



# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE CLASS OF 2026

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**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Fdn & 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)

### 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 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> c. Literature (10-12)  
Modern Literature (12)  
Power, Memory, and Identity in Modern Literature (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)

### 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