

PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024



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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:

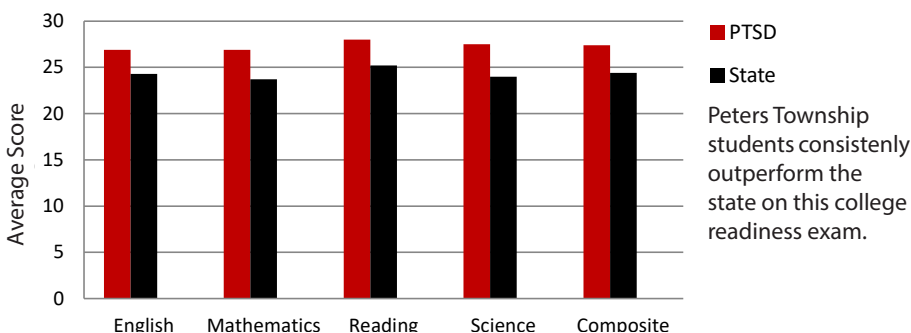
- **21 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics C Mechanics/E&M, Physics I: Algebra Based, Environmental Science, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Politics, European History, 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, Computers, 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 2022 (287 students took the exam)*

	Math	Reading & Writing	TOTAL
Peters Township	611	598	1210
Pennsylvania	540	551	1091

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



*Information will be updated as soon as it becomes available.

Administration

Dr. Jeannine French, Superintendent
 Dr. Jennifer Murphy, Deputy Superintendent
 Dr. Lori Pavlik, Principal
 Dr. Christian Lesnett, Assistant Principal
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About the District: Enrollment

- Current District-Wide: 3,943 Students
- Peters Township High School: 1,231 (Gr. 9-12)
- Peters Township Middle School: 935 (Gr. 6-8)
- McMurray Elementary: 612 (Gr. 4-5)
- Bower Hill Elementary: 681 (Gr. K-3)
- Pleasant Valley Elementary: 484 (Gr. K-3)

National Merit Scholarship Program

Class of	2021	2022	2023
Scholarship Awards	2	2	2
Finalists	3	5	3
Semi-Finalists	3	5	3
Commended Students	12	9	11

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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 2023 included three **National Merit Finalists** and 11 **National Merit Commended Students**, and 40 students who graduated as PT Scholars with a grade point average of 5.0 or above. Overall, the Class of 2023 earned \$4 million in scholarships.
- Last year, 196 students earned **AP Scholar Awards** for their performance on Advanced Placement Exams. Additionally, 87 students earned the **AP Scholar with Distinction Award** by earning an average score of at least 3.5 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 2022. At the elementary level, U.S. News ranked Bower Hill Elementary 2nd in PA, with Pleasant Valley Elementary ranking 3rd.

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 2023: 293 Graduates

- 81.4% Four year colleges
- 9.7% Two year colleges/Trade School/Technical School
- 0.3% Undecided
- 0.7% Military
- 7.9% Enter Workforce

COVID-19 Update: Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, Peters Township offered both 5 day in-person and remote learning options for our students. Remote education provided synchronous instruction for approximately 20% of our student body in the core classes of math, science, English, and social studies, and asynchronous learning for elective offerings. During times of substantial levels of transmission, the PA Department of Health recommended the high school close on four separate occasions for a total of 42 instructional days. Remote learning with synchronous instruction in all courses continued for our students during building closures. Grading procedures remained the same throughout the school year and the District maintained the same rigorous curriculum for all students.

Sampling of College Selections - Class of 2023

Arizona State University
Auburn University
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Clemson University
Community College of Allegheny County
Duquesne University
Elon 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
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 Kentucky
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Carolina
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech
Washington and Jefferson College
Waynesburg University
West Virginia University