

Rose Tree Media School District

The Rose Tree Media School District is located in historic Delaware County, Pennsylvania, approximately fifteen miles west of Philadelphia. The district serves the communities of Edgmont, Middletown, and Upper Providence Townships, and “Everybody’s Hometown,” the Borough of Media.

Ours is a socially and economically diverse residential community whose residents are primarily engaged in business and/or professional occupations. The Borough and surrounding areas offer a rich variety of recreational and cultural opportunities to our families.

Penncrest High School

Penncrest High School is a four-year, comprehensive public high school that emphasizes college preparation. Current enrollment is approximately 1,200 students with an average class size of 22. Penncrest is consistently recognized as one of the top high schools in the state for academic excellence and is certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

— **U.S. News and World Report awarded Penncrest a 2020 Silver Medal and a ranking of #47 in the state and #1295 in the nation.**

-**Newsweek named Penncrest one of Top Stem High Schools of 2020.**

— **Niche.com has ranked Penncrest #33 of 673 schools and our teachers #22 in the state of Pennsylvania.**

A Note Regarding the Class of 2021:

On March 13, 2020, Penncrest High School closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and instruction moved to a fully-virtual model. Competitions, opportunities, traditions, and recognitions were disrupted by the closure. We are proud of our students, our families, our staff, and our teachers for maintaining academic rigor and for their focus on building a healthy community culture during this difficult time.

Penncrest: a community of learners that shapes productive, mindful, and ethical world citizens, one student at a time.

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College representatives are welcome to visit our Career Center! Contact David Harple at 610.627.6208 or dharp@rtmsd.org to schedule an appointment. Visits can also be arranged through Rep Visit.

Curriculum

Penncrest High School is proud to offer a rigorous and dynamic academic program. Students must earn a minimum of 28 credits to meet graduation requirements. Courses are offered at varying levels of challenge, and students generate individual programs to meet their needs. In addition, Penncrest students may participate in a variety of educational opportunities, including Career and Technical Education, dual enrollment possibilities through local colleges and universities, as well as independent studies in coordination with faculty sponsors.

Special Programs of Study

Advanced Placement Capstone Program
 Career and Technical Education through Delaware County Technical Schools
 Dual Enrollment opportunities through Delaware County Community College
 Medical Arts Program affiliated with Taylor Hospital
 Simon Youth Academy at Penncrest High School

Advanced Placement Courses

Biology
 Calculus AB
 Calculus BC
 Capstone Seminar
 Capstone Research
 Chemistry
 Chinese Language
 Computer Science A
 Computer Science Principles
 English Language and Composition
 English Literature and Composition
 Environmental Science
 European History
 French Language
 Macro Economics
 Micro Economics
 Music Theory
 Physics I
 Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
 Physics C: Mechanics
 Psychology
 Spanish Language
 Statistics
 United States Government and Politics
 United States History

All syllabi for AP courses have been audited and certified by College Board.

Penncrest AP Scholars

	# of Scholars	Average Score
AP Scholar	39	3.32
AP Scholar with Honor	33	3.54
AP Scholar with Distinction	54	4.13
National AP Scholar	11	4.39
AP Capstone Diploma	2	3.87
AP Seminar/Research Certificate	6	3.43

Graduation Requirements

Subject Area for Credit	Departments	Number of Credits
English	English	4
Mathematics	Mathematics	3
Science	Science	3
Social Studies	Social Studies	3.5
World Language	World Language	1 (through 2nd year)
Electives	Art Business Ed. English Electives Family Consumer Science Health and Physical Ed. Electives Mathematics Electives Music Science Electives Social Studies Electives Technology & Applied Engineering World Languages DCTS Programs of Study	10 total
Health & Physical Education	Physical Education	1.5 (1 PE, .5 Health)
Community & School Service	Varies Year to Year	2

TOTAL CREDITS 28

Daily Student Schedule

Penncrest students follow an eight-period day (seven classes and a forty-four-minute lunch period); students may apply to participate in a “Lunch and Learn” model that allows them to take class during a lunch period. Once each week students have the opportunity for extra study during a Core Extension period. Semester courses run every day for two marking periods. Students take part in core-subject midterm exams at the end of the first semester and final exams at the conclusion of the second semester. Final exams were not held in 2020.

Honor Societies

- National Honor Society
- Computer Science Honor Society
- History Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- National Art Honor Society
- Pi Lambda Sigma English Honor Society
- PSMMA Global Scholars Program
- Science Honor Society
- World Language Honor Society

Colleges our students have attended in the last five years:

American University	Northwestern University
Arizona State University	Oberlin College
Boston College	Penn State University
Boston University	Saint Joseph University
Bryn Mawr College	Swarthmore College
Carleton College	Temple University
Carnegie Mellon University	Tyler School of Art/Temple
Columbia University	The U.S. Military Academy
Cornell University	University of California
Dartmouth College	University of Delaware
Delaware County Community College	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Drexel University	University of Alabama
Duke University	University of Iowa
Elon University	University of Maryland
Franklin & Marshall College	University of Pennsylvania
George Washington University	University of Pittsburgh
Georgetown University	University of South Carolina
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Virginia
Gettysburg College	Vanderbilt University
Haverford College	Villanova University
Johns Hopkins University	Wake Forest University
Lehigh University	Washington & Lee University
Loyola University Maryland	Wesleyan University
McGill University	West Virginia University
New York University	Widener University
Northeastern University	

All 14 member schools of the Pennsylvania System of Higher Education

Grading and GPA

Penncrest enjoys an academically competitive environment; for that reason, we do not rank our students’ academic performance.

Cumulative Unweighted and Cumulative Weighted GPAs are calculated at the close of each school year. Unweighted GPA includes all grades earned on a 4.33 scale. Weighted GPA includes only core, academic coursework, reflects course difficulty, and is calculated out of a possible 7.83. The range of earned Cumulative Weighted GPAs for the Class of 2020 is listed below:

Unweighted Grading Scales

Numerical Equivalent	Letter Grade	Grade Point Equivalent
97.50 - 100	A+	4.33
92.50 - 97.49	A	4.00
89.50 - 92.49	A-	3.66
87.50 - 89.49	B+	3.33
82.50 - 87.49	B	3.00
79.50 - 82.49	B-	2.66
77.50 - 79.49	C+	2.33
72.50 - 77.49	C	2.00
69.50 - 72.49	C-	1.66
67.50 - 69.49	D+	1.33
62.50 - 67.49	D	1.00
59.50 - 62.49	D-	0.66
00.00 - 59.49	E	0
	I	Incomplete
	W/P	Withdraw/Passing
	W/F	Withdraw/Failing

Weighted Grading Scales

	AP	1	2	3	4
A+	7.83	7.33	6.33	5.33	4.33
A	7.50	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00
A-	7.16	6.66	5.66	4.66	3.66
B+	6.83	6.33	5.33	4.33	3.33
B	6.50	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
B-	6.16	5.66	4.66	3.66	2.66
C+	5.83	5.33	4.33	3.33	2.33
C	5.50	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
C-	5.16	4.66	3.66	2.66	1.66
D+	4.83	4.33	3.33	2.33	1.33
D	4.50	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
D-	4.16	3.66	2.66	1.66	0.66
E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Cumulative Weighted GPA Range for the Class of 2020

(based on performance in grades 9 through 11)

28% earned > 6.4	39% earned 4.9 - 6.4	22% earned 3.4 - 4.9	11% earned < 3.4
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Penncrest High School/Rose Tree Media School District Class of 2020 Statistics

