

Pennsbury High School Curriculum Night 2011

Academic Excellence and
Opportunities for Growth

Curriculum Night

- Programs and Opportunities at PHS
- Graduation Requirements
- Course Selection Timeline
- Planning for Post-secondary Education

Programs at PHS

- A flexible educational program
- Wide variety of academically rigorous courses
- A variety of elective courses

Pennsbury High School East and West Campuses

- East and West Buildings
 - Fully functional offices
 - Instructional classrooms
- Limit travel via scheduling

Block Scheduling


- Students take 4 courses each semester
- Classes are approximately 90 minutes
- Opportunities to accelerate

Sample Schedule

First Semester (Sept. to Jan.)	Second Semester (Feb. to June)
• Physical Science (West)	• French 2 (West)
• U.S. History (West)	• Geometry (East)
• French 1 (West)	• Art 1 (East)
• Physical Education (West)	• English 9 (East)

Elective Areas

- Art
- Business, Computers & Information Technology
- Computer Science
- Family and Consumer Science
- Foreign Language
- Music
- Technology Education



PHS Greenhouse

9th Grade Elective Choices

ART ART 1 and 2 DRAWING & PAINTING ART THEATRE STAGE PRODUCTION FINE ART PRINTMAKING FIBERS AND CRAFTS INTRO TO ART THROUGH SCULPTURE INTRO TO JEWELRY & METAL DESIGN SCIENCE GREENHOUSE HUMAN ANATOMY 1 AP PHYSICS: LEVEL B OR PHYSICS B SEMINAR H ASTRONOMY SOCIAL STUDIES ANTHROPOLOGY RUSSIAN STUDIES THE AMERICAN WEST CONTEMP. GEO-POLITICAL ISSUES GIFTED & STUDY SKILLS GIFTED/PROFICIENT TECHNOLOGY READING PROFICIENCY STUDY/ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS BUSINESS, COMPUTERS & INFO. TECH. ENTREPRENEURSHIP INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT MICROSOFT OFFICE APP 1 BUSINESS/ENTREPRENEURSHIP	FOREIGN LANGUAGE FRENCH GERMAN SPANISH FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE CULINARY ESSENTIALS CLASSIC COOKING FASHION AND FABRICS CAREER CONNECTION MUSIC MUSIC THEORY I FOUNDATIONS OF MUSIC INTRO TO AM. MUSICAL THEATER VOICE LAB I & II MENS' CHORUS WOMEN'S CHORUS INSTR. MUSIC: STRING ORCHESTRA INSTR. MUSIC: IV - GRADE BAND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION INTRO TO TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION GRAPHIC ARTS WOODWORKING DRAFTING ROBOTICS I COMPUTER SCIENCE WEB PROGRAMMING & A+ CERT. VISUAL BASIC (VB.NET) AN INTRO TO PROGRAMMING PROG. USING JAVA & C++
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Honors and AP Courses

- Honors and AP courses are weighted
- Honors and AP courses are offered in all major subject areas, including Foreign Language

AP Biology I	AP Environmental Science	AP Physics C – Mechanics
AP Biology II	AP French Language	AP Spanish Language
AP Calculus AB	AP German Language	AP Statistics
AP Calculus BC	AP Microeconomics	AP U.S. History
AP Chemistry	AP Modern European History	
AP Computer Science B	AP Music Theory III	
AP Eng. Language & Comp.	AP Physics B	
AP Eng. Literature & Comp.		

Graduation Requirements

- 27 credits (7.5 per year)
- 4 credits of Math, English, Science Social Studies and 4 years of Physical Education
- State-mandated Graduation Project
- Demonstration of proficiency in Reading and Math on the PSSA

Course Selection Timeline

- DECEMBER 2011—Information distributed to students; informational sessions with students
- DECEMBER 2011 to FEBRUARY 2012—Individual meetings with students
- FEBRUARY 2012—Deadline for course selection sheets
- MARCH/APRIL 2012—Student requests sent home for parent/guardian review
- MAY 31 2012—Changes must be made by the last day of May

Planning for Post-secondary Education

- Courses should prepare students for their academic futures.
- Students should take the most rigorous courses that they can handle.
- Begin thinking about career possibilities and explore different occupations using online resources.
- Begin compiling an activities/community service resume.

Extracurricular Activities

We pride ourselves on the vast array of activities available for our students.

Class of 2011 Profile

Total graduates: 840
Scholarship money offered: \$6,275,504
Percentage college bound: 91%
Percentage going into the military: 2%
Percentage entering workforce : 5%
Percentage undecided: 2%

Class of 2011 Profile

National Merit Scholarships

- 1 National Merit Scholarship Winner
- 7 National Merit Finalists
- 15 National Merit Commended Students

SAT Averages (76% of Class)

- Critical Reading 513 at PHS (493 for all of PA)
- Math 527 at PHS (501 for all of PA)
- Writing 498 at PHS (479 for all of PA)

Top Colleges Where Pennsbury Students Have Enrolled

- Boston University
- Brown University
- Bucknell University
- University of Cambridge
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Haverford College
- Johns Hopkins University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Penn State University, Schreyer Honor
- Princeton University
- Swarthmore University
- The University of North Carolina
- University Of Michigan
- University of Chicago
- University of Pennsylvania
- University Of Virginia
- Wake Forest University
- Yale University