



# 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.

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

**Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) Courses:** English 9 & 10, Advanced World Literature & Composition, French III & IV, Spanish III & IV, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, World History, US History, Physics, any MCCC course, and any DeVry course.

**Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:** Language & Composition, Literature & Composition, US History, US Government, Calculus AB, 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 in their MCCC transcripts alongside their PHS transcript to view the specific courses students have taken.

**Career and Technical Education Programs:** Accounting, AFJROTC, Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Engineering Technologies, Entrepreneurship, Healthcare Technology, Management Information Systems, and Sales and Marketing.

## Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 26 earned credits is required, demonstrated proficiency on the Keystone Exam 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	3.5
Mathematics	3
Computer Applications	1
Humanities	1
Wellness	.5
Physical Education	1.5
Personal Finance/Economics	1
Electives	7.5

### **Keystone Exams:**

Algebra I, Biology, English II, and American Literature are Keystone-tested courses. Students who pass any Keystone Exam and have between a 60-70% will receive credit for the Keystone course. Such credit is noted on the transcript.

### 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. More advanced courses are weighted. Upper level Career & Technical Education courses has a weight of 1.025%, Pre-AP 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.

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

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, Academic Challenge, DECA, HOSA, FCCLA.

**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:** Art Club, Anime Club, Spanish Club, Stage Crew, Dance Team, Student Ambassadors, Interact Club, Robotics Club, Peer Mediation.

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

**Service Clubs and Organizations:** Student Government, Key Club, Trojans 4 A Cure

**Literary Organizations:**

Troiad: Yearbook (Editorial and Business Staff)

***Class of 2016 students pursuing postsecondary education:***

***69% entering a four year college/university***

***23% entering a two year college/university.***

**SAT mean scores for the Class of 2016:**

Reading: 485      Math: 464      Writing: 457

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

Albright College  
Alvernia University  
Antonelli Institute  
Arcadia University  
Art Institute of Philadelphia  
Automotive Training Center  
Becker College  
Berkley College  
Berks Technical Institute  
Bloomsburg University  
Bucknell University  
Cabrin 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  
Drexel University  
East Stroudsburg University  
Eastern University  
Edinboro University  
Elizabethtown College  
Empire Beauty School  
Emory University  
Franklin and Marshall College  
George Mason University  
Gettysburg College  
Gwynedd Mercy College  
Hamilton College  
Heidelberg University  
High Point College  
Hofstra University  
Holy Family University  
Hood College  
Howard University  
Immaculata University  
Indiana University of PA  
Ithaca College  
ITT Technical Institute  
James Madison University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Johnson and Wales University  
Kutztown University  
LaSalle University  
Lebanon Valley College  
Lehigh University  
Lincoln University  
Lock Haven University  
Mansfield University  
Marywood University  
Millersville University  
MCCC  
Neumann College  
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 New Hampshire  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Richmond  
Ursinus College  
Universal Technical Institute  
Valley Forge Bible College  
Valley Forge Military College  
Villanova University  
Wesley College  
West Chester University  
Widener University  
Wilkes University  
York of PA