



POTTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Building a Better Tomorrow

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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 3,000 students, and is comprised of one high school, one middle school, and four elementary school buildings.

Programs of Study

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. Course offerings include Honors and Advanced Placement, Career and Technical Education, and Dual Enrollment courses through Montgomery County Community College (MCCC).

Honors Courses: English I & II, French III & IV, Spanish III & IV, Algebra & II, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, Chemistry, World History, US History, Physics, any MCCC course.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: Language & Composition, Literature & Composition, US History, US Government, Calculus AB & BC, Statistics, Computer Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics*, Environmental Science, European History, Spanish*, Macro Economics*, Micro Economics*, Psychology*, Human Geography, and Art History* (Virtual Courses*).

Dual Enrollment Courses: Students can enroll in college courses through MCCC. The content area of these courses is accounted for on the transcript. We strongly encourage our students to send their MCCC transcripts alongside their PHS transcript to view the specific courses students have taken.

Career and Technical Education Programs: Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Engineering Technologies, Entrepreneurship, Healthcare Technology, and Sales and Sports Marketing.

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 26 earned credits is required, 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
Computer Applications/Career Explorations	1
Humanities	1
Wellness	2.0
Personal Finance/Economics	1
STEAM	0.5
Electives	7.5

Keystone Exams:

Algebra I, Biology, English II, are Keystone-tested courses. Students who pass any Keystone Exam will receive credit for the Keystone course. Such credit is noted on the transcript.

Grading Scale

A: 90-100 B: 80-89 C: 70-79 D: 60-69 F: below 60

Class Rank/Grade Point Average (GPA)

Cumulative GPA is based on a 10 point scale. More advanced courses are weighted. Upper level Career & Technical Education courses have a weight of 1.025%, Honors courses are weighted at 1.1%, and AP courses are weighted at 1.25%.

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

97-100= 4.0+	83-86=3.0	70-72=1.7
93-96= 4.0	80-82=2.7	67-69=1.3
90-92= 3.7	77-79=2.3	65-66=1.0
87-89= 3.3	73-76=2.0	

Course Scheduling

Courses are taught in a block schedule. 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 semester will appear in early February. Final grades for the entire school year will appear on the student transcript in mid-June.

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, and a summative oral presentation.

Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities:

Student 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 allowing students to maintain an active role in their school community.

Achievement Organizations: National Honor Society, Reading Olympics, DECA, HOSA, Skills USA.

Athletics:

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

Winter: Basketball, Cheerleading, Wrestling, Swimming

Spring: Baseball, Lacrosse, Softball, Track and Field, Boys Tennis

Student Organizations: Interact Club, Robotics Club, Pre Engineering Club

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

Service Clubs and Organizations: Student Government, Trojan Nation

Literary Organizations:

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Class of 2021 students pursuing postsecondary education:

40% entering a four year college/university

14% entering a two year college/university

SAT mean scores for the Class of 2021:

Reading: 509 Math: 466 Writing: 509

Our graduates have matriculated to the following post-secondary institutions:

Albright College
Alfred University
Alvernia University
Antonelli Institute
Arcadia University
Art Institute of Philadelphia
Automotive Training Center
Becker College
Berkley College
Berks Technical Institute
Bloomsburg University
Bucknell University
Cabrini College
Carnegie Mellon University
Cedar Crest College
CHI Institute
Citadel
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
Delaware State University
Delaware Valley College
DeSales University
DeVry University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
East Stroudsburg University
Eastern University
Edinboro University
Elizabethtown College
Empire Beauty School
Emory University
Endicott College
Florida Institute of Technology
Franklin and Marshall College
George Mason University
Gettysburg College
Gwynedd Mercy College
Harcum College
Hofstra University
Holy Family University
Howard University
Immaculata University
Indiana University of PA
Ithaca College
Johnson and Wales University
King's College
Kutztown University
LaSalle University
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University
Lincoln University
Lock Haven University
Lycoming College
Mansfield University
Marywood University
Millersville University
MCCC
Moravian College
Neumann College
New York University
PA College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
Philadelphia University
Reading School of Nursing
Rosemont College
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Shippensburg University
St. Francis University
St. Joseph's University
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Thaddeus Stevens College
Towson University
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Hawaii
University of La Verne
University of Richmond
University of the Sciences
Universal Technical Institute
Ursinus College
U.S. Naval Academy
Valley Forge Military
Villanova University
Wesley College
West Chester University
Widener University
Wilkes University
York College of PA