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2021-2022 PROFILE



MISSION STATEMENT

Quaker principles and practice continue to guide William Penn Charter School, a Friends school founded in 1689.

Within a school community that honors difference, we seek that of God in each person. We value scholarship and inquiry. With excellence as our standard, we challenge students in a vigorous program of academics, arts and athletics. Through global connections, civic engagement and a focus on environmental sustainability, we inspire students to be thinkers, collaborators, innovators and leaders. We educate students to live lives that make a difference.

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

Penn Charter has a long history of access and, in its fourth century, is more diverse than ever.

An urban school located on a 47-acre, green campus in the East Falls neighborhood of Philadelphia, Penn Charter is just five miles from the business and cultural resources of one of the nation's largest and most complex cities. Our Center for Public Purpose, built on a rich tradition of service, engages PC students in community-based work addressing some of the city's most pressing social issues.

The school seeks to enroll young people of diverse faiths, races, backgrounds and talents. Families reside in 106 zip codes, across county and state lines and in heterogeneous neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia. More than a third of our students receive financial aid; more than a quarter identify as people of color. Buddhism, Catholicism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Protestantism, Quakerism and more are represented.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Founded in 1689 by William Penn and the Religious Society of Friends, and operating under three charters granted by Penn, Penn Charter is the oldest Quaker school in the world.

- Quaker, co-educational college preparatory day school
- Admission is highly selective and determined by school record, standardized test scores, a personal interview and teacher recommendations.
- Pre-K to 12 enrollment: 988 students, from 106 zip codes
- Upper School enrollment: 439, with 110 students in the Class of 2022. Nearly 30 percent of Upper School students are people of color.
- Penn Charter will spend \$5.8 million on financial aid in 2021-22. Forty-eight percent of Upper School students receive financial aid.
- Upper School faculty: 92
Average Upper School class size: 16. Student-teacher ratio: 8:1
- Student conduct is guided by an Honor Code.
- Students reflect in Quaker Meeting for Worship each week.

DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate students must complete 40 units with this distribution. One unit equals one semester of course work.

English	8 units
Social Studies	6 units
Math	7 units
Science	6 units
Foreign Language*	6 units
Religion	2 units
Arts	2 units
Computer	.5 units
Health & Physical Education	2.33 units

*Majority of students fulfill 2 of 6 units in grade 8.

GRADING

- Passing grades range from A to D-. F denotes failure.
- Students may take any fifth, non-required elective on a pass/fail basis. P denotes passing.
- **HONORS:** an individual semester GPA of 3.0 with no grade lower than a B-.
- **HIGH HONORS:** an individual semester GPA of 3.65 with no grade lower than a B-.
- Penn Charter does not rank students, weight course grades or report GPA.

CUM LAUDE SOCIETY

Founded in 1906, the Cum Laude Society is dedicated to honoring scholastic achievement in secondary schools; Penn Charter was one of the original seven schools invited to join. A few students are inducted at the end of junior year but most inductees receive recognition in spring of senior year.

COVID EXPERIENCE 2020-21

Following the Covid guidelines of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Penn Charter reduced the number of students on campus by dividing each Upper School grade into two cohorts that alternated weekly between on-campus and virtual instruction. Clubs, performing arts and athletic experiences were offered within Covid guidelines and were limited in nature and access. In May and June, the classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024 received full on-campus instruction for the first time since March 2020.

CURRICULUM FEATURES

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Two certificate programs – one in Global Studies and one in Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability – offer engaged students the opportunity to integrate different aspects of the Upper School program around a particular focus and passion in their junior and senior years. The main components of certificate work are approved coursework, major projects, minimum number of hours of activity credit, and a Senior Comprehensive Project. Enrollment requires faculty approval. A completed certificate demonstrates high academic achievement and is awarded during graduation ceremonies.

ADVANCED COURSES AND AP COURSES

Enrollment in **Advanced courses** requires faculty approval. Advanced coursework in the visual arts is also available for qualified students.

Due to the structured nature of the freshman and sophomore year curriculum, students typically do not have the opportunity to take **Advanced Placement** courses until their junior year. Enrollment in these courses requires faculty approval.

Science: Students must complete a three-year sequence in order to graduate: Biology or Advanced Biology in 9th grade, Chemistry or Advanced Chemistry in 10th grade, and Physics, Advanced Physics, or Earth and Space Sciences in 11th or 12th grades.

ART

AP Art and Design

ENGLISH

AP English Literature and Composition (11)
Advanced English XII

COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science A

HISTORY

AP United States History (11)
AP European History
AP Art History
AP Government & Politics

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Spanish, Level IV Advanced
Advanced Topics in Spanish
AP Spanish
Chinese, Level V Advanced
French, Level V Advanced
Latin, Advanced Topics

MATHEMATICS

Advanced Geometry
Advanced Algebra II
Advanced Precalculus A
Advanced Precalculus AA
AP AB Calculus
AP BC Calculus
AP Statistics

SCIENCE

Advanced Biology
Advanced Chemistry
Advanced Physics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism

INDEPENDENT STUDY & SYMPOSIUM

Qualified students may opt to take independent study courses in subjects not covered in the curriculum. They present their work at an annual Symposium attended by teachers, classmates and guests. Independent study courses may not be used to fulfill graduation requirements and must be approved by the student's parent, advisor, the department head involved and the director of Upper School.

SENIOR COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT

The Senior Comprehensive Project (SCP) provides students the opportunity to participate in a program that integrates traditional academic disciplines with “real world” settings, issues and topics. It is required and occurs during May of senior year. During the SCP, students work approximately 20 hours per week, read related material, maintain a daily journal, and make a final presentation to the Upper School community.

ONE SCHOOLHOUSE

When students exhaust the curriculum offerings in a particular discipline, they are able to access more advanced courses through One Schoolhouse, a nonprofit accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

MINI-COURSES

Mini-Courses are 8-week seminars where students meet twice a week for two hours after school to learn about a topic not currently offered in-depth in our curriculum. These are enrichment courses and listed on the transcript; no credit is given toward graduation and they are pass/fail.

ARTS, ATHLETICS & CLUBS

Arts and Athletics are cocurricular programs, engaging every student at points in their high school career. Upper School has four **visual arts** studios, including a digital lab, plus an IdeaLab makerspace. Almost 300 students are active in the **performing arts**; Upper School offers 17 instrumental and choral ensembles and theater productions in a 650-seat theater. Penn Charter competes in the **Inter-Academic League**; founded in 1887, the Inter-Ac is the oldest interscholastic athletic league in the United States. The PC Quakers field 18 sports. Nearly 40 student-led and student-inspired **clubs** provide exploration in a range topics, including cultural identity, food security, environmental stewardship, ethical behavior, micro-finance, service, social justice, student publications and more.

CLASS OF 2022 JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

COURSE	TITLE	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F	Total
C810	AP Computer Science Principles	8	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
E500	English XI	8	16	22	22	10	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	84
E510	AP English: Lit & Composition	3	7	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
E520	American Studies, English	12	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
L100	French, Level I	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
L140	Latin, Level I	2	4	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	15
L160	Spanish, Level I	12	4	6	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	30
L200	French, Level II	5	5	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
L210	Chinese, Level II	12	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19
L260	Spanish, Level II	26	6	11	8	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	57
L300	French, Level III	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
L360	Spanish, Level III	29	19	15	13	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	86
L400	French, Level IV	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
L410	Chinese, Level IV	6	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
L440	Latin, Level IV	14	1	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
L460	Spanish IV	14	6	6	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
L460A	Spanish, Level IV Adv.	6	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
M330	Algebra II	36	16	7	10	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
M330A	Advanced Algebra II	23	9	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
M570	Pre-Calculus	21	7	15	10	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	58
M570A	Adv. Pre-Calculus	10	9	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
M570AA	Adv. Pre-Calculus	15	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
M660	AP Statistics	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
M664	Introduction to Statistics Part I	1	5	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
M670	Integrated Mathematics	0	1	3	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
M790A	AP Calculus (AB)	11	5	5	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
M790AA	AP Calculus (BC)	10	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
M890AA	Multivariable Calculus (One Schoolhouse)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
S440	Chemistry	42	18	9	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
S607	Bioethics	7	6	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	20
S610	AP Environmental Science	7	8	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
S620	Earth & Space Science	7	8	11	6	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	42
S630	AP Biology	18	8	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
S640	AP Chemistry	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
S654	The Physics of Sound	11	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	15
S670	Physics	20	8	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
S670A	Advanced Physics	14	9	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
S680	AP Physics C: Mechanics	15	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
SS500	U.S. History	25	22	16	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
SS510	AP U.S. History	10	7	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
SS520	American Studies, Social Studies	12	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
SS606	Penn: His School, State and City	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
SS615	Introductory Economics	3	1	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
VA610	AP Studio	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

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An end-of-year survey showed that 88 percent of students in the Class of 2021 are attending one of their top-choice colleges. Fifty-five percent were enrolled at a “most competitive college” according to Barron’s Profiles of American Colleges.

Penn Charter’s college list is as diverse as our student body.



FIVE-YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION (2017-2021)

Alvernia University	Fayetteville State University	New York University (8)	University of Colorado (3)
American University (2)	Florida International University	Northeastern University (2)	University of Connecticut (1)
Amherst College (4)	Fordham University (4)	Northwestern University	University of Delaware (6)
Arcadia University	Franklin & Marshall College (9)	Oberlin College (2)	University of Florida
Auburn University (1)	George Washington University (4)	Occidental College (2)	University of Glasgow
Babson College (2)	Georgetown University (3)	Ohio State University (2)	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Barry University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Pennsylvania State University (13)	University of Louisville
Bates College (2)	Gettysburg College	Pomona College	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Bloomsburg University (1)	Goucher College	Pratt Institute	University of Maryland (1)
Boston College (4)	Grinnell College	Princeton University (2)	University of Miami (5)
Boston University (5)	Harvard University	Purdue University	University of Michigan (5)
Bowdoin College (4)	Haverford College (5)	Quinnipiac University	University of North Carolina (3)
Brandeis University (1)	High Point University (2)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Pennsylvania (49)
Brown University (4)	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Rider University	University of Pittsburgh (16)
Bucknell University (12)	Holy Family University (2)	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Rhode Island (3)
Cabrini College	Howard University (7)	Rutgers University (4)	University of Richmond (6)
Carleton College	Indiana University - Bloomington (3)	Saint Andrew’s University	University of Scranton
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	Ithaca College (3)	Saint Joseph’s University (10)	University of South Carolina (2)
Case Western Reserve University (3)	James Madison University (2)	Sarah Lawrence College (1)	University of Southern California (4)
Catholic University of America (2)	Jewish Theological Seminary / Columbia (2)	Skidmore College	University of St. Andrews
Chestnut Hill College	Johns Hopkins University (3)	Smith College	University of Tampa (3)
Clark Atlanta University	King’s College	Southern Methodist University	University of Texas (3)
Clemson University	Kutztown University	Spelman College (4)	University of Utah
Colby College (2)	Lafayette College (3)	St. John’s University (2)	University of Vermont (2)
Colgate University (5)	LaSalle University (4)	Stanford University (2)	University of Virginia (4)
College of Charleston (2)	Lehigh University (10)	Stony Brook University	University of Wisconsin (3)
College of Holy Cross (3)	Loyola Marymount University	SUNY College at Cortland	Ursinus College (8)
College of William & Mary	Loyola University Maryland (2)	Susquehanna University (2)	Vanderbilt University (2)
Colorado College (2)	Marist College (2)	Swarthmore College	Vassar College
Columbia University (2)	Marquette University	Syracuse University (7)	Villanova University (8)
Cornell University (7)	McDaniel College	Tel Aviv University / Columbia	Virginia Tech University (2)
Dartmouth College (4)	McGill University, Canada (3)	Temple University (19)	Wagner College
Davidson College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2)	Trinity College	Wake Forest University (4)
Delaware State University	Middlebury College (4)	Tufts University (3)	Washington University, St. Louis (1)
DeSales University (2)	Misericordia University	Tulane University (9)	Wellesley College
Dickinson College (9)	Moore College of Art and Design	Union College	Wesleyan University
Drew University (3)	Morehouse College (3)	United States Military Academy	West Chester University (8)
Drexel University (20)	Morgan State University	United States Naval Academy (2)	Widener University (10)
Duke University (5)	Mount Holyoke College	University of Alabama (7)	Williams College
Duquesne University	Mount St. Mary’s University	University of Arizona (1)	Wilmington University
Elon University (3)	Muhlenberg College (4)	University of British Columbia (2)	Xavier University of Louisiana
Emerson College	New School (2)	University of California at Berkeley	Yale University (4)
Emory University (3)		University of California at Los Angeles	
Fairfield University (2)		University of Chicago	
Fairleigh Dickinson University			