

Sun Valley High School

Penn-Delco School District

Academic Profile 2020-2021

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COMMUNITY

The Penn-Delco School District is located in Southeastern Pennsylvania approximately 15 miles southwest of Philadelphia. The district encompasses Aston Township and Parkside and Brookhaven Boroughs in Delaware County. The district's population is roughly 26,000. There are nearly 3,400 students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through 12. Education in the district is provided through one high school, one middle school and four elementary schools.

SCHOOL

Sun Valley High School, home of the Vanguards, is proud to educate about 1050 students in grades nine through twelve. The high school offers many academic, technical, business, music and arts program as well as a full array of extra-curricular activities. All of the academic courses are college prep. There are over 70 full time faculty with 254 graduates in the Class of 2020.

CURRICULUM

Reflecting the district's commitment to meeting the needs of every student, the core courses of math, science, social studies and language arts are aligned with the Pennsylvania standards. Advanced Placement (AP™) courses are offered in all core curriculum areas. Technology includes one to one laptops for every student, interactive smart boards and campus WiFi. A wide variety of courses are offered in business, art, music, technology, trades, family and consumer sciences and world language. World languages include Spanish, Italian and French.

1:1 EDUCATION AND CYBER LEARNING

Sun Valley equips every student with a laptop computer to incorporate 21st century skills into every facet of education. Educational software and social media are utilized in all aspects of the curriculum. The district offers online education for students through a traditional distance learning environment where students use a district laptop with internet connection. A blended program that combines high school classes with home based online courses is also available. Under both scenarios students are eligible for all clubs, athletics and extracurricular activities. Courses designated on transcript as PDO or (C) are online cyber courses. PDO courses are instructor led. (C) courses are self-taught using computer based instructional materials.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Sun Valley's Dual Enrollment Program provides eligible high school students the opportunity to earn college credits while they are still in high school. Interested students are invited to apply and participants are selected based on demonstrated academic ability and motivation. Accepted high school students can take unlimited classes per year while maintaining status as a Sun Valley student.

CURRENT WEIGHTED GRADING SCALE

	AP	Honors	X/A
Grade A+ 97.5-100	5	4.5	4
Grade A 92.5-97.49	5	4.5	4
Grade A- 89.5-92.49	4.7	4.2	3.7
Grade B+ 87.5-89.49	4.3	3.8	3.3
Grade B 82.5-87.49	4	3.5	3
Grade B- 79.5-82.49	3.7	3.2	2.7
Grade C+ 77.5-79.49	3.3	2.8	2.3
Grade C 72.5-77.49	3	2.5	2
Grade C- 69.5-72.49	2.7	2.2	1.7
Grade D+ 67.5-69.49	2.3	1.8	1.3
Grade D 62.5-67.49	2	1.5	1
Grade D- 59.5-62.49	1.7	1.2	.7
Grade E/F 0-59.49	0	0	0

CLASS RANK & GRADING SCALE

Class rank is calculated on a weighted formula based on the rigor of the coursework. Each student is ranked by deciles according to his/her weighted GPA.

The following are the minimum credit requirements for graduation with the majority of graduates completing more credits and higher levels of math and science.

English	4	Mathematics	4
Social Studies	3	Science	3
Health, PE / Electives / Arts & Humanities			9

TRADE AND CAREER EDUCATION

FUTURE PLANS-CLASS OF 2020

Programs are available to students who are interested in traditional and non-traditional trade careers. These programs are for college bound and career bound students who show an aptitude for a particular area. Programs are available in hospitality, EMT, nursing, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, computer networking, culinary, and landscaping through Delaware County Career and Technical Services.

4 year college	57 %	Trade/ Technical School	8 %
2 year college	18 %	Employment/Other	14 %
Armed Forces	3 %		

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES 2019-2020

	English Lang & Comp	English Lit & Comp	Studio Art	US History	World History	US Gov. & Politics	Econ	Psych	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Environ. Science	Calculus	Statistics
Tests	35	12	6	22	27	5	2	39	14	15	8	5	32	31
Total 3+	25	9	6	13	23	2	1	32	11	6	6	3	17	17
% score 3+	71%	75%	100%	59%	85%	40%	50%	82%	79%	40%	75%	60%	53%	55%

SAT TRENDS

ACT TRENDS

AP TRENDS

AP EQUITY & EXCELLENCE

	ERW	Math	Writing	Composite Scores		# tests with scores of 3, 4 or 5			
2016	476	492	463	2016	22.7	2016	232	2016	33.7%
2017	533	514	X	2017	21.5	2017	172	2017	23.9%
2018	539	526	X	2018	23.0	2018	195	2018	29.8%
2019	529	531	X	2019	22.8	2019	184	2019	23.9%
2020	540	529	X	2020	pending	2020	171	2020	29.8%

CLASS OF 2020 ACCEPTANCES

Albright College	Eastern University	Lock Haven University	Slippery Rock University	University of Hartford
Alvernia University	Elizabethtown College	Louisiana State University	St. Frances College	University of Kentucky
Arcadia University	Fordham University	Marion Military Institute	Stockton University	University of Maryland
Belmont University	Franklin & Marshall College	Millersville University	Temple University	University of Miami
Bloomsburg University	George Washington University	Mount St. Mary's University	Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology	University of Pittsburgh
Bryn Athen College	Goldey-Beacom College	Neumann University	The University of Alabama	University of South Carolina
Cabrini University	Harcum College	Notre Dame of Maryland	The University of Colorado	University of Tampa
Cazenovia College	Hood College	Pace University	The University of Maine	University of the Arts
Cedar Crest College	Immaculata University	Pennsylvania College of Technology	The University of Scranton	University of the Sciences
Cedarville University	Indiana University of PA	Pennsylvania State University	The University of Tampa	Ursinus College
Clemson University	Jacksonville University	Point Park University	Thomas Jefferson University	Villanova University
Delaware County Community College	James Madison University	Rochester Institute of Technology	Towson University	Virginia Tech
Delaware Valley University	Juniata College	Rosemont College	Union College	West Chester University
DeSales University	King's College	Saint Francis University	University of Alabama	Widener University
Drexel University	Kutztown University	Saint Joseph's University	University of Central Florida	Williamson College of the Trades
Duquesne University	La Roche University	Seton Hill University	University of Delaware	Wilmington University
East Stroudsburg University	LaSalle University	Shippensburg University	University of Florida	York College of Pennsylvania

COUNSELORS

Jillian Foster—Students with Last Names A-Da • Francine Im—Students with Last Names De-I • Erin Judge—Students with Last Names J-Me
Dr. Kathryn James—Students with Last Names Mi—Sc • Bill Hartwell— Students with Last Names Se-Z