

2019-2020 High School Profile

Renaissance Academy Charter School
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General Information

Founded in 1999, Renaissance Academy (RA) is an award-winning, tuition-free, independent charter school. The high school curriculum is college-preparatory, designed to encourage students to think objectively and to approach life thoughtfully and creatively. In 2020, US News and World Reports honored Renaissance Academy with a Best High School Commendation for ranking #59 out of all PA high schools and #2 out of all PA charter high schools. Nationally, the report ranked Renaissance Academy #1541 out of the more than 24,000 public high schools reviewed and assessed.

Community

The school is located in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania approximately 20 miles from Philadelphia. RA educates over 1,100 K-12 students from more than 22 different school districts, creating a diverse student population. Of the students in grades 9-12, 30% participate in the National School Lunch Program.

HS Grades..... 9-12
HS Enrollment..... 340
Graduation Class..... 73
Type of School..... Public Charter
HS Teaching Faculty.....32

Renaissance Academy is fully accredited (K-12) by the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools.

2020 Senior Class Weighted GPA Band

> 4.038%
 3.5 – 3.9919%
 3.0 – 3.4925%
 2.5 – 2.997%
 2.0 – 2.495.5%
 < 2.05.5%

SAT School Day Summary Class of 2020 Mean Score

Math..... 552
ERW..... 562

As of Aug 2020, 1% of the Class of 2021 have taken the SAT.

College Board Advanced Placement

In May 2019, 118 students completed 217 AP tests. Sixty students earned a score of 3; forty-five students earned a score of 4, and thirty students earned a score of 5.

Recognition	Students	Mean Score
AP Scholar	28	3.11
AP Scholar with Honors	5	3.78
AP Scholar with Distinction	10	3.94
National AP Scholar	1	4.30

Advanced Placement Courses (AP): English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, United States History, European History, United States Government and Politics, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Calculus BC[^], Statistics, Computer Science A[^], Art History[^], Music Theory[^], Studio Art: 2-D Design

Advanced Placement courses are indicated on the transcript as AP.

[^] Indicates AP courses that are available online and taken by a small handful of students. Online Computer Science A will be replaced by teacher-led Computer Science Principles starting SY 2020-2021

For the 2019-2020 school year, students who did not take the AP exam in conjunction with their AP course have an asterisk next to the course name. The normal AP course weight was still applied.*

Grading Scale

97% - 100% . . . 4.5 74% - 78% . . . 2.0
 92% - 96% . . . 4.0 70% - 73% . . . 1.5
 88% - 91% . . . 3.5 65% - 69% . . . 1.0
 83% - 87% . . . 3.0 55% - 64% . . . 0.0
 79% - 82% . . . 2.5

Honors courses are weighted on a 5.0 GPA scale.

All AP and dual-enrollment courses are weighted on a 5.5 GPA scale.

Honors Courses Offered

English: ELA 9,10,11,12

Mathematics: Geometry, Algebra II, PreCalculus

Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Social Science: World History I

All honors courses are indicated on the transcript with Hon

Dual Enrollment Partnership- Immaculata University-Senior Electives

To increase accessibility to our students who hail from 22 surrounding districts, these courses are taught by an Immaculata professor twice a week on our campus. To further increase accessibility, these courses are offered at a discounted rate to our students.

Commencement Project

The Commencement Project of Renaissance Academy is designed to encourage each graduating senior to reflect on personal abilities and life experiences, synthesize what they have learned, and apply it to a field of interest with a responsible well-planned methodology of addressing a need in the community, accompanied by 40 hours of service. The objective of this project is to provide the graduating senior of Renaissance Academy with an authentic learning experience outside the classroom where they will find the opportunity to think critically and communicate effectively. Each project is initiated by a personal interest, supported by self-directed research, and resulting in a uniquely formulated presentation. Please note that the requirement for the Class of 2021 was altered to 20 hours of service due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Graduation Requirements

English Language Arts - 4 credits

Mathematics - 4 credits

Science - 4 credits

Social Science - 4 credits

World Language - 3 credits

Health - .5 credit

Physical Education - 1.5 credit

Fine Arts - 1.5 credit

Commencement Project

- .5 credit

Total 23 credits

Grading Policy During Covid-19

(March through June - Trimester Three 2020)

Due to the unprecedented circumstances caused by COVID-19 and mandatory school closures, the Renaissance Academy adjusted grading calculations for the third-trimester grade of the 2019-2020 school year. A *PASS/FAIL method was utilized in conjunction with a numeric Trimester Three grade*. Grades within passing range (64.5 and higher) were recorded /calculated as 90% or pass for Trimester Three. Grades below passing were recorded /calculated as earned not to be scored lower than 55%. Students who achieved higher than 90% received their true grade for Trimester Three. High School students did *NOT* have final exams. The adjusted numerical Trimester Three grades were calculated as normal in the final grade.

This temporary method of grading calculation was in place for Trimester Three of the 2019-2020 School Year only. The 2020-2021 school year will begin with all virtual instruction through Trimester One. High School students will have synchronous instruction Monday through Thursday and asynchronous instruction on Fridays in conjunction with teacher office hours. Clubs will meet virtually on a monthly schedule.

Reporting Disciplinary Actions

Renaissance Academy does not share disciplinary records with post-secondary institutions. We counsel students to answer honestly any questions regarding their disciplinary history on their college applications.

College Acceptances

[View a sample of colleges](#) where students from Renaissance Academy Charter School have been accepted within the last four years. One-hundred percent of the Class of 2020 was admitted to at least one college or university. Of those choosing to enroll, 66% are attending in-state institutions and 34% are attending out-of-state institutions. The 73 graduates of the Class of 2020 earned over \$17,154,764.00 in college-offered scholarships

Post-Secondary Plans For The Class Of 2020

11% Two Year Colleges

78% Four Year Colleges

10% Employed

1% Military