

West Chester Bayard Rustin High School

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COMMUNITY PROFILE- The West Chester Area School District covers a 75-square-mile suburban area in central Chester County, Pennsylvania, approximately 25 miles southwest of Philadelphia and 12 miles north of Wilmington, Delaware. The district is comprised of the West Chester Borough and seven surrounding townships. The area is known for its many diverse businesses and beautiful historic countryside. The student population of approximately 12,050 is served by three high schools, three middle schools, and ten elementary schools.

SCHOOL PROFILE- A four-year comprehensive high school and the newest of the district's three high schools, Rustin has received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Academics and the Pennsylvania Keystone Achievement Award for its commitment to academic success. **Newsweek**, **U.S. News and World Report**, **Philadelphia Magazine**, **and other local and national publications consistently rate the school as one of the top public highschools**, **locally**, **regionally**, and **nationally**.

ENROLLMENT- Total enrollment at Rustin High School for the 2022-23 school year is approximately 1,216 students with a professional staff of 116. Enrollment for the Class of 2023 is approximately 318 students.

CURRICULUM: Reflecting the district's commitment to meeting the needs of all students, the core courses of language arts, math, science and social studies are aligned to the Pennsylvania Standards. Advanced Placement (AP^{IM}) courses are offered in all of the core disciplines.

Connected by wireless technology, interactive white boards, laptops, and iPads are integrated throughout the curriculum to create a dynamic learning environment.

World language courses include French, German, Italian, Latin and Spanish from basic through advanced levels. A wide variety of elective courses are offered in business, marketing, music, art, family and consumer sciences, and technology education.

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS- In order to provide educational programs that fulfill the unique needs of seniors, students who meet certain criteria are eligible to participate in the following educational options.

- **Dual Enrollment Program:** Seniors may earn high school and college credits by enrolling in courses at local colleges and universities.
- Blended Learning: This is a dynamic learning format that allows students to experience courses where they interact with the curriculum partially at school and partially through the online delivery- of content and instruction.
- Career Exploration Program: Seniors may explore future career choices by participating in an internship, externship, or job shadowing.
- Cyber Program: Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, our topranked education program will be available online for students in grades K through 12, providing a high quality, personalized, flexible education that fits the needs our students and families.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS- A total of 23.8 credits and a completed graduation project are required for graduation.

English 4 credits
Social studies 4 credits
Mathematics 3 credits
Science 3 credits
Arts/Humanities 2 credits
Electives 5 credits
Health/Physical Ed. 2.8 credits

ADVANCED PLACEMENT- The West Chester Area School District received Advanced Placement (AP™) Honor Roll status from CollegeBoard. Advanced Placement courses prepare students for AP tests, which may qualify them for college credit and/or exempt them from freshman-level college courses. Available courses are:

- American History
- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus (AB)
- Calculus (BC)
- Capston Research
- Capstone Seminar
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- Economics
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- European History
- Human Geography
- French/German/Italian/Latin/Spanish
- Music Theory
- Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism/Mechanics
- Physics 1: Algebra Based
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Studio Art
- United States Government and Politics

STUDENT ASSESSMENTS- The district administers the following assessment to aid teachers and counselors in diagnosing individual strengths and weaknesses in order to provide more effective instruction: PSAT - administered to all tenth and eleventh graders in October.

| Mean Test Scores - | - CLASS OF 2022 | AP Sc | HOLARS - | 2022 | |
|--|------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| SAT I Math SAT I ERW ACT (core) | 575 581 25 | AP Capstone Diploma AP Scholars w/Distinction AP Scholars w/Honors | | 3 19 7 | |
| FUTURE PLANS - CLA 4-year college | | AP S Nati c | cholars NAL MER | IT RECOGNI | |
| 2-year college Technical school Armed Forces | 5% 5% 1% | <u>Class</u> 2020 2021 | <u>Finalists</u> 3 0 | Semifinalists 3 3 | Commended 5 2 |
| Employment/Other | 9% | 2022 2023 | O TBA | o 4 | 7 0 |

CLASS RANK AND GRADING SCALE is

computed as recommended by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Students have the option to include or not include elective courses at the academic level into the GPA. Grades are weighted in honors, accelerated honors, and AP courses. * Class rank will not be recorded on a student's transcript for the class of 2021 and beyond. Any institution may request in writing from the School Counseling Department the class rank of any student if class rank is required for admission to that school or needed for any scholarship program. Students may elect to waive the quality points from certain non-academic elective courses in the calculation of their grade point averages.

| <u>Grade</u> | Career & College Prep | <u>Honors</u> | AP & Accel. <u>Honors</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| A + = 97-100 | 4.3 | 4.73 | 5.16 |
| A = 93-96 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.8 |
| A = 90-92 | 3.7 | 4.07 | 4.44 |
| B+ = 87-89 | 3.3 | 3.63 | 3.96 |
| B = 83-86 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| B- = 80-82 | 2.7 | 2.97 | 3.24 |
| C + = 77 - 79 | 2.3 | 2.53 | 2.76 |
| C = 73-76 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| C - = 70 - 72 | 1.7 | 1.87 | 2.04 |
| F = below 7 | 0 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 2022 AWARDS AND RANKINGS US News and World Report #52 in PA, #1479 Nationally | GPA DISTIBUTION OF THE CLASS OF 2023 (318 STUDENTS) |
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| Schooldigger.com 5 stars, #154 out of 663 in PA | ≥4.6 33 |
| Niche A+ rating, #20 in PA | 4.25-4.5 66 |
| National & PIAA State Individual & Team Champion Track and Fiel | d 4.0-4.24 47 |
| 8 Ches-Mont League Championships | 3.5-3.9 81 |
| 2 District and Regional Chorus | 3.0-3.4 44 |
| Rustin Concert Choir also received a 1st place Superior Rankin | ^{1g} 2.5-2.9 28 |
| at the Music in the Parks Festival at Hershey Park 5 Rustin Choral students went to District Chorus | 2.0-2.4 12 |
| 3 Rustin Choral students went to District Chorus | <2.0 4 |

Due to the global impact of COVID-19, during the 2019-2020 school year Rustin High School provided virtual learning for students from March 2020 through the end of the school year. Standard grading policies remained in effect for the 3rd marking period. Students earned a satisfactory or unsatisfactory grade during the 4th marking period OR students were able to opt to have their 4th marking period grades calculated into their final averages. During the 2020-2021 school year, Rustin High School provided virtual learning for all student through the 1st marking period. A hybrid (in person and virtual) model was adapted beginning in the 2nd marking period through the 3rd marking period. Students were 100% in person during the 4th marking period. Families were provided a choice between in person learning or virtual learning. The minimum grade issued to students was adjusted to; 1st marking period: 65, 2nd marking period: 60; 3rd marking period: 60, 4th marking period: 60 to support students' needs during the pandemic. Standard grading policies will be followed during the 2022-2023 school year, as noted in this document.

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