



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE CLASS OF 2023

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**PCS celebrates
109 years!
1914 - 2023**

THE SCHOOL

Professional Children’s School was founded in 1914 to educate children performing in the theater. Currently our students work and study for careers that include the performing and visual arts, competitive sports, modeling, and entrepreneurial projects. We offer a traditional academic education; professional training is pursued elsewhere. The word “professional,” as used at PCS, refers to activities in those fields that require extensive time for performances, rehearsals, auditions, practice, training, or competition. Among the 28 seniors in the PCS Class of 2022 are 6 ballet dancers, 6 classical musicians, 6 actors and actresses, 2 musical theater performers, and 2 competitive athletes.

PCS is committed to the importance of classroom instruction. By the end of 12th grade, most of our seniors have earned well above the minimum number of credits required to graduate. Students must attend daily classes except when professional obligations conflict with their academic schedules. On these occasions, students continue on a “guided study” basis until they are able to rejoin their regularly-scheduled classes.

In 2021-22, 113 students from 7 states and 4 countries enrolled at PCS. In the high school, 38 students were in the 12th grade and 50 were in grades 9–11. In the middle school, there were 25 students in grades 6–8. Approximately 1/3 of our high school students are living away from home.

There are 20 teachers at PCS, with an average teaching tenure at PCS of 15 years. 95% of the teachers have advanced degrees. There is a 7:1 student to faculty ratio and the average class size at PCS is 10.

In order to accommodate their careers, we make sure that students who graduate from PCS are welcome to use the college counseling office at any point in the years following their graduation.

Extra-curricular activities at PCS are limited because of the professional commitments of our students. Our current extra-curricular activities include a yearbook committee and a student association.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

To earn a diploma from PCS, a student must earn 18 credits. A three-year sequence is required in either math, science, or a foreign language. The minimum required credit distribution is as follows:

English	4 credits	World Language	2 credits
History	3 ½ credits	The Arts	1 credit
Mathematics	2 credits	Health	½ credit
Science	2 credits	Research & Information Literacy	½ credit

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THE CURRICULUM

MATHEMATICS

Algebra (9)
 Geometry (10)
 Algebra II (11)
 Topics in Math (9-12)
 Applications of Math (10-12)
 Intro. to Computer Science (9-12)
 Adv. Computer Science (10-12)
 Pre-Calculus (11-12)
 Calculus (11-12)
 Advanced Calculus (12)

THE ARTS

Chorus (9-12)
 Musical Theater (9-12)
 Drama I (9-12)
 Drama II (11-12)
 Studio Art (9)
 Advanced Studio Art (10-12)
 Introduction to Modernism (12)
 Poetics of Music (Theory) (9-12)

WORLD LANGUAGE

French I
 French II
 French III
 French IV
 French V
 Advanced French

Spanish I
 Spanish II
 Spanish III
 Spanish IV
 Spanish V
 Advanced Spanish

ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE

ENL I, ENL II (9-12)
 Intro. to Literature (9-12)
 ENL Humanities I (9-12)
 ENL Humanities II (9-12)

SCIENCE

Biology (9)
 Conceptual Physics (10)
 Chemistry (11)
 Environmental Science (12)
 Advanced Biology (12)
 Advanced Physics (12)

ENGLISH

Where I Come From (9)
 Where I'm Going (9)
 British Literature (10)
 The American Dream (10)
 Literature of Obsession (11)
 Literature of Secrets (11)
 Power & Subjugation in 20th c. Literature (10-12)
 Class, Gender & Race in 20th/21st c. Literature (10-12)
 Comedy in Literature (12)
 Law & Literature (12)

HISTORY

World History I (9)
 World History II (10)
 U.S. History (11)
 American Nation (11)
 U.S. Government (9-11)
 Constitutional Law (12)
 Political Thought (12)
 Current Politics (12)
 Senior Honors Seminar (12)

ADDITIONAL COURSES

Health (9-12)
 Research & Info. Literacy (9-12)
 Physical Education (9-12)

THE GRADING SYSTEM

A+/A 4.0
 A- 3.7
 B+ 3.3
 B 3.0
 B- 2.7
 C+ 2.3
 C 2.0
 C- 1.7
 D+ 1.3
 D 1.0
 D- 0.7
 F 0

The PCS g.p.a. is unweighted.

The g.p.a. calculations include only academic courses taken at PCS. Our g.p.a. calculations do not include Chorus, Musical Theater, Drama, Studio Art, Introduction to Modernism, Health, or Physical Education.

There are no AP Courses or Honors courses at PCS due to the extraordinary demands of our students' schedules.

PCS does not rank students.

COLLEGE ADMISSION INFORMATION

Since 2000, PCS has had 6 finalists, 5 semi-finalists, and 30 commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program, 1 finalist in the National Achievement Program, and 6 Scholars in the National Recognition Programs.

SAT median scores and middle 50% for the Class of 2022: *Reading/Writing*: 610 (640-690) *Math*: 640 (580-720)

ACT median composite score and middle 50% for the Class of 2022: 28 (27-31)

In 2020, 85% of our seniors applied directly to universities, colleges, or conservatories. The remaining students intend to pursue their professional careers or training, and many of those will attend college within several years.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE PCS CLASS OF 2022 (38 STUDENTS)

Amer. Musical & Dram. Academy	Curtis Institute of Music	Manhattan School of Music (2)	University of San Francisco
University of Arizona	University of Denver	Marist College	Sarah Lawrence College (5)
Arizona State University	DePaul University (2)	Marymount Manhattan College (4)	Savannah Coll. of Art & Design (2)
Bard College (4)	Drexel University	McGill University	University of Scranton
Baylor University	Emerson College	University of Michigan	Skidmore College (4)
Belmont University	Eugene Lang College (5)	Michigan State University	University of South Carolina
Berklee College of Music (2)	Fordham University (8)	University of Minnesota	University of Southern California
Boston College	George Washington University (4)	University of Montana	Southern Methodist University
Boston University (3)	Goucher College	Mount Holyoke College	State University of New York (6)
Brown University	Hofstra University	New England Conservatory (3)	Syracuse University
Butler University (2)	Indiana University (2)	The New School (3)	Temple University
U. of California – Irvine	Ithaca College	New York University (3)	Tulane University
California Institute of the Arts	The Juilliard School (4)	Northwestern University (2)	Union College
Carnegie Mellon University	Kalamazoo College	Oberlin Conservatory	Vassar College
College of Charleston	University of Kansas	Pace University (8)	Westminster College
City University of New York (4)	Lafayette College	Pennsylvania State University	Wheaton College
Colburn School of Music	Los Angeles College of Music	Pratt Institute	University of Wisconsin
University of Colorado (2)	Loyola Marymount University (2)	Rollins College (2)	Yale School of Music
University of Colorado – Denver	University of Maine	Saint Olaf College	
Colorado State University	Manhattan College (2)	Salve Regina University	