



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE CLASS OF 2025

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**PCS celebrates
111 years!
1914 - 2025**

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 30 seniors in the PCS Class of 2025 are 9 ballet dancers, 7 classical musicians, 5 actors and actresses, 1 musical theater performer, 1 singer-songwriter, 2 competitive athletes, 2 visual artists, 1 musician, 1 film-maker and 1 aviator.

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 2023-24, 107 students from 7 states and 4 countries enrolled at PCS: 89 in the Upper School and 18 in the Middle School. Approximately 1/3 of our high school students are living away from home.

There are 17 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 variety of affinity groups, 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 & Musicianship (9-12)
 Poetics of Music (Theory) (9-12)
 Drama I and II (9-12)
 Visual Art Fdtn & Structure (11-12)
 Studio Art (9)
 Portfolio Intensive (10-12)
 Introduction to Modernism (12)
 Musical Theater (10-12)
 Adv. Chorus & Vocal Techniques (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 (9-12)
 Criminal Justice (12)
 Law, Econ. & Public Policy (12)
 History Through Film (12)
 History Through Mus. Theater (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 31 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 2024: *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 2024, 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 2024 (21 STUDENTS)

University of Alabama
 American Musical & Dramatic Academy
 American University
 American University of Paris
 Amherst College
 University of Arizona
 Berklee College of Music
 Brandeis University
 Bucknell University
 University of Chicago
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Colorado
 Columbia University (2)
 University of Connecticut
 Cornell University
 Drew University
 Emory University
 Fordham University (2)

George Washington University
 Georgia State University
 Hamilton College
 Harvard University (2)
 Indiana University (2)
 The Juilliard School
 University of Kansas
 University of Kentucky
 Louisiana State University
 Manhattan School of Music
 Marymount Manhattan College
 University of Michigan
 Montclair State University
 New York University (2)
 North Carolina State A & T University
 Ohio State University
 University of Oklahoma
 Pace University

University of Pennsylvania
 University of Richmond
 Robert Morris University
 Rutgers University
 University of Saint Andrews
 Samford University
 Sarah Lawrence College
 Skidmore College
 South Carolina State University
 State University of New York (2)
 Swarthmore College
 Syracuse University (2)
 Temple University
 Tulane University
 Vassar College (2)
 Williams College