

Downingtown High School West



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Our Mission

The mission of the Downingtown Area School District, proud of our tradition of excellence is to educate all students to meet the challenges of a global society by providing an individually responsive learning environment characterized by outstanding academic and personal achievements in partnership with family, students, and community.

School Community

Located in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Downingtown Area School District is a mix of a small town, farmland and numerous commercial areas. An abundance of new housing developments has caused a significant increase in school enrollment. The District serves over 13,550 students and has three high schools, Downingtown High School East Campus, Downingtown High School West Campus, and the STEM Academy.

Curriculum

Both East and West campus offer a wide program of studies that includes both Honors and Advanced Placement level courses. Classes are offered in a traditional, year round format. *A student's program of study largely depends upon course availability in a given year and teacher recommendation.* A typical high school schedule contains between six and seven credits of coursework each year. Approximately 73.6% of students take at least one Honors class and 30.4% take at least one AP class. Vocational career opportunities for seniors include Pupils Reaching Out (a work-based experience), early graduation and early college acceptance programs, career and work experiences, and field study experiences. The high school also has dual enrollment agreements with Delaware County Community College, West Chester University and Widener University.

Honors Courses

English Literature	Western Civilization	U.S. History	Political Science
African/Asian Studies	Geometry	Algebra II	Sociology
Physics I	Biology I	Biology II	Math Analysis
Chemistry I	Physics II	Earth & Space	Chemistry II
German	Spanish	French	Economics
Allied Health	Teacher Academy	Intro to Engin.	
Principles of Engin.	Computer Integ. Manufacturing		

Advanced Placement Courses

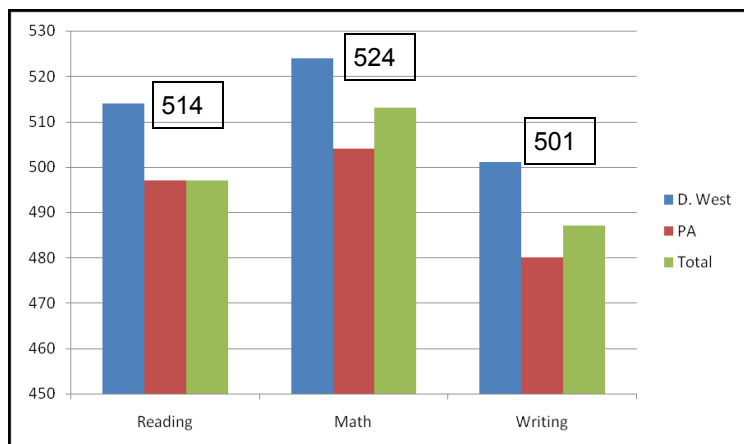
English Lit.	English Lang.	U.S. Government	U.S. History
European History	Psychology	World History	Economics
Human Geography	Chemistry	Physics	Biology
Environmental Sci.	Calculus AB	Calculus BC	Statistics
Computer Science	French	Spanish	German
Studio Art Drawing	Studio Art-2D	Studio Art-3	Music Theory

In May 2014, two hundred ninety-two (292) DHS West students took five hundred twenty (520) AP exams. There were three hundred sixty (360) test scores of 3 or above.. Seventy-two (72) test scores were a 5.

College Placement

For the class of 2014, approximately **82.7%** of students chose to attend four-year colleges, **10.2%** chose to attend two-year schools. An estimated **21.9%** indicated that they were going to attend private institutions, while **78.1%** reported that they were going to attend public institutions.

Mean SAT Scores*



Top Colleges: 2013-14

Top 5 attended:

1. West Chester University
2. Penn State: University Park
3. Temple University
4. University of Pittsburgh
5. Millersville University

Notable Universities attended:

1. University of Pennsylvania
2. Georgetown University
3. Lehigh University
4. Emerson College
5. University of Michigan

*Based on SAT 2014 College Bound Seniors, High School Profile Report

Grading System

A student's grade point average is calculated on a 4.0 scale. Additional quality points weight Honors and AP courses in major subject areas. Only final grades are used in calculating GPA.

Grade	Standard Courses	Honors Course	Advanced Placement Course
A (90 –100)	4	4.5	5.0
B (80—89)	3	3.5	4.0
C (70—79)	2	2.5	3.0
D (60—69)	1	1.5	2.0
F (below 59)	0	0	0

GPA Distribution for the Class of 2014

Cumulative Grade Point Average

4.254 - 4.584 = 5%	2.980 - 3.167 = 10%
4.025 - 4.230 = 5%	2.758 - 2.973 = 10%
3.843- 4.025 = 10%	2.469 - 2.756 = 10%
3.594 - 3.841 = 10%	2.159 - 2.467 = 10%
3.375 - 3.593 = 10%	1.729 - 2.156 = 5%
3.171 - 3.371 = 10%	0.647 - 1.695 = 5%

Grade Point Range and Class Distribution

4.00 - 4.58	14.5%
3.50 - 3.99	21.3%
3.00 - 3.49	22.7%
2.50 - 2.99	18.4%
2.00 - 2.49	14.2%
1.50 - 1.99	4.8%
0.00 - 1.49	1.7%

We do not report class rank