



WEST CHESTER HENDERSON 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 eleven elementary schools.

ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION- A four-year comprehensive high school, B. Reed Henderson is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Henderson received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Academics from the U. S. Department of Education, and the Pennsylvania Keystone Achievement Award for its commitment to academic success. Over the last several years, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Niche.com*, and *Schooldigger.com* have recognized B. Reed Henderson High School as one of the top secondary schools in the state of Pennsylvania.

ENROLLMENT- Total enrollment at Henderson High School for the 2024-25 school year is close to 1,437 students with a professional staff of 123. Enrollment for the class of 2025 is approximately 372 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™) 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: Our top-ranked education program will be available online for students in grades 6 through 12, providing a high quality, personalized, flexible education that fits the needs our students and families.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The West Chester Area School District earned 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)
- Capstone 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
- Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism/Mechanics
- Physics 1: Algebra Based
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Studio Art
- United States Government and Politics

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

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 2024		NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION			
SAT I Math	596	<u>Class</u>	<u>Finalists</u>	<u>Semifinalists</u>	<u>Commended</u>
SAT I ERW	576	2021	3	0	7
ACT (core)	27.1	2022	3	0	7
		2023	3	3	10
		2024	4	5	8
FUTURE PLANS - CLASS OF 2024		AP SCHOLARS - 2024			
4-year college	84.8%	AP Seminar and Research Certificate	1		
2-year college	3.6%	AP Scholars w/Distinction	74		
Technical school	2.1%	AP Scholars w/Honors	36		
Armed Forces	1.8%	AP Scholars	75		
Employment/Other	7.8%				

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.

Grade	Career & College Prep	Honors	AP & Accel. Honors	GPA DISTRIBUTION OF THE CLASS OF 2025 (372 STUDENTS)	
A+ = 97-100	4.3	4.73	5.16		
A = 93-96	4.0	4.4	4.8	≥4.6	12%
A- = 90-92	3.7	4.07	4.44	4.25-4.5	24.5%
B+ = 87-89	3.3	3.63	3.96	4.0-4.24	14.2%
B = 83-86	3.0	3.3	3.6	3.5-3.9	19.3%
B- = 80-82	2.7	2.97	3.24	3.0-3.4	17.2%
C+ = 77-79	2.3	2.53	2.76	2.5-2.9	7.1%
C = 73-76	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.0-2.4	3.5%
C- = 70-72	1.7	1.87	2.04	<2.0	2.2%
F = below 70	0	0	0		

2024 AWARDS AND RANKINGS

- U.S News and World Report (PA #44, #1344 in U.S.)
- Niche.com #40 in PA- A Rating
- AP Equity and Excellence- 32.8%
- 23 PMEA District Musicians, 11 PMEA Region Musicians, 5 PMEA All-State Musicians
- 5 Ches-Mont Championships
- PA Best Buddies Chapter of the Year

SCHOOL COUNSELORS	Ashley Sullivan, A-Cri Colleen Allen, Lef-Pa	Heather Bratton, Cro-Gr Kathleen Teague, Pe-Sma	Ali Donohue, Gu-Lee Becky Singer, Smc-Z
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