



GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

2020-2021 Profile

CEEB Code: 392-363

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Located 25 miles west of Philadelphia in Chester County, PA, the Great Valley School District has a population of 32,975. The district encompasses an area of 43.3 square miles and includes Charlestown, East Whiteland and Willistown Townships, plus the borough of Malvern.

Great Valley is a comprehensive public high school with an enrollment of 1377 students in grades 9 through 12. The professional staff numbers 107 and is fully accredited. Great Valley High School has been recognized by the United States Department of Education for "Excellence in Education." The district maintains academic partnerships that include the Desmond Project, Sports Marketing, and the Danish Exchange Program.

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ABILITY GROUPING

Each course number indicates the instructional level at which the course is presented. GVHS instructional levels are: Advanced Placement (AP), Honors (HR), Academic A (AA), and Modified Course (MC)

0 = Honors or AP 2/3 = Academic A 5 = Modified Course

Note: Numbers for courses from other schools or programs do not reflect Great Valley academic levels. Courses labeled with the TRAN code have been transferred from another accredited school.

GRADING

Report cards are issued four times during the school year. Grades include: A (90-100) Superior, B (80-89) Above Average, C (70-79) Average, D (60-69) Below Average, and E (Below 60) Failing Grade.

A grade of "S" (Satisfactory) carries credit toward graduation but is not included in the computation of the grade point average. A grade of "U" (Unsatisfactory) is the equivalent of a failure and is computed in the grade point average. Courses coded with the "TRAN" code are transferred from another accredited school and are also not included in the computation of the grade point average.

Letter Grade Conversion Scale

A+ - 4.25	B+ - 3.25	C+ - 2.25	D+ - 1.25
A - 4.00	B - 3.00	C - 2.00	D - 1.00
A- - 3.75	B- - 2.75	C- - 1.75	D- - 0.75
			E - 0

CURRICULUM AND ADVANCED PROGRAMS

Great Valley High School students are offered an extensive and diverse curriculum featuring a wealth of elective courses. The average class size is 28 students. All Great Valley students are required to successfully complete:

- Four years of English and Physical Education.
- Three years of Math, Science and Social Studies.
- Two Health courses plus a distribution requirement in humanities and elective areas.

Honors and AP courses are designed to offer a greater breadth and depth of learning experiences and are considered to be substantially more difficult than others in the curriculum. In recognition of the high level of achievement expected, grades in these courses are given a weighted factor of .50 for AP, and .25 for Honors, in addition to the grade points indicated in the "Letter Grade Conversion Scale" found on Page 1. For example, a "B" in an Honors class would receive a quality point value of 3.25 in the GPA calculation, and a "B" in an AP class would receive a quality point value of 3.5 in the GPA calculation.

Advanced Placement Courses

Biology	Computer Science Principles	European History	Music Theory	Statistics
Calculus AB	Economics	French Language	Physics 1	Studio Art—3D Design
Calculus BC	English Language: Comp	German Language	Physics 2	Studio Art Drawing
Chemistry	English Literature: Comp	Human Geography	Psychology	US Gov't & Politics
Computer Science	Environmental Science	Latin: Vergil	Spanish Language	US History

Honors Courses

Accounting	Chemistry 2	French 4	Gov't & Economics	Pre-Calculus
Algebra 2	English 9	French 5	Latin 4	Spanish 4
Biology	English 10	Geometry	Latin 5	Spanish 5
Biology 2	English 11	German 4	Physics	US History
Chemistry	English 12	German 5	Physics 2	World History

CONTINUING EDUCATION

For the class of 2020, approximately 91% of Great Valley High School graduates continued in a program of higher education. Approximately 84% enrolled in 4-year colleges and 7% enrolled in 1 and 2-year colleges.

GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Cumulative Grade Point Distribution

Compiled at the end of grade 11
(Class size of 336)

4.302 - 4.519 = 5%	3.497 - 3.642 = 10%
4.196 - 4.295 = 5%	3.353 - 3.494 = 10%
4.037 - 4.186 = 10%	3.115 - 3.341 = 10%
3.918 - 4.033 = 10%	2.817 - 3.113 = 10%
3.795 - 3.911 = 10%	1.238 - 2.813 = 10%
3.644 - 3.792 = 10%	

CLASS RANK

Class rank is not included on report cards or transcripts. Great Valley School District will provide colleges with a detailed grade distribution.

When requested by a student, parent, or college, class rank will be reported in deciles. If a student falls in the top 5%, that fact (rather than top 10%) will be reported, and counselors will emphasize the high academic achievement of those with a 4.0 GPA or above in their recommendations.

**GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2021**

Grade Distribution

Compiled at the end of grade 11. (Class size of 336)

GRADE RANGE	DISTRIBUTION
3.5 – 4.519	59.5%
3.0 - 3.49	25.2%
2.5 - 2.99	9.8%
2.0 - 2.49	3.5%
1.5 - 1.99	1.0%
0.0 - 1.49	1.0%

**NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

- 2019** Four members of the Class of 2019 were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists. An additional 14 were recognized as Commended Students.
- 2020** Sixteen members of the Class of 2020 were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists. An additional 13 were recognized as Commended Students.
- 2021** Eleven members of the Class of 2021 were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists. An additional 14 were recognized as Commended Students.

MEAN SAT AND ACT SCORES

CLASS OF 2019
(Class size of 302)

SAT

Evidence Based Reading & Writing: 604

Mean Math: 610

Number of students reporting scores: 260

Percentage of class reporting scores: 86%

ACT

Mean English: 25.0 Mean Mathematics: 24.8

Mean Reading: 25.9 Mean Science: 24.5

Mean Composite: 25.2

Number of students reporting scores: 129

Percentage of class reporting scores: 43%

CLASS OF 2020
(Class size of 290)

SAT

Evidence Based Reading & Writing: 616

Mean Math: 627

Number of students reporting scores: 249

Percentage of class reporting scores: 84%

ACT

Mean English: 26.9 Mean Mathematics: 26.1

Mean Reading: 27.1 Mean Science: 26.4

Mean Composite: 26.8

Number of students reporting scores: 90

Percentage of class reporting scores: 31%

GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL POST SECONDARY EDUCATION REPORT: CLASS OF 2020

(Class size of 290)

Information as of July 1, 2020, indicated that 91% of the class of 2020 planned to formally continue their education at the types of institutions shown below.

Four Year Programs

PA state universities.....	8%
PA commonwealth universities.....	25%
PA independent colleges.....	20%
Colleges outside of PA.....	31%

One and Two Year Programs

Independent colleges outside of PA.....	0%
Independent colleges in PA.....	0%
Community colleges.....	6%
Vo/technical schools.....	1%

The remaining 9% of the class pursued the military, employment, travel, or were undecided.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING ONE OR MORE STUDENTS FROM THE GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

**Indicates more than one student accepted*

The University of Alabama*	Florida State University*	Mount St. Mary's University-MD	The University of Scranton*
Alvernia University*	Fordham University*	Muhlenberg College	Seton Hall University*
American University*	Franklin and Marshall College*	Nazareth College	Shenandoah University
Amherst College	Frost School of Music	Neumann University*	Shippensburg University of PA*
Arcadia University*	George Mason University	University of New Hampshire	University of South Carolina*
Arizona State University-Tempe*	George Washington University*	University of New Haven	University of Southern California
The University of Arizona*	Georgia Institute of Technology*	The College of New Jersey*	St Lawrence University
Automotive Training Center	Georgia Southern University	New York Institute of Technology	University of St. Thomas
Becker College	Gettysburg College*	New York University*	Stevens Institute of Technology
Bentley University*	Gettysburg College	The University of NC at Chapel Hill*	Stevenson University*
Berklee College of Music	Goucher College	University of NC at Charlotte	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania*	Grinnell College	University of NC Wilmington*	Susquehanna University
Boise State University	University of Hartford	North Carolina State University	Syracuse University*
Boston College*	Haverford College	Northeastern University*	The University of Tampa*
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	High Point University*	University of Northern Colorado	Temple University*
Boston University*	Hobart William Smith Colleges*	University of Notre Dame	The University of Tennessee*
Brandeis University*	Hofstra University*	Oakland University*	Texas A&M University
Bryn Mawr College	College of the Holy Cross	Old Dominion University*	The University of Texas at Arlington
Bucknell University*	University of Houston	Orange Coast College	The University of Texas at Austin*
Cabrini University*	University of IL at Urbana*	Pace University-New York*	The Ohio State University*
University of CA-Berkeley	Immaculata University*	Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences	Towson University*
University of CA, Davis*	Indiana University-Bloomington*	Pennsylvania College of Technology*	Tufts University
University of CA-Irvine	Indiana University of PA*	Pennsylvania State University (Schreyer Honors College) *	University of Lynchburg*
University of CA, Los Angeles*	Ithaca College*	Pennsylvania State University-Abington	University of Southern California
University of Ca, San Diego*	James Madison University*	Pennsylvania State University-Berks	School of Cinematic Arts
University of CA-Santa Barbara*	Jefferson University*	Pennsylvania State University-Brandywine*	Ursinus College*
Carnegie Mellon University*	Johnson & Wales-Providence	Pennsylvania State University-Harrisburg	University of Utah
Case Western Reserve University	University of Kentucky	Pennsylvania State University-Berks	Vanderbilt University*
Castleton University	Kenyon College	Pennsylvania State University-Brandywine*	University of Vermont*
Cedar Crest College	Kutztown University of PA*	Pennsylvania State University-Harrisburg	Villanova University*
Centenary University	La Salle University*	University of Pennsylvania*	Virginia Commonwealth University*
University of Central Florida	Lafayette College	University of Pittsburgh-Bradford	Virginia Commonwealth University Honors College
Central Piedmont Comm College	Lawrence Technological University	University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown	Virginia Tech*
Champlain College*	Lebanon Valley College	University of Pittsburgh*	Wake Forest University
College of Charleston*	Lehigh University*	University of Pittsburgh-Honors College*	Washington & Jefferson College
Chestnut Hill College	Liberty University	Pratt Institute-Main	Washington and Lee University
University of Cincinnati	Lock Haven University*	Princeton University	Washington College
Clemson University*	Louisiana State University	Purdue University *	University of Washington
Coastal Carolina University*	University of Louisville	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*	Wayne State University
University of Colorado Boulder*	Loyola University Maryland*	University of Rhode Island*	Wesley College
Colorado School of Mines	Lycoming College*	University of Richmond*	Wesleyan University
Colorado State University	Maine Maritime Academy	Roanoke College	West Chester University of PA*
Columbia University	University of Maine	Robert Morris University	West Virginia University*
Concordia University-Wisconsin	Marist College*	Rochester College	Western Michigan University
University of Connecticut	Marquette University	Rochester Institute of Technology*	Widener University*
Cornell University	University of MD Eastern Shore	University of Rochester*	William and Mary*
Delaware County Comm College*	University of MD-College Park*	Rollins College	Wilson College
Delaware Valley University*	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Rosemont College	University of Windsor
University of Delaware*	University of Massachusetts-Amherst*	Rowan University*	Wingate University
University of Denver	University of Massachusetts-Boston	Rutgers University-New Brunswick*	University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Dickinson College	McDaniel College	Rutgers University-Newark	Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
Dominican University	McPherson College	Sacred Heart University	Xavier University
Drexel University*	Messiah University*	Saint Joseph's University*	Yale University
Duke University	Miami University-Oxford	Saint Louis University-Madrid	York College of Pennsylvania*
Duquesne University*	University of Miami*	University of San Diego	
East Carolina University	Michigan State University*	Savannah College of Art and Design*	
East Stroudsburg University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor*	University of the Sciences*	
Eastern Kentucky University*	Middlebury College		
Eastern University*	Millersville University of PA*		
Eckerd College	Misericordia University*		
Elon University*	University of Mississippi		
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.	Montana State University		
Emory University*	Montgomery County Community College		
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Moravian College		
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising-Los Angeles			