

School Profile

Collegium Charter School (CCS) is a tuition-free, independent public school offering families a choice for their child's elementary and secondary education. Families choose CCS for a variety of reasons including a reputation for strong academics, college prep culture, safe school environment, uniforms, full day kindergarten, more instructional time, smaller class sizes, more individualized attention, community service requirements, and a collaborative school community.

Mission Statement

The Collegium Charter School Community will work tirelessly to ensure the brightest possible futures for our students, to nurture them, to empower them to recognize in themselves uniqueness and talent, to instill in them a firm academic foundation, critical thinking, and respect for diversity, to foster in them scholarship and responsibility, and to develop in them the desire for a lifetime filled with optimism, generosity, character, and confidence. Our goal will continually be to prepare each student for the rigors of college life, and to hold ourselves and our students accountable for our mutual success.

Location and Population

Collegium is located in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Our campus, consisting of four buildings, is located within the Oaklands Corporate Center in Exton. While enrollment is open to any student who resides in PA, most Collegium families reside in the West Chester, Downingtown, and Coatesville area school districts. With students attending from over 20 school districts in southeastern PA, CCS has a very diverse student body. This diverse student population includes many first generation college students, 10% English language learners, and 25% from low income families.

History

Collegium Charter School was founded in January of 1999 by a dedicated group of West Chester residents lead by Bill Winters, Anne Rich, and Beth Jones. The founders' goal was to open a school that provided an educational choice for families offering strong academics as well as programs not readily available in the local school districts. On September 29, 1999 the school opened with 39 students in kindergarten through sixth grade attending on its first day. The second year saw tremendous growth; over 500 students enrolled in kindergarten through seventh grades. Currently, enrollment exceeds 2900 students in grades K to 12. Our first class of seniors graduated in 2006.

Faculty

Collegium Charter School has approximately 400 employees with 225 faculty members. Bachelor degrees are held by all faculty members, with over 60% holding Masters degrees.

Academics

Collegium operates on six day cycle, with ten 42-minute periods per day. The school offers approximately one additional instructional hour per day and more than 15 additional school days per year as compared to the surrounding public schools. Spanish language is a required course for all grades. For a listing of courses and their descriptions, please refer to the *HS Academic Handbook* available on our website. As an environmentally conscious school, CCS submits the supplemental materials for college applications through *Naviance Edocs*. Students are encouraged to apply online.

Graduation Requirements

A total of 29.8 credits are required for high school graduation:

Language Arts - Literature	4.0 credits	Mathematics	4.0 credits
Language Arts - Writing & Grammar*	4.0 credits	Foreign Language	4.0 credits
Social Studies	4.0 credits	Health/PE	1.8 credits
Science	4.0 credits	Electives	4.0 credits

*Students enroll in a full-credit Writing and Grammar Language Arts course each year focused on composition, writing skills, and the development of an electronic portfolio.

Grading System

All grades are reported as percentages. Collegium does not report or convert percentage grades to a 4-point scale. In an effort to increase student autonomy, homework is not graded or required. Rather, independent practice is encouraged in order to achieve mastery. Extra credit is not accepted.

93-100%	A	70-76%	D
85-92%	B	69-0%	F
77-84%	C		

Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses are weighted an additional 7 points in GPA calculation. Honors courses are weighted an additional 5 points in GPA calculation. This value is not added to the final percentage grade for a class and the additional points are not reflected in the percentage grade reported on a report card or transcript. Class rank is determined by the weighted GPA.

Dual Enrollment

Juniors and seniors have the opportunity to enroll in courses at local colleges to earn high school and college credit.

Advanced Placement

AP™ courses are rigorous college-level courses that prepare students for AP™ exams that may qualify students for college credits. The AP™ courses offered are:

Biology	Government & Politics: US
Calculus AB	Music Theory
Calculus BC	Physics 1 & 2
Chemistry	Seminar
Computer Science	Spanish Language
English Language & Composition	Spanish Literature
English Literature & Composition	United States History
Environmental Science	World History
European History	

Test Scores

Class of 2016 Superscore Averages:

SAT 1 Critical Reading	480
SAT 1 Math	460
SAT 1 Writing	470
ACT (composite)	21

Class of 2016 Profile

Future Plans:	
4-year College	57%
2-year College	33%
Technical School	2%
Armed Forces	3%
Employment/Missionary Service	5%

CCS Graduates have been accepted to the following 4-Year Colleges

Temple University	University of Delaware	University of Pennsylvania
Kutztown University	University of Pittsburgh	St. John's University (NY)
West Chester University	University of Richmond	Philadelphia University
Drexel University	Villanova University	St. Joseph's University
Penn State University	Wake Forest University	Keystone College
Lehigh University	Shippensburg University	East Stroudsburg University
Alvernia College	Montclair State University	Immaculata University
Millersville University	American University	Elizabethtown College
Albright College	Eastern University	Bloomsburg University
Cabrini College	Messiah College	California University
Salisbury University	Indiana University of PA	Lock Haven University
Ursinus College	Robert Morris University	Seton Hall University
Widener University	Slippery Rock University	Stevens Inst. of Technology
University of Maryland	York College	
Point Park University	Thiel College	

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