

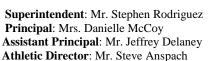
POTTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Building a Better Tomorrow

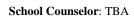
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Community Profile

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> :	Required Credits:
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

B: 85-92 A: 93-100 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.

<u>Graduation Project:</u> 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 postsecondary 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 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 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