



POTTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Building a Better Tomorrow

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Mission

The Pottstown High School is a catalyst for improvement in our diverse community. We challenge students to have high expectations to identify and value their individual talents and to reach their academic and technical potential without post-secondary remediation. This will be accomplished in a sensitive and safe educational environment.

Community Profile

The Pottstown Community is located along the Schuylkill River in Western Montgomery County. Pottstown is a suburb of Philadelphia, yet has a rural, small town atmosphere that has drawn small businesses as well as many new professionals to the area. The estimated population is 21,000 residents. The Pottstown School District has a population of approximately 3,300 students, and is comprised of one senior high school, one middle school, and five elementary school buildings.

Program of Studies

Pottstown High School offers a variety of academic and career and technical education programs. Students are provided with a flexible and comprehensive curriculum in a block scheduling fall and spring semester format. Students are required to take a total of eight credits each academic year.

Course offerings include college preparatory, honors, advanced placement, career and technical education, and dual enrollment through Montgomery County Community College.

Honors Courses: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Language (Spanish-French). All courses are marked with an asterisk (*) on the student transcript.

Advanced Placement (AP): English Language and Composition, English Literature, Calc AB, Computer Science, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental, European History, Government, Statistics, and Studio Art marked an asterisk (*) on transcript.

Dual Enrollment: Students enroll in a variety of entry level college courses based on their performance on the placement examination given by the college. All courses are marked with an asterisk (*) on the student transcript.

Career and Technical Education: Air Force Junior ROTC, Automotive Technology, Business and Office Technology, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Healthcare Technology, Marketing, and Telecommunications.

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 26 earned credits are required, demonstrated proficiency on the PSSA, in addition to satisfactory completion of an approved graduation project.

Required Academic Credits Include:

<u>Discipline:</u>	<u>Required Credits:</u>
English	4
Social Studies	3
Science	3
Mathematics	3
Wellness/Physical Education	2
Computer Applications/Economics	2
Humanities	1
Electives	8

Grading Scale

A: 93-100 B: 85-92 C: 77-84 D: 70-76 F: < 69

Class Rank/Grade Point Average (GPA)

Cumulative GPA is based on a 100 point scale. To reflect the intensity of academic rigor, more advanced courses are weighted when calculating class rank. Honors, Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses, marked with an asterisk (*) on student transcripts are weighted when calculating class rank. The grade shown on the transcript is increased by 1.1% (Honors) and 1.25% (AP).

GPA Conversion: The following chart converts the weighted numeric GPA on a 4.0 scale, where A=4.0.

94-100= 4.0+	88= 3.36	82= 2.60	76= 1.90
93= 4.0	87= 3.24	81= 2.42	75= 1.75
92= 3.84	86= 3.12	80= 2.36	74= 1.60
91= 3.71	85= 3.00	79= 2.24	73= 1.43
90= 3.60	84= 2.82	78= 2.12	72= 1.30
89= 3.48	83= 2.72	77= 2.00	71= 1.15
			70= 1.00

Course Scheduling

As noted, courses are blocked scheduled. Courses in progress as well as those projected for second semester are listed on the student transcript with the projected credit and the current grade alongside the course title. Final grades for the first term will appear in early February. Final grades for the entire academic school year will appear on the student transcript in mid-June.



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Graduation Project: Students are required to complete a culminating self-selected project by the end of their high school career. The project reflects in depth learning and is related to a student's academic interests and/or personal-career goals. The graduation project requires students to participate in a 35 hour service component, written reflection, and a summative oral presentation.

Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities:

Student activities and co-curricular programs are an integral piece of the educational program at Pottstown High School. The high school takes great pride in providing a wide range of programs and activities that promote personal growth and enrichment whereby allowing students to maintain an active role in their school community.

Achievement Organizations: National Honor Society, Academic Challenge, History Day, Reading Olympics

Athletics:

Fall: Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Cheerleading

Winter: Basketball, Cheerleading, Wrestling

Spring: Baseball, Lacrosse, Softball, Track and Field

Student Organizations: Anchor Club, Art Club, French Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, Key Club, Marine Biology Club, Peer Mediation, Players Club, Science Club, Spanish Club, Speech and Debate Stage Crew, Student Ambassadors.

Musical Programs: Bell Choir, Marching Band, Mixed Ensemble, Show Choir, Tri-County Honors Choir, District-Regional-State Chorus.

Service Clubs and Organizations:

Student Government
Make a Difference Day
DECA (Distributive Education Club)
HOSA (Health Occupations Society of America)
FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America)
SKILLS, USA

Literary Organizations:

Troiad: Yearbook (Editorial and Business Staff)
The Oracle: (Student Newspaper)

Class of 2013 students pursuing postsecondary education:

30% entering a four year college/university

17% entering a two year college/university.

SAT mean scores for the Class of 2013:

Reading: 456

Math: 477

Writing: 463

Pottstown High School Graduates have matriculated to the following post-secondary institutions:

Albright College	LaSalle University
Alvernia University	Lebanon Valley College
Antonelli Institute	Lehigh University
Arcadia University	Lincoln University
Art Institute of Philadelphia	Lock Haven University
Automotive Training Center	Mansfield University
Becker College	Marywood University
Berkley College	Millersville University
Berks Technical Institute	MCCC
Bloomsburg University	Neumann College
Bucknell University	PA College of Technology
Cabrini College	Pennsylvania State University
Carnegie Mellon University	Philadelphia University
Cedar Crest College	Reading School of Nursing
CHI Institute	Rosemont College
Citadel: Military College	Rutgers University
Cornell University	Sacred Heart University
Culinary Institute of America	Shippensburg University
Delaware State University	St. Francis University
Delaware Valley College	St. Joseph's University
DeSales University	Susquehanna University
DeVry University	Syracuse University
Drexel University	Temple University
East Stroudsburg University	Thaddeus Stevens College
Eastern University	Towson University
Edinboro University	University of Connecticut
Elizabethtown College	University of Delaware
Empire Beauty School	University of Hawaii
Emory University	University of New Hampshire
Franklin and Marshall College	University of Pittsburgh
George Mason University	University of Richmond
Gettysburg College	Ursinus College
Gwynedd Mercy College	Universal Technical Institute
Hamilton College	Valley Forge Bible College
Heidelberg University	Valley Forge Military College
High Point College	Villanova University
Hofstra University	Wesley College
Holy Family University	West Chester University
Hood College	Widener University
Howard University	Wilkes University
Immaculata University	Yale University
Indiana University of PA	
Ithaca College	
ITT Technical Institute	
James Madison University	
Johns Hopkins University	
Johnson and Wales University	
Kutztown University	