



The Pennington School

COLLEGE COUNSELING

SCHOOL PROFILE

2022-23

MISSION: *The Pennington School is committed to developing individual excellence in all of its students.*

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

William S. Hawkey, B.S., M.Ed., Ph.D.
Head of School

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COLLEGE COUNSELING TEAM

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Assistant Director of College Counseling, Edmund V. Cervone Center for Learning

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UPPER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2022-23

Grade	Day	Boarding	Total
Grade 12	82	32	114
Grade 11	74	32	106
Grade 10	69	42	111
Grade 9	80	26	106
Total			437

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Average SAT Reasoning Test Data 2022		
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	647	
Math	645	
Total	1292	

Average ACT Test Data 2022		
English	28	
Mathematics	25	
Reading	28	
Science	26	
Composite	27	

AP Exams
In May 2022, 154 students took a total of 391 Advanced Placement Exams in 21 subjects. 91% of the students earned a passing score of 3 or higher.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade	Rating	Grade	Rating
A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	60-66
B-	80-82	F	Below 60
C+	77-79		

At the conclusion of each academic year, grade point averages are calculated by assigning numerical points to each letter grade based on a 4.0 grading scale. Honors and Advanced Placement courses receive an additional one-third and one-half extra point, respectively. *The Pennington School does not rank its students.*

CURRICULUM

The Pennington School offers a challenging college preparatory curriculum to all students. For the Class of 2023, Honors and Advanced Placement courses have been available as follows:

Honors: English I; American Identities; Geometry, Algebra I and II, Precalculus, Discrete Mathematics; Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biology, Physics; Data Structures and Algorithms; U.S. History, World History; Thesis Seminar; Chinese IV; German III and IV; French III and IV; Spanish II, III and IV; and Latin III and IV.

Advanced Placement: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition; United States History, Macroeconomics and Microeconomics, United States Government and Politics, Modern European History; Statistics, Calculus AB and BC; Computer Science A; Latin V, French V, Spanish V, Spanish Literature, German V; Physics C, Chemistry, Biology; Studio Art, and Music Theory.

Cum Laude Society: The Pennington School chapter of the Cum Laude Society inducts the top ten percent of the senior class, as determined by grade point average, and the School views selection for membership as one of the highest honors it can confer.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate, a student must have earned twenty credits, including four years of English; three years of mathematics; three years of history/social studies; three years of science (two years of lab science); two years of world language; two semesters each of religion/ethics and arts; one semester each of technology and health; and one quarter of public speaking.

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS

Applied Science Certificate in Computer Science, Innovation, and Engineering

The Applied Science Certificate in Computer Science, Innovation, and Engineering gives students in this two-year program many opportunities to take the strong skills they develop in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and combine them with their capabilities in critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and collaboration in order to innovate practical applications and real-world solutions. Program components include specialized and extended coursework, fieldwork, STEM experiences, participation in a speaker series with industry professionals, and a STEM-focused senior project.

Global Studies Certificate Program

The Global Studies Certificate Program offers an interdisciplinary academic and co-curricular environment in which students participate meaningfully to learn about and address global issues. Students in this two-year program develop their capacity to understand and act on topics of worldwide significance, broaden their outlook beyond Pennington's campus, and take their places as true global citizens. Program components include specialized and extended coursework, fieldwork, global experiences, participation in a global studies speaker series, and a globally-focused senior project.

The Edmund V. Cervone Center for Learning

The Edmund V. Cervone Center for Learning prepares students with diagnosed language-based learning disabilities by offering compensatory skills and strategies for academic work. Students graduate from this program equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to be successful in college and beyond.

Student Life: Arts, Athletics, and Activities

- 4 theatrical productions; myriad instrumental and vocal performance groups; visual and lens-based art exhibitions
- 22 varsity sports (45 athletic teams)
- Signature Leadership Programs: Peer Leadership, Hall Prefects, Junior Proctors, Student Government
- 90+ student-led clubs in categories including: Arts, Humanities, Culture, Identity, STEM, and Special Interest
- Seniors participate in month-long Horizon transition-to-college program





COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

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ACHIEVEMENT

98% of Pennington's 2022 graduates are attending four-year institutions. The remaining 2% opted to take a gap year. The following list comprises the colleges/universities at which Pennington graduates have enrolled over the last five years (2018–2022):

The University of Alabama

Albright College

American University

Amherst College

Arcadia University

University of Arizona

Arizona State University

Arizona State University -

Downtown Phoenix

University of Arkansas

Babson College

Bard College

Barnard College

Bates College

Belmont University

Bentley University

Berklee College of Music

Bloomsburg University of

Pennsylvania

Boston College

Boston University

Brandeis University

Brigham Young University

University of British Columbia

Brown University

Bryant University

Bucknell University

California Polytechnic State University

- San Luis Obispo

University of California, Irvine

University of California, Los Angeles

University of California, San Diego

University of California,

Santa Barbara

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Champlain College

Chapman University

University of Chicago

University of Cincinnati

Clemson University

Coastal Carolina University

Colby College

College of Charleston

University of Colorado Boulder

Colorado College

Columbia University

University of Connecticut

Connecticut College

Cornell University

Daemen College

Dartmouth College

Davidson College

University of Delaware

Delaware State University

Denison University

University of Denver

Dickinson College

University of the District of Columbia

Drew University

Drexel University

Duke University

Eckerd College

École Hôtelière de Lausanne

Elizabethtown College

Elon University

Emerson College

Emory University

Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts

at The New School

Fairfield University

Fairleigh Dickinson University,

Florham

Five Towns College

University of Florida

Fordham University

Franklin & Marshall College

Front Range Community College

Full Sail University

George Mason University

The George Washington University

Georgetown University

Gettysburg College

Grinnell College

Hampden-Sydney College

Hartwick College

Haverford College

University of Hawaii at Manoa

High Point University

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Hope College

IE University Madrid

Indiana University-Bloomington

University of Iowa

Ithaca College

Jacksonville University

Johns Hopkins University

Keio University

University of Kentucky

Lafayette College

Lebanon Valley College

Lehigh University

Louisiana State University

Loyola University Maryland

Lynn University

Macalester College

Marist College

University of Maryland,

Baltimore County

University of Maryland, College Park

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Mercer County Community College

Merrimack College

University of Miami

Miami University, Oxford

University of Michigan

Michigan State University

Middlebury College

Millersville University of Pennsylvania

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Monmouth University

Montana State University

Montclair State University

Moravian University

Muhlenberg College

University of New Haven

The College of New Jersey

New York University

University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill

North Carolina A & T State University

North Carolina State University

Northeastern University

Northwestern University

University of Notre Dame

University of Oxford

Palm Beach Atlantic University

University of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania State University-

Abington

Pennsylvania State University-

University Park

University of Pittsburgh

Pomona College

Post University

Pratt Institute

Princeton University

Purdue University

Queen Mary University of London

Quinnipiac University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhode Island School of Design

Rhodes College

University of Richmond

Rider University

University of Rochester

Rowan University

Rutgers University, Camden

Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Saint Joseph's University

Salve Regina University

San Diego State University

Santa Clara University

Sarah Lawrence College

Savannah College of Art and Design

School of Visual Arts

University of Scranton

Seton Hall University

Siena College

Skidmore College

University of South Carolina

University of Southern California

Southern Methodist University

Spelman College

University of St Andrews

St. John's College, Santa Fe

St. Lawrence University

St. Olaf College

State University of New York-

Oneonta

Stevens Institute of Technology

Syracuse University

University of Tampa

Temple University

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

The University of Texas at Austin

Texas A&M University

Texas Christian University

Thomas Jefferson University

University of Toronto

Tufts University

Tulane University

Union College

Ursinus College

Vanderbilt University

Vassar College

University of Vermont

Villanova University

University of Virginia

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and

State University

Wake Forest University

Washington & Jefferson College

Washington College

Washington University in St. Louis

Wayland Baptist University

Wellesley College

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Wesleyan University

West Chester University of

Pennsylvania

The College of William and Mary

Williams College

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Xavier University

Bold type indicates matriculation by more than one Pennington graduate during the period 2018–2022

NOTIFICATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The Pennington School does not volunteer to colleges/universities information about infractions for which a student may have been suspended or placed on probation. If asked, the School will report suspensions or probations resulting from violations of local, state, and federal law; from acts of academic dishonesty or vandalism; or from any violation of the safety of the School community. The School will notify the appropriate colleges of a student's separation from the School if that student has already submitted applications.

COLLEGE VISITATIONS

College/university representatives are welcome to speak with students and counselors. If representatives are interested in scheduling a visit, they may contact the College Counseling Office at jennifer.roberts@pennington.org or 609-737-6130 to set up an appointment.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Independent Schools • New Jersey Association of Independent Schools • National Association of College Admission Counseling • New Jersey Association of College Admission Counseling • Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling • Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools • Cum Laude Society • The College Board