

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE CLASS OF 2024

Accreditation: New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS) CEEB: 333-890

Head of School	James Dawson, Ph.D.
Associate Head of School	Alex Shaurette
Head of Upper School	Sarah Rutledge
College Counselor	William Hirt

**PCS celebrates
110 years!
1914 - 2024**

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 20 seniors in the PCS Class of 2022 are 8 ballet dancers, 2 classical musicians, 2 actors and actresses, 1 musical theater performer, 2 singer-songwriters, 2 competitive athletes, a model, a restaurateur, and a vocalist.

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 2022-23, 113 students from 7 states and 4 countries enrolled at PCS: 88 in the Upper School and 26 in the Middle School. 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 I (9)
Geometry (10)
Algebra II (11)
Topics in Math (9-12)
Applications of Math (10-12)
Computer Science I (9-12)
Computer Science II (10-12)
Pre-Calculus (11-12)
Calculus (11-12)
Advanced Calculus (12)

THE ARTS

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

WORLD LANGUAGE

French I
French II
French III
French IV
French V
French VI

Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
Spanish IV
Spanish V
Spanish VI

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)
The Danger of a Single Story (10)
Coming of Age (10)
Literature of Obsession (11)
Literature of Secrets (11)
Power & Subjugation in 20th c. Literature (10-11)
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)
The American Nation (11)
U.S. Government (9-11)
History Since 1989 (12)
Latin American History (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 all courses taken at PCS except for 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: 630 (620-680) Math: 620 (590-720)*

ACT median composite score and middle 50% for the Class of 2022: **32 (30-34)**

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 2023 (23 STUDENTS)

University of Alabama
American Univ. of Paris (2)
American University of Rome
University of Arizona (2)
Arizona State University
University of the Arts
Ball State University
Bard College (2)
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music (2)
Brandeis University
Brown University
U. of California-Berkeley
U. of California-Irvine
U. of California-Santa Barbara
Catholic University
Chapman University
City University of New York
Columbia University

Cornell University
DePaul University (2)
Duke University
Elon University
Fordham University (3)
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington Univ. (2)
Hamilton College
Hampshire College
Harvard University
Haverford College
University of Illinois – Chicago
Indiana University (2)
John Cabot University
The Juilliard School (4)
Univ. of Loughborough (UK)
Manhattan School of Music (6)
Mannes School of Music
Marymount Manhattan College
University of Massachusetts

University of Miami (2)
University of Michigan
Michigan State University (3)
University of Minnesota
Muhlenberg College
New England Conservatory (3)
New York Inst. of Technology
New York University (5)
Northwestern University
Oakland University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio University
Ohio State University
University of Oklahoma
Pace University (3)
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State Univ. (2)
University of Pittsburgh
Point Park University

University of Richmond
Rochester Inst. of Technology
Roger Williams University
Sarah Lawrence College
Shenandoah University
Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University
State Univ. of New York (2)
Syracuse University (2)
Temple University (3)
Trinity College (Hartford)
Trinity College (Dublin)
Vassar College (2)
University of Vermont
Virginia Commonwealth Univ.
Webster University
Williams College