

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

PCS celebrates 112 years! 1914 - 2026

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 arts, 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 34 seniors in the PCS Class of 2026 are 15 ballet dancers, 7 classical musicians, 3 actors and actresses, 1 musical theater performer, 1 singer-songwriter, 2 chess players, 1 musician, 1 figure skater, and 1 film-maker.

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 2024-25, 102 students from 7 states and 4 countries enrolled at PCS: 85 in the Upper School and 17 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 6:1 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 world 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)
- Art Portfolio Intensive (10-12)
- Introduction to Modernism (12)
- Musical Literacy (10-12)
- Adv. Chorus & Vocal Techniques (12)
- Musical Theater (10-12)
- Advanced Musical Theater (10-12)

WORLD LANGUAGE

- French I
- French II
- French III
- French IV
- Adv. French V
- Adv. French VI

- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Spanish III
- Spanish IV
- Adv. Spanish V
- Adv. Spanish VI

ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE

- ENL I (9-12)
- 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)

HISTORY

- World History I (9)
- World History II (10)
- U.S. History (11)
- The American Nation (11)
- U.S. Government (9-12)
- Contemporary Global Issues (12)
- Civil Rights & Social Justice in Film (12)

ENGLISH

- Where I Come From (9)
- Where I'm Going (9)
- The Danger of a Single Story (10/11)
- Coming of Age (10/11)
- Literature of Obsession (10/11)
- Literature of Secrets (11)
- Power and the American Psyche 10-12)
- Class, Gender & Race in 20th/21st c. Literature (10-12)
- Modern Literature (12)
- Power, Memory, and Identity in Modern Literature (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.

Starting in September 2025, PCS will discontinue issuing A+ grades.

COLLEGE ADMISSION INFORMATION

Since 2000, PCS has had 7 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 2025: **Reading/Writing: 690 (680-720)** **Math: 650 (640-690)**

ACT median composite score and middle 50% for the Class of 2025: **31 (30-32)**

In 2025, 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 2025 (29 STUDENTS)

- American University
- Amherst College
- Arizona State University
- Bard College (2)
- Bennington College
- Boston University (5)
- Brown University
- Bucknell University (3)
- California Institute of the Arts
- University of California (2)
- Chapman University (2)
- Colby College
- Colgate University
- Columbia University (5)
- University of Connecticut
- Connecticut College
- Denison University
- University of Denver

- Dickinson College
- Drexel University (2)
- Duke University
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- Fordham University (5)
- George Washington University
- University of Georgia
- Harvard University
- Indiana University
- Johns Hopkins University
- The Juilliard School (2)
- Loyola Marymount University
- Manhattan School of Music (2)
- University of Maryland (2)
- University of Michigan
- New England Conservatory (3)
- New York University (3)

- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Oberlin College
- Pace University (3)
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Rutgers University (3)
- University of Saint Andrews
- Sarah Lawrence College (4)
- Skidmore College
- University of Southern California
- Southern Methodist University (3)
- Stanford University
- Syracuse University (2)
- Temple University
- Vassar College
- Wesleyan University
- Yale University