

**FOX CHAPEL AREA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**“A FEW FACTS”**

- Fox Chapel Area High School was twice named a National Blue Ribbon School in the United States Department of Education’s Blue Ribbon Schools programs. The school also received the designation from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- The high school received Exemplary Educational Program Credentials in music and school counseling in 2012, and was the first school nationally and internationally to be recognized for Programs of Distinction in Visual Arts in 2015 by the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools.
- In 2017, the district was honored by the College Board with placement on the 7th Annual AP<sup>®</sup> District Honor Roll, a distinction for districts that show significant gains in student access and success on Advanced Placement courses and tests.
- The high school was given 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2009, and 2008 Silver Medal ranks by U.S. News & World Report and was ranked among the nation’s top high schools in 2016, 2013, and 2012 by Newsweek. The high school was ranked among the top 200 high schools in the nation and also received an “A+ Overall Niche Grade” on *niche.com*. The high school was also ranked among the Washington Post’s America’s Most Challenging High Schools in 2017.
- In 2017, *niche.com* ranked the high school number 27 among the 50 public high schools that are the best for sports in Pennsylvania.
- High school orchestra director Mairi Cooper was named Pennsylvania’s 2015 Teacher of the Year and she was Pennsylvania’s nominee for National Teacher of the Year.
- Fox Chapel Area High School Program Principal John McGee was named the 2011 Assistant Principal of the Year by the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary & Secondary School Principals.
- Fox Chapel Area High School sponsors the Western Pennsylvania Summer STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Medicine) Academy.
- There are approximately 1,400 students attending Fox Chapel Area High School.
- There are approximately 120 professional staff members. This includes six school counselors, a nurse, and a full-time librarian. Additionally, there is one lead principal and two program principals.
- Approximately 73 percent of the professional staff hold a master’s degree or its equivalent and the average years of teaching experience is about 17 years.
- There are 26 advanced placement courses in the curriculum.
- Eleven alternative programs may be selected by students. The alternative programs are: work experience, community service, professional experience, independent study, college/university concurrent enrollment, early admission, early graduation, course audit (enrichment), spring semester abroad, Fox Chapel Area Online, and vocational/technical education.
- There are 13 boys’ and 14 girls’ interscholastic athletic teams in the school.
- There are approximately 85 extracurricular clubs and organizations and four club sports from which students may elect to join.
- A total of 291 members (78 percent) of the 375 students in the class of 2016 took the SAT during their junior or senior year.
- Of the 321 students in the graduating class of 2017, 89.5 percent are enrolled in some form of continuing education.
- The library contains more than 28,000 volumes for student use. Additionally, the library is also part of Access Pennsylvania, a library loan system that gives students access to more than 16 million titles.
- There are approximately 2,000 desktop and laptop computers and iPads for staff and students, including wireless access from anywhere in the building.