



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE CLASS OF 2027

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**PCS celebrates
113 years!
1914 - 2027**

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 26 seniors in the PCS Class of 2026 are 10 ballet dancers, 6 actors and musical theater performers, 5 classical musicians, 2 athletes, 1 music industry technician, and one opera singer.

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 2026-27, 101 students from 7 states and 4 countries enrolled at PCS: 60 in the Upper School and 41 in the Middle School. Approximately 1/3 of our high school students are living away from home.

There are 21 teachers at PCS, with an average teaching tenure at PCS of 15 years. 95% of the teachers have advanced degrees. There is a 5:1 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 a minimum of 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)
 Music Theory & Ear Training (10-12)
 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)
 Time Out of Joint (10/11)
 Moral Dilemmas (10/11)
 Literature of Your Lifetime (10/11)
 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 War & Conflict (12)
 America on Trial: Truth & Fiction (12)

ADDITIONAL COURSES

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

In September 2025, PCS discontinued issuing A+ grades.

COLLEGE ADMISSION INFORMATION

Since 2000, PCS has had 7 finalists, 5 semi-finalists, and 32 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 2026: *Reading/Writing: 620* (580-660) *Math: 590* (570-670)

ACT median composite score and middle 50% for the Class of 2026: **30** (28-32)

In 2026, **90%** 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 2026 (38 STUDENTS)

American University of Paris
 University of Arizona
 Baldwin Wallace University
Barnard College
 Belmont University
 Bennington College
Berklee College of Music
 Boston Conservatory
 Butler University
 Chapman University
 College of Charleston (2)
City University of New York (8)
 Cleveland Institute of Music
Colby College
 University of Colorado (2)
Columbia University
 University of Connecticut
 DePaul University
 Drexel University
 Eastman School of Music
Emerson College

Emory University (2)
Fordham University (2)
 Guildhall
 Hofstra University (2)
Indiana University
 Ithaca College
Manhattan School of Music (5)
 Mannes School of Music (3)
 Marymount Manhattan College (2)
 McGill University
University of Mississippi
Montclair State University (2)
 Muhlenberg College
New England Conservatory (3)
 The New School (2)
New York University (3)
 Ohio University
Pace University (4)
 Pennsylvania State University (2)
 University of Pittsburgh (2)
 Point Park University

Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Queens University (Canada)
Rollins College
Royal Academy of Music
 Rutgers University (2)
 Sacred Heart University
San Francisco Cons. of Music (2)
 Sarah Lawrence College (2)
Shenandoah University
Skidmore College
 Southern Methodist University
 State University of New York (13)
 Syracuse University
 Temple University (3)
 Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
University College Dublin
 University of Vermont
Wake Forest University
Wheaton College