

Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy

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School Profile 2014 – 2015

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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 23 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 two 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 2014 graduates have an average SAT combined math and critical reading score of 1127 and writing score average of 556. The class of 2014 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.

Collegiate Academy has established an impressive record at state and national USAD competitions. Since 2001, the team has won the Pennsylvania championship nine times, placed at the national competition multiple times, and won national division championships three times. The team has also competed very successfully in several virtual national competitions.

Some students who have participated in the ASL program have been offered scholarships and admission to select schools including Yale University, the University of Chicago, California Institute of Technology, Johns Hopkins University and Georgetown University.

**College Acceptances
2001 - 2014**

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

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
 Computer Science A
 Environmental Science
 Physics I
 Physics II
 Statistics

Humanities

Art History
 Music Theory
 Studio Art: 2-D Drawing

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
Anime Club	King T.V.	Ski & Snowboard Club
Archery Club	Mario Kart Tournament	Spanish Club
Book Club	Math Club	Step Team
Cadence	Mock Trial Team	Student Senate
Chemistry Club	Model U.N.	TEAMS
Chess Club	Movie Club	Team Hope
Crew Team	National Honor Society	Theatre
Debate/Forensics	News Magazine	TOUCH
Forum	Ocean Bowl	Travel Club
Green Team	Performing Arts Boosters	Writing Center
Intramural Sports	Photography Club	World Language Club
JETS	PJAS	Yearbook

Always Reaching Higher