

# PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025



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## About Our Community

Peters Township is located approximately 15 miles south of Pittsburgh in the northeastern corner of Washington County. A professional bedroom community of Pittsburgh, this 19.5 square mile township maintains a rich sense of tradition in its transition from a rural, farm community to a suburban, upper-middle class neighborhood. We serve a population of more than 21,400 with over 7,500 households.

## Curriculum

Peters Township High School offers a challenging curriculum to meet the needs of all students. We offer:

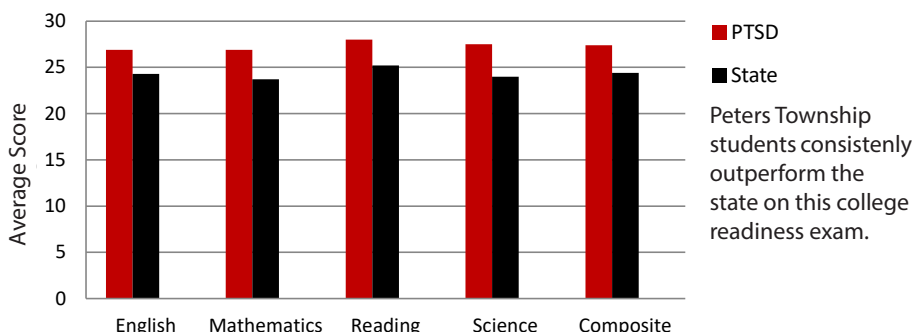
- **21 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics C Mechanics/E&M, Physics I: Algebra Based, Environmental Science, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Politics, European History, Economics, Psychology, Spanish, French, German, Music Theory, Computer Science A, and Computer Science Principles.
- **Honors level courses** are offered in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies starting in the 9th grade. Honors courses are also available in the Fine Arts, Business and Computer Information Technology, and World Language (level IV).
- **Career and technical education courses** through our partnership with the Western Area Career and Technology Center. Students may choose from options that include: Auto Mechanics, Automation Robotics Engineering Technology, Carpentry, Collision Repair Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electrical Occupations, Rehabilitation Aide/ Sports Medicine, Health Assistant, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Machine Shop, Masonry, Networking, and Welding
- **College level courses** are offered in partnership with the University of Pittsburgh, Carlow University, and the Community College of Beaver County (CCBC). Students can enroll in College in the High School (CHS) courses offered in the Business, World Languages, Computers, Media, Information and Technology Department and the Science Department. Students also can enroll in CCBC High School Academies and earn up to 28 college credits. The CCBC High School Academies provides in-person and virtual curriculum in Aviation, Criminal Justice, Education, Health, and STEM pathways. Students enrolled in CHS courses and the dual enrollment CCBC High School Academies courses earn AP weighted credit.

## Academic Achievement

**SAT Scores:** Class of 2023 (206 students took the exam)\*

	Math	Reading & Writing	TOTAL
Peters Township	610	610	1220
Pennsylvania	569	590	1159

**ACT Scores:** Class of 2022 (49 students took the exam)\*



\*Fewer than 15 students in the Class of 2023 took the ACT Exam.

## Administration

Dr. Jeannine French, Superintendent  
 Dr. Jennifer Murphy, Deputy Superintendent  
 Dr. Lori Pavlik, Principal  
 Mrs. Ashli Detweiler, Assistant Principal  
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 Mrs. Joie Conroy, Assistant Principal  
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## School Counselors

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## About the District: Enrollment

- Current District-Wide: 4,029 Students
- Peters Township High School: 1,276 (Gr. 9-12)
- Peters Township Middle School: 963 (Gr. 6-8)
- McMurray Elementary: 612 (Gr. 4-5)
- Bower Hill Elementary: 682 (Gr. K-3)
- Pleasant Valley Elementary: 496 (Gr. K-3)

## National Merit Scholarship Program

Class of	2022	2023	2024
Scholarship Awards	2	2	3
Finalists	5	3	5
Semi-Finalists	5	3	5
Commended Students	9	11	13

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## About Our School District

Each day, we welcome more than 3,900 students to School in Peters Township. Success in our school is measured not only by our stringent academic standards, but by our character as well. Pleasant Valley Elementary School and Peters Township Middle School have been recognized as **National Blue Ribbon Schools** by the U.S. Department of Education and the District received the distinction of being named a National School District of Character by the Character Education Partnership.

In their 2023 Annual Guide to Schools, the Pittsburgh Business Times has ranked Peters Township 3rd in our region and 6th overall across the state. The regional ranking includes the seven counties in Southwestern PA and the statewide ranking includes the nearly 500 districts across Pennsylvania.

Additional PTHS Highlights:

- The Class of 2024 included five **National Merit Finalists** and 13 **National Merit Commended Students**, and 41 students who graduated as PT Scholars with a grade point average of 5.0 or above.
- Last year, 235 students earned AP Scholar Awards for their performance on Advanced Placement Exams. 106 of those students earned the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 4.2 on all AP Exams and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.
- Our schools are consistently recognized among the best in the region and across the state. U.S. News and World Report named PTHS the best high school in the region in 2023. At the elementary level, U.S. News ranked Bower Hill Elementary #1 in Pennsylvania.
- Peters Township High School has been recognized by The College Board with an AP School Honor Roll Gold Award. The Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Among the criteria for the Honor Roll are: 40% or more of the graduating cohort took at least 1 AP Exam during high school, 25% or more of the graduating cohort scored a 3 or higher on at least 1 AP Exam during high school and 2% or more of the graduating cohort took 5 or more AP Exams during high school.

## Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 26 credits is required in the following areas:

English, 4 credits  
Social Studies, 4 credits  
Mathematics, 4 credits  
Science, 4 credits  
Arts/Humanities, 1 credit  
Physical Education, .50 credit  
Health, .50 credit  
Technology, .50 credit  
Electives, 7.5 credits

## Grading Scale

A 90 - 100  
B 80 - 89  
C 70 - 79  
D 60 - 69  
F Below 60

Student GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale with additional weight given to Honors, Advanced Placement and CHS courses.

## Academic Awards & Honors

Awards are given annually to recognize academic achievement based on the student's weighted grade point average.

4.8 & above: Academic Highest Honors  
4.4-4.79: Academic High Honors  
4.0-4.39: Academic Honors  
3.5-3.99: Academic Achievement

An honor roll is produced quarterly based on the unweighted GPA:

Highest Honors: 4.0  
High Honors: 3.6 - 3.99  
Honors: 3.30 - 3.59

*According to District policy, class rank has been eliminated from the High School transcript.*

## Class of 2024: 288 Graduates

85.8% Four year colleges  
7.1% Two year colleges/Trade School/  
Technical School  
2% Military  
2% Enter Workforce  
3.1% Other

## Sampling of College Selections - Class of 2024

Arizona State University  
Auburn University  
Boise State University  
Brown University  
Butler University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Clemson University  
Community College of Allegheny County  
Duquesne University  
Elon University  
Florida Atlantic University  
Hofstra University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Grove City College  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
John Carroll University  
Kent State University  
Mercyhurst University  
Miami University of Ohio  
Michigan State University  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Ohio State University  
Penn West California University  
Penn West Edinboro University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Point Park University  
Purdue University  
Robert Morris University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rosedale Technical College  
Saint Vincent College  
San Diego State University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Seton Hill University  
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
University of Alabama  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Dayton  
University of Florida  
University of Kentucky  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of South Carolina  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee  
University of Virginia  
Vanderbilt University  
Virginia Tech  
Washington and Jefferson College  
Waynesburg University  
West Virginia University