

Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy

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School Profile 2017 – 2018

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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 75th percentile or above, and two teacher recommendations. Collegiate Academy offers 25 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 four 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 2017 graduates have an average SAT combined math and critical reading score of 1183 and writing score average of 545. The class of 2017 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.

Model United Nations

Collegiate Academy began competing in Model United Nations conferences in 2003 and has since participated in conferences at the following universities: Mercyhurst, Gannon, Cornell, Yale, The University of Pennsylvania and the Lake Erie International Model UN Conference. The team has been named one of the top 150 delegations in the nation by Best Delegate.

STEM Initiatives

Collegiate Academy has a variety of STEM-related clubs and organizations that have consistently placed at the top of the state and national competitions. Students work closely with faculty advisors to plan and implement unique projects.

Always Reaching Higher

**College Acceptances
2001 - 2017**

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

Capstone

Seminar
Research

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

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

Advanced Placement

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

Additional Grading Information

- 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
Art Club	King T.V.	Ski & Snowboard Club
Book Club	Math Club	Speech & Debate
Cadence	Mock Trial Team	Step Team
Chemistry Club	Model U.N.	Student Senate
Chess Club	National Honor Society	Team Hope
Crew Team	Ocean Bowl	Theatre
Forum Literary Magazine	Performing Arts Boosters	Travel Club
Green Team	PJAS	Writing Center
Intramural Sports		World Language Club
		Yearbook