



# GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## 2016-2017 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 26,454. 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 1268 students in grades 9 through 12. The professional staff numbers 105 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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**Recognized for Excellence**  
**by the Pennsylvania and**  
**United States Departments**  
**of Education**

### ABILITY GROUPING

**For the 2014-2015 school year and beyond**—Each course number also indicates the instructional level at which the course is presented. GVHS instructional levels are: Advanced Placement (AP), Honors (HR), Accelerated (AC), Academic A (AA), Academic B (AB), and Modified Course (MC)

Most required academic courses and many electives are offered at more than one ability level. Levels of CORE COURSES ONLY taken before the 2014-2015 school year are indicated on the transcript by the last digit of the number that precedes the course title.

0 = Honors or A.P.	2/3 = Academic A	5 = Modified Course
1 = Accelerated	4 = Academic B	

Note: Numbers for courses from other schools or programs do not reflect Great Valley academic levels.

\*Please note, starting with the 2016-17 school year, most GVHS elective courses are no longer leveled and do not receive GPA weight (including Band//Choir, etc.) The rigor of these courses has not changed; they are just no longer leveled. Elective Advanced Placement courses, Hrs. Accounting, and Hrs. Intro to Programming continue to be leveled and will receive weight in the GPA calculation.

### 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 24 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.

Accelerated, 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 1.0 for AP, .50 for Honors, and .25 for Accelerated in addition to the grade points indicated in the "Letter Grade Conversion Scale" found on Page 1. For example, a grade of "B" in an Accelerated class would receive a quality point value of 3.25 instead of 3.0 in the GPA calculation, a "B" in a Honors class would receive a quality point value of 3.5 in the GPA calculation, and a "B" in an AP class would receive a quality point value of 4.0 in the GPA calculation.

### Advanced Placement Courses

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

### Honors Courses

Accounting	Chemistry	English 10	German 5	Physics 2
Algebra 2	Chemistry 2	English 11*	Intro to Programming	Pre-Calculus
Biology	Engineering Design	French 5	Latin 5	Spanish 5
Biology 2	English 9*	Geometry*	Physics	

### New Honors Courses for 2016-2017

Calculus	German 4	Modern & Contemporary Fiction	Spanish 4	World History
Forms of Fiction	Gov't & Economics	Plays & Playwrights	US History	
French 4	Latin 4			

\* = not available to Class of 2017

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

For the class of 2016, approximately 95% of Great Valley High School graduates continued in a program of higher education. Approximately 89% enrolled in 4-year colleges and 6% enrolled in 1 and 2-year colleges.

### GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2017

#### Cumulative Grade Point Distribution Compiled at the end of grade 11 (Class size of 315)

4.378 - 4.738 = 5%	3.329 - 3.481 = 10%
4.166 - 4.351 = 5%	3.102 - 3.327 = 10%
3.990 - 4.159 = 10%	2.853 - 3.063 = 10%
3.795 - 3.988 = 10%	2.330 - 2.832 = 10%
3.682 - 3.791 = 10%	.573 - 2.325 = 10%
3.482 - 3.668 = 10%	

### CLASS RANK

According to the policy passed by the Great Valley Board of School Directors in September, 1992, Great Valley High School does not rank its students. 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 percentages. If a student falls in the top 5%, that will be reported. Counselors will emphasize the high academic achievement of those students with a 4.0 GPA or above in their recommendation. Upon written request from parents or guardians, the principal (or designee) may report a specific rank.

**GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 2017**

**Grade Distribution**

*Compiled at the end of grade 11. (Class size of 315)*

<b>GRADE RANGE</b>	<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>
3.5 - 4.738	48.6%
3.0 - 3.49	25.1%
2.5 - 2.99	14.2%
2.0 - 2.49	8.9%
1.5 - 1.99	1.9%
0.0 - 1.49	1.3%

**NATIONAL MERIT  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

- 2015** Eight members of the Class of 2015 were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists. An additional 13 were recognized as Commended Students.
- 2016** Ten members of the Class of 2016 were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists. An additional 11 were recognized as Commended Students.
- 2017** Eleven members of the Class of 2016 were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists. An additional 22 were recognized as Commended Students.

**MEAN SAT AND ACT SCORES**

**CLASS OF 2015  
(Class size of 289)**

**SAT**

**Mean Critical Reading: 563 Mean Math: 572**  
**Mean Writing: 546**  
**Number of students reporting scores: 264**  
**Percentage of class reporting scores: 91%**

**ACT**

**Mean English: 24.2 Mean Mathematics: 25.7**  
**Mean Reading: 25.1 Mean Science: 24.8**  
**Mean Composite: 25.1**  
**Number of students reporting scores: 147**  
**Percentage of class reporting scores: 51%**

**CLASS OF 2016  
(Class size of 273)**

**SAT**

**Mean Critical Reading: 566 Mean Math: 564**  
**Mean Writing: 552**  
**Number of students reporting scores: 253**  
**Percentage of class reporting scores: 93%**

**ACT**

**Mean English: 24.8 Mean Mathematics: 25.3**  
**Mean Reading: 25.6 Mean Science: 25.1**  
**Mean Composite: 25.3**  
**Number of students reporting scores: 187**  
**Percentage of class reporting scores: 68%**

**GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL POST SECONDARY EDUCATION REPORT: CLASS OF 2016  
(Class size of 273)**

Information as of July 1, 2016, indicated that 95% of the class of 2016 planned to formally continue their education at the types of institutions shown below.

**Four Year Programs**

PA state universities..... 13%  
 PA commonwealth universities..... 27%  
 PA independent colleges..... 15%  
 Colleges outside of PA..... 34%

**One and Two Year Programs**

Independent colleges outside of PA..... 0%  
 Independent colleges in PA..... 1%  
 Community Colleges..... 4%  
 Vo/technical schools..... 1%

The remaining 5% of the class pursued employment, travel, or were undecided.

# COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING ONE OR MORE STUDENTS FROM THE GREAT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016

*\*Indicates more than one student accepted*

U of Alabama*	Emory*	Mills	Rowan*
Albright*	Fairfield	U of Minnesota, Twin Cities*	Rutgers, Camden
Alvernia*	Fairleigh Dickinson	Montana State, Bozeman	Saint Francis
American*	Ferris State	Moravian*	Saint Joseph's*
Arcadia*	Flagler	Mount Aloysius	Saint Michael's
Arizona State*	U of Florida	Mount St. Mary's	Salisbury*
U of Arizona*	Fordham*	Muhlenberg*	Samford
Azusa Pacific	Franklin & Marshall*	Neumann*	U of San Diego
Baldwin Wallace	Furman*	New England	U of San Francisco
Bard	Gannon	U of New Hampshire, Durham*	Savannah College of Art & Design
Barnard	George Mason*	New Jersey Institute of Technology	School of Visual Arts
Bates	George Washington*	New York Institute of Technology	U of the Sciences, Philadelphia*
Baylor	Georgetown	New York*	U of Scranton*
Belmont	U of Georgia	U of North Carolina, Charlotte*	Seton Hall*
Bentley	Gettysburg*	U of North Carolina, Wilming- ton*	Shippensburg*
Bloomsburg*	Gordon	North Carolina State	Skidmore
Boston University*	Grove City	U of North Texas	Slippery Rock*
Bowdoin	Gwynedd Mercy	Northampton Community College	U of South Carolina*
Bridgton Academy	Hampshire	Northeastern*	St. John's
Brown	Hampton	Northern Arizona	SUNY, Albany
Bryn Mawr	Harcum*	U of Northern Colorado	Susquehanna*
Bucknell*	U of Hartford*	Ohio	Syracuse*
Cabrini*	High Point*	Ohio State*	U of Tampa
U of California, Davis	Hobart and William Smith*	Old Dominion*	Temple*
U of California, San Diego	Hofstra*	Pace*	The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill
Case Western	Holy Family	Palm Beach Atlantic	Towson
Catholic*	Immaculata*	Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts	Trinity*
U of Central Florida*	Indiana University of PA*	Pennsylvania College of Technology	Tulane*
Champlain*	Ithaca	Penn State, Altoona*	US Military Academy, Army
College of Charleston*	James Madison*	Penn State, Berks	U of Buffalo
Chestnut Hill*	Johns Hopkins	Penn State, Brandywine*	U of Mount Olive
U of Chicago	Johnson & Wales*	Penn State, Harrisburg*	U of the Arts*
Christopher Newport*	Kenyon	Penn State, Lehigh	Ursinus*
Clarion	King's	Penn State, Schreyer*	U of Utah
Clemson*	Kutztown*	Penn State, University Park*	Vanderbilt*
Coastal Carolina*	LaSalle*	U of Pennsylvania*	U of Vermont*
Colby	Lafayette*	Philadelphia*	Villanova*
Colgate	Lebanon Valley	U of Pittsburgh*	Virginia Tech*
U of Colorado, Boulder*	Lehigh	U of Pittsburgh, Johnstown	Washington and Jefferson*
Colorado College	Liberty	U of Pittsburgh, Titusville	Waynesburg
Colorado Mesa*	Lock Haven*	Plymouth State*	Wellesley
Community College of Allegheny County	U of Louisville	Point Park	Wesley
Cornell	Loyola, Chicago	Purdue*	West Chester*
Delaware County Community College*	Loyola, Maryland*	Quinnipiac*	West Virginia*
Delaware Valley*	Lycoming	Randolph-Macon*	Western New England
U of Delaware*	Lynn	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*	Western State Colorado
Denison	U of Maine*	Rice*	Westmont
U of Denver	Mansfield U	U of Richmond	Widener*
DePaul	Marquette	Rider*	Wilkes*
DeSales	Maryland Institute College of Art	Roanoke*	College of William and Mary
Dickinson*	U of Maryland, Baltimore*	Robert Morris*	Williamson College of the Trades
Drexel*	U of Maryland, College Park*	Rochester Institute of Technology	York
Duquesne*	Marymount	U of Rochester	
East Carolina*	U of Massachusetts, Amherst*	Rosemont*	
East Stroudsburg*	U of Massachusetts, Boston*		
Eastern*	Merrimack		
Eckerd	Messiah		
Edinboro	Miami, Oxford*		
Elizabethtown*	U of Miami*		
Elon*	Michigan State		
	Middlebury		
	Millersville*		