

# Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy

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**CEEB/ACT Code: 391298**

## School Profile 2015 – 2016

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Established 1997



### School Background

Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy is an urban, college preparatory magnet school with a 100% four-year college acceptance rate. Approximately 500 eighth graders apply for about 225 freshman openings; admission requirements include a minimum grade point average of 3.0, national standardized test scores at the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile or above, and two teacher recommendations. Collegiate Academy offers 24 Advanced Placement courses all taught by College Board authorized faculty. The total student body takes approximately 800 Advanced Placement tests and completes over 100 dual enrollment college courses each year. Students are required to take three AP courses, and most graduate with several more.

*Newsweek's* annual report of top American public high schools again ranked Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy number two in Pennsylvania and top 1% nationally. In September 2013, the U.S. Dept. of Education designated our school as one of fewer than 300 Blue Ribbon Schools in the nation and the only Pennsylvania high school in the 2013 cohort, based on many criteria including test scores and rigor, staff collaboration, and community outreach. Collegiate Academy 2015 graduates have an average SAT combined math and critical reading score of 1123 and writing score average of 545. The class of 2015 received over \$17 million in college scholarship offers.

### Graduation Requirements (29 credits)

Language Arts	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Foreign Language	3 credits
Wellness/Fitness	1.5 credits
Required Electives	1.5 credits
Electives	7 credits

### Academic Sports League

Academic Sports League is both a class and an extracurricular activity. Students on the ASL team compete in ten subject areas focused on a theme that changes yearly, as set by the United States Academic Decathlon Program. Participating students have traveled regionally and nationally to compete in the United States Academic Decathlon, including recent travel to Honolulu, HI.

Collegiate Academy has established an impressive record at state and national USAD competitions. Since 2001, the team has won the Pennsylvania championship nine times, placed at the national competition multiple times, and won national division championships three times. The team has also competed very successfully in several virtual national competitions.

Some students who have participated in the ASL program have been offered scholarships and admission to select schools including Yale University, the University of Chicago, California Institute of Technology, Johns Hopkins University and Georgetown University.

**College Acceptances  
2001 - 2015**

Allegheny College  
 Amherst College  
 Bard College  
 Barnard College  
 Beloit College  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Brown University  
 Bucknell University  
 California Institute of Tech  
 Cardiff University  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Colgate University  
 College of William and Mary  
 Columbia University  
 Cornell University  
 Dartmouth College  
 Dickinson College  
 Duke University  
 Edinboro University  
 Emory College  
 Fordham University  
 Gannon University  
 Georgetown University  
 Harvard College  
 Harvey Mudd College  
 Indiana University  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Kenyon College  
 Lehigh University  
 Mercyhurst College  
 M. I. T.  
 New York University  
 Northwestern University  
 Penn State University  
 Princeton University  
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech  
 Smith College  
 Stanford University  
 Syracuse University  
 Tufts University  
 Tulane University  
 U.S. Air Force Academy  
 U.S. Military Academy  
 University of California-Berkeley  
 University of Chicago  
 University of Michigan  
 University of North Carolina  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Rochester  
 University of St. Andrews  
 University of Toronto  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Washington Univ. in St. Louis  
 Wheaton College  
 Williams College  
 Vassar College  
 Yale University

**Advanced Placement Program**

***AP courses offered in grades 9 through 12:***

**Composition and Literature**

English Language and Composition  
 English Literature and Composition

**Foreign Language**

Latin Language  
 German Language  
 Spanish Language

**History and Social Studies**

European History  
 Government and Politics: US  
 Human Geography  
 Macroeconomics  
 Psychology  
 United States History  
 World History

**Science and Math**

Biology  
 Calculus AB  
 Calculus BC  
 Chemistry  
 Environmental Science

Physics I  
 Physics II  
 Statistics

**Humanities**

Art History  
 Music Theory  
 Studio Art: 2-D Drawing

**Grading**

Collegiate Academy uses a 4.0 weighted grading scale. All classes are honors or Advanced Placement. Due to the above average ability of our student population and the high academic standard at Collegiate Academy, a grade point average of 4.0 or above is considered outstanding. While rank is indicated on our high school transcript, GPA is a more accurate indicator of student achievement. Few ranks are shared.

**Honors**

**Advanced Placement**

**Additional Grading Information**

97 – 100	4.5	97 – 100	5.5
93 – 96	4.0	93 – 96	5.0
89 – 92	3.5	89 – 92	4.5
85 – 88	3.0	85 – 88	4.0
76 – 84	2.5	76 – 84	3.5
70 – 75	2.0	70 – 75	3.0
0 – 69	0	0 – 69	0

- Quarter grading periods
- A/B block schedule
- GPA includes all subjects
- No community service requirement, .5 credit granted for 60 documented hours
- AP weight given to college courses
- Letter grade conversion: 93-100 A, 85-92 B, 70-84 C

**Interscholastic Athletics**

Collegiate Academy is an academic magnet high school that does not offer athletic programs; however, each year 400 students from Collegiate Academy participate in interscholastic sports at their home schools.

**Extracurricular Activities**

Academic Sports League	JROTC	Robotics
Anime Club	King T.V.	Ski & Snowboard Club
Book Club	Mario Kart Tournament	Spanish Club
Cadence	Math Club	Step Team
Chemistry Club	Mock Trial Team	Student Senate
Chess Club	Model U.N.	Team Hope
Crew Team	National Honor Society	Theatre
Forum	News Magazine	TOUCH
Green Team	Ocean Bowl	Travel Club
Intramural Sports	Performing Arts Boosters	Writing Center
JETS	PJAS	World Language Club
		Yearbook

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