

## 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 2019 Silver Medal and a ranking of #28 in the state and #1664 in the nation.**

— **Niche.com has ranked Penncrest #38 of 592 schools and our teachers #16 in the state of Pennsylvania.**

## Highlights in Achievement 2018-2019

- The Penncrest Envirothon team has won the Delaware County Envirothon for the past 26 years in a row, as well as 14 state titles and 4 international titles.
- The Science Olympiad team placed 5th in the PA State tournament.
- Four students were named National Merit Semi-Finalists.

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Simon Youth Academy

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

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

## 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  
 POWR Program (Penncrest Opportunities for Workplace Relationships)

## Advanced Placement Courses

Biology  
 Calculus AB  
 Calculus BC  
 Capstone Seminar  
 Capstone Research  
 Chemistry  
 Chinese Language  
 Computer Science A  
 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	57	3.16
AP Scholar with Honor	29	3.64
AP Scholar with Distinction	44	4.11
National AP Scholar	12	4.38
AP Capstone Diploma	6	4.05
AP Seminar/Research Certificate	5	3.09

## Graduation Requirements

Subject Areas for Credits	Earned through these Departments	Number of Credits
English	English	4
Mathematics	Mathematics	3 (includes Algebra & Geometry)
Science	Science	3 (includes Environmental Science & Biology/all three of which should be completed by the end of grade 11)
Math/Science	Math/Science	1 additional credit in Math OR Science
Social Studies	Social Studies	4 (including American or AP United States History)
World Language	World Language	1 through level 2 (2nd year)
Electives	Art, Business Education, DCTS Program of Study, English, Family Consumer Science, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Music, Technology & Applied Engineering, World Languages	7.5 (6.5 if student needs two World Language credits)
Health & Physical Education	Physical Education	2.5 (.5 PE each year, .5 Health)
Community & School Service	Varies year to year	2
<b>Total Credits:</b>		<b>28</b>

## 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. The schedule cycles through eight days so that each class has a sixty-five-minute block once every cycle. Twice each cycle 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 mid-term exams at the end of the first semester and final exams at the conclusion of the second semester.

## Honor Societies

National Honor Society

### Departmental Honor Societies

Art - National Art Honor Society

English - Pi Lambda Sigma

Math - Mu Alpha Theta

Social Studies - History Honor Society

World Language - World Language Honor Society

PSMLA Global Scholars Program

## 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)

23% earned > 6.4	43% earned 4.9 - 6.4	26% earned 3.4 - 4.9	8% earned < 3.4
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# Penncrest High School/Rose Tree Media School District Class of 2019 Statistics

