



NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

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2023-2024 Profile



SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy is an urban, college preparatory magnet school with a 100% four-year college acceptance rate for college prep students. 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 26 Advanced Placement courses all taught by College Board authorized faculty. The total student body takes approximately 800 Advanced Placement tests and over 100 students participate in dual enrollment college courses each year. Students in the college prep tract are required to take a minimum of three AP courses for graduation. The student population is diverse ethnically, racially, and socioeconomically. The ethnic/racial composition is 64% White/Caucasian, 17% Black/African American, 4% Asian, 8% Hispanic, 6% two or more races, .2 % other.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFERED GRADES 9-12

African American Studies	Human Geography
Art History	Macroeconomics
Biology	Music Theory
Calculus AB	Physics I
Calculus BC	Physics II
Chemistry	Psychology
Computer Science A	Research
Computer Science Principles	Seminar
English Language & Composition	Statistics
English Literature & Composition	Studio Art: 2-D Drawing
Environmental Science	Spanish Language
European History	United States History
German Language	World History
Government & Politics: US	

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

College Prep focus (29 credits)		Visual/Performing Arts focus (27credits)	
Language Arts	4 credits	Language Arts	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits	Social Studies	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits	Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits	Science	4 credits
Foreign Language	3 credits	Foreign Language	2 credits
Wellness/Fitness	1.5 credits	Wellness/Fitness	1.5 credits
Required Electives	1.5 credits	Required Electives	1.5 credits
Electives	7 credits	VPA Electives	6.5 credits

GRADING SCALE

Regular	Honors	AP
95-100 4.0	97-100 4.5	97-100 5.5
90-94 3.75	93-96 4.0	93-96 5.0
85-89 3.5	89-92 3.5	89-92 4.5
80-84 3.0	85-88 3.0	85-88 4.0
75-79 2.5	76-84 2.5	76-84 3.5
70-74 2.0	70-75 2.0	70-75 3.0
65-69 1.0	0-69 0	0-69 0

ADDITIONAL GRADING INFORMATION

Quarter grading periods
A/B schedule
Grade point average includes all classes
Weighted and unweighted GPA's are reported on transcript
AP weight given for dual enrollment courses
No community service requirement, .5 credit given for verified 60 hours of service

AVERAGE SAT SCORES

Class of 2024

Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	480
Mathematics	530
Total	1010

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
National Merit Winner	2		1			1
National Merit Finalists	2			1		
National Merit Semi-Finalists			1			1
National Merit Commended		1	5	6	1	5