Camden)	University of Miami*
Binghamton University	Harvard University*	Rutgers University (Newark)*	University of Michigan*
Bocconi University	Harvey Mudd College	Sacred Heart University	University of Mississippi
Boston College*	Haverford College*	Saint Joseph's University*	University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
Boston University*	High Point University*	Saint Louis University, Madrid	University of North Carolina (Charlotte)
Brandeis University*	Hobart and William Smith Colleges*	Saint Mary's College of California	University of North Carolina (Wilmington)
Brigham Young University	Hope College	Salisbury University	University of Notre Dame*
Brown University*	Howard University*	Salve Regina University	University of Pennsylvania*
Bryant University	IE University	San Diego State University*	University of Pittsburgh*
Bryn Mawr College	Indiana University (Bloomington)*	Santa Clara University*	University of Rhode Island*
Bucknell University*	Jacksonville University	Savannah College of Art and Design*	University of Richmond
Bucks County Community College	James Madison University	School of Visual Arts*	University of Rochester
Butler University	Johns Hopkins University*	Skidmore College*	University of Scranton
Cal Poly	Kenyon College	Smith College	University of South Carolina*
California Institute of Technology	La Salle University	Southern Methodist University*	University of South Florida
Carleton College	Lafayette College*	Spelman College*	University of Southern California*
Carnegie Mellon University*	Lehigh University*	St. John's University (New York)	University of St Andrews*
Case Western Reserve University	Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)	St. Lawrence University	University of Tampa*
Champlain College	Lipscomb University	Stevens Institute of Technology*	University of Tennessee*
Chapman University*	Louisiana State University	Stockholm School of Economics	University of Texas
Clemson University*	Loyola Marymount University*	Stony Brook University	University of Texas (Dallas)
Coastal Carolina University*	Loyola University Maryland*	SUNY Albany	University of Texas (San Antonio)
Colgate University	Lycoming College	SUNY Buffalo	University of Toronto*
College of Charleston	Lynn University	Susquehanna University*	University of Vermont
College of the Holy Cross	Hungarian University of Sports Science	Swarthmore College	University of Virginia*
Columbia University	Marist University*	Syracuse University*	University of Washington
Commonwealth University (Bloomsburg)	Miami University	Texas Christian University	University of Wisconsin
Concordia University (Montreal)	Middlebury College*	The American University of Paris	Ursinus College*
Connecticut College*	Millersville University	The College of New Jersey*	Vanderbilt University
Cornell University*	Monmouth University*	The College of Wooster	Vassar College
Delaware State University	Montana State University	Thomas Jefferson University	Villanova University*
Denison University	Montclair State University	Towson University	Virginia Tech*
Dickinson College*	Moravian University	Trinity College*	Wagner College
Drew University*	Morehouse College*	Trinity College Dublin	Wake Forest University*
Duke University	Muhlenberg College	Tufts University*	Washington and Lee University
Duquesne University	New York University*	Tulane University*	Washington College
Durham University	North Carolina A&T State University	Union College*	Washington University in St. Louis*
Eckerd College	Northeastern University*	United States Air Force Academy	Wellesley College*
Elon University*	Northwestern University	United States Military Academy*	Wesleyan University
Emory University*	Oberlin College*	United States Naval Academy	West Chester University*
Endicott College	Ohio University	University of Arizona	William & Mary*
Fachhochschule Salzburg	Oklahoma City University	University of Arkansas	Williams College*
Fairfield University*	Pace University (New York City)*	University of Bristol	Xavier University
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Florham)	Penn State University*	University of California (Irvine)	
Flagler College	Penn State University (Abington)	University of California (Los Angeles)*	
Florida Institute of Technology	Pepperdine University	University of California (San Diego)	
Fordham University*	Pomona College*	University of California (Santa Barbara)	
Franklin and Marshall College*	Post University	University of Chicago	

*denotes more than one enrollment.



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