



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2014-2015

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Central High School is a coeducational college preparatory magnet school (almost 90% matriculate at 4-year colleges or universities) in the School District of Philadelphia. The student body is selected on the basis of entrance examination and superior academic records. Chartered in 1836 and organized in 1838, Central continues to produce graduates who progress to extraordinarily high achievement. We proudly note Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winners among them.

Central students represent a wide diversity of racial, ethnic, geographic and economic groups. They afford each other multi-cultural opportunities in a rare atmosphere of cooperation and interaction.

ENROLLMENT

Total enrollment in grades 9-12 is 2235. The student body is: African-American-30%, Asian-33%, Latino-8%, and Caucasian-24%, Other-5%.

ENTERING STUDENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

Number of applicants	4476
Number accepted	1083
Number matriculating	691
Number of feeder schools	177

CURRICULUM

Students at Central follow a college preparatory curriculum. Honors and twenty-five Advanced Placement courses are offered in every discipline. Strong Music and Art departments serve many talented students. Compulsory credits for graduation include 4 units of English, 4 units of Social Studies, 3 units of Science, 3 units of Math, and 2 units of Foreign Language. Central students often choose the most rigorous courses, even if this choice means receiving a grade lower than "A". Students may study other college level courses (beyond AP) at local colleges or engage in independent study under the guidance of a faculty member. A comprehensive Mentally Gifted Program (eligibility IQ—130+) services over 40% of all students.

The presence of an electron microscope allows Central students the unique opportunity to study electron microscopy. An International Baccalaureate program began in 2005.

FACULTY

<i>Professional Staff</i>	98
<i>Teachers (Master's degree or higher)</i>	95%

CLASS RANK

Beginning in September, 2014, Central High School no longer ranks students. All courses at Central are classified as advanced, and consequently weighted 1.1; Honors courses —1.15; and

AP/IB courses—1.2. Grade point averages of more than 100 are possible. The unique nature of Central's student body and the demanding curriculum must be essential considerations.

COLLEGE TEST RESULTS

All Central students take the SAT. SAT scores -2014
SAT I Only SAT I scores of students who
also took SAT II's:

Reading—	544	Reading—	597
Math—	576	Math—	652
Writing—	530	Writing—	600
Composite—	1650	Composite—	1849

Scores reflect a large number of students who speak English as a second language. ACT Scores are also available.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT—2014

617 candidates took 985 Advanced Placement exams in 27 subject areas, with 65.7% scoring at 3 or higher. 183 IB examinations were taken with 14 students earning Diplomas.

SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS (1998-2014)

-Blue Ribbon School (2011)
-National Merit Scholarship Program:
105 Semifinalists • 359 Commended Students
-National Achievement Scholarship Program:
75 Semifinalists • 173 Commended Students
-National Hispanic Scholar Awards Program
• 27 Finalists
-Redbook Magazine—Outstanding High School in PA
College Board— School of Inspiration
Philadelphia Magazine—Excellence in Philadelphia
98% + Scoring at Proficient/Advanced in Keystone
Assessments

SPECIAL FEATURES

Athletics: Central offers a complete coeducational, inter-scholastic and intramural sports program. Our teams have won 131 championships in the last decade.

Extracurricular activities encompass approximately seventy-five clubs including our internationally acclaimed orchestra, jazz band, debate, robotics, dramatics, newspaper, literary magazines, chess and Academic teams.

Our unique Barnwell Honors Program and National Honor Society recognize our most outstanding achievers.

A Service Learning Program for all students is part of our curriculum.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Counseling Office at (215) 276-5262; FAX: (215) 276-4721.

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