

Class of 2017

Postsecondary School Attendance

The following statistics are based on all graduates of Fox Chapel Area High School from the Class of 2017:

23	January 2017 Graduates
298	June 2017 Graduates
321	Total Graduates
236	or 74% attending 4-year colleges
51	or 16% attending 2-year colleges/other
287	or 90% continuing education

Of those students continuing their education at four-year institutions, 136 (58 percent) are enrolled in colleges or universities outside of Pennsylvania.

Admissions Testing Program

National Merit Finalists

Class of 2017	-	14	(18 Commended)
Class of 2016	-	16	(9 Commended)
Class of 2015	-	9	(12 Commended)
Class of 2014	-	8	(18 Commended)
Class of 2013	-	17	(9 Commended)

Senior Year SAT Mean Scores

EVIDENCE-BASED			
READING & WRITING		MATH	
Class of 2017	611	606	
CRITICAL			
	READING	MATH	WRITING
Class of 2016	563	572	557
Class of 2015	562	574	561
Class of 2014	568	583	569
Class of 2013	567	578	561

A total of 240 members (72 percent) of the 332 students in the Class of 2017 took the SAT during their junior or senior year.

The national average scores for all 2017 graduates taking the test were 538 in evidence-based reading and writing and 533 in math.

Senior Year Average ACT Scores

A total of 121 students in the Fox Chapel Area High School Class of 2017 took the ACT. Fox Chapel Area students received average scores of 27.3 in English, 26.7 in math, 27.7 in reading, 26.5 in science, and a 27.2 composite score. The national average scores for all 2017 graduates taking the ACT were 20.3 in English, 20.7 in math, 21.4 in reading, 21.0 in science, and a 21.0 composite score.

Class of 2018

PSAT/NMSQT

During the fall of 2016, 315 members of the Class of 2018 participated in the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. This number represents 98 percent of the class.

The mean scores for that test administration were:

	FCAHS	NATIONAL
ERW	550	489
Math	541	498
Mean Total	1091	1004

Decile Ranges for 336 Juniors

Nonweighted	Decile	Weighted
3.923-4.000.....	1 st	4.250-4.490
3.800-3.922.....	2 nd	4.050-4.249
3.679-3.799.....	3 rd	3.926-4.049
3.600-3.678.....	4 th	3.789-3.925
3.480-3.599.....	5 th	3.622-3.788
3.361-3.479.....	6 th	3.441-3.621
3.152-3.360.....	7 th	3.223-3.440
2.897-3.151.....	8 th	2.968-3.222
2.590-2.896.....	9 th	2.603-2.967
0.000-2.589.....	10 th	0.000-2.602

District Administration

Gene Freeman, Ed.D.
Superintendent

David P. McCommons, Ed.D.
Deputy Superintendent

Kimberly M. Pawlishak
Business Manager

High School Administration

Michael H. Hower
Lead Principal

Daniel E. Lentz, Ph.D.
Program Principal (A-L)

John J. McGee, Ph.D.
Program Principal (M-Z)

Counselors

Tara DeComo
High School Counseling Department Chair

A - C	Timothy McLister
D - F	John Baxter
G - K	Dana Papalia
L - O	Rachel Machen
P - S	Ben O'Connor
T - Z	Tara DeComo

CEEB Code Number 393620
ACT Code Number 393620

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Also awarded Exemplary Program Credentials in music and school counseling and recognized for Programs of Distinction in visual arts.

The high school was awarded Silver Medal rankings by U.S.News & World Report over the past decade and is consistently ranked among the nation's top high schools by Newsweek. Additionally, the high school was named among the 2017 Washington Post's America's Most Challenging High Schools.

Twice named "A National School of Excellence" by the United States Department of Education in its National Blue Ribbon Schools Program.

The Fox Chapel Area School District is an equal rights and opportunity school district. The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, or handicap/disability. The district shall make reasonable accommodations for identified physical and mental impairments that constitute disabilities, consistent with the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations.



FOX CHAPEL AREA HIGH SCHOOL

2017-2018 Profile



"Excellence is not an act, but a habit." – Aristotle

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General Information

Community

Fox Chapel Area School District is a nationally recognized, award-winning school district located in a dynamic, suburban community about 11 miles northeast of downtown Pittsburgh. Fox Chapel Area High School opened in 1961. The district is made up of six municipalities which include: Aspinwall, Blawnox, Fox Chapel, Indiana, O'Hara, and Sharpsburg. This includes an area of about 36 square miles with approximately 30,000 residents. The population represents a wide range of social, economic, cultural, and religious backgrounds. The school district provides a comprehensive array of educational opportunities to serve the needs of this diverse population and to meet the high expectations of its residents.

High School Enrollment – 2017-2018

Grade 9	327
Grade 10	347
Grade 11	334
Grade 12	338

TOTAL	1,346
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Faculty

The high school teaching staff is composed of 117 professionals with 80 percent holding master's degrees or the equivalency. The average years of teaching experience is 19.

Academic Offerings

English four levels plus five semester electives.

Social Studies four levels plus four semester electives.

Mathematics seven levels of algebra, three levels of geometry, one level of trigonometry, two levels of pre-calculus, four levels of calculus, two levels of statistics, and one level of linear algebra. Computer science offerings include Computer Science AP and Principles of Computer Science AP.

Science two levels of biology, two levels of chemistry, five levels of physics, one level of ecology, one level of integrated science systems, one level of physical science, two levels of environmental science, one level of astronomy, and one level of anatomy and physiology.

Foreign Language

six levels of French, six levels of Spanish, five levels of German, and five levels of Latin.

Additional Offerings business, technology education, family and consumer sciences, fine arts, media, and music.

Advanced Placement programs are available in English (Language and literature), American history, modern European history, economics, government and politics (U.S.), world history, psychology, human geography, computer science, principles of computer science, chemistry, Physics C Electricity and Magnetism and Physics C Mechanics, Calculus AB and BC, statistics, music theory, biology, environmental science, French, Spanish, German, Latin, studio art, and art history.

Alternative Programs

1. Work Experience
2. Community Service
3. Professional Experience
4. Independent Study
5. College/University Concurrent Enrollment
6. Early Admission
7. Early Graduation
8. Course Audit (Enrichment)
9. Spring Semester Abroad
10. Fox Chapel Area Online
11. Vocational/Technical Education (offered in conjunction with other area school districts)

Extracurricular Activities

There are approximately 85 clubs and organizations including: music (choral and instrumental), National Honor Society, magazine, student news publication, yearbook, and student council

Interscholastic Athletics for Boys

baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, indoor track, lacrosse, soccer, swimming/diving, tennis, track, volleyball, and wrestling

Interscholastic Athletics for Girls

basketball, cheerleading, cross country, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, indoor track, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, tennis, track, and volleyball

Club Sports

crew, fencing, ice hockey, and rugby

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 27 credits is required for graduation from Fox Chapel Area High School. Requirements are established by the Board of Education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Fox Chapel Area School District Board of Directors. These credits must include the following: four credits in English, four credits in social studies, three credits in science, three credits in math, three credits in physical education (including health education in 10th grade), and nine elective credits. The final credit is earned for passing the state proficiency test.

Grading System

Letter grades, their percentages, and QPA equivalents are:

Unweighted Grading Scale

A	100-93	4.0	C+	79-77	2.25
A-	92-90	3.75	C	76-73	2.0
B+	89-87	3.25	C-	72-70	1.75
B	86-83	3.0	D	69-65	1.0
B-	82-80	2.75	F	64	0

Accelerated Weighted Grading Scale

A	100-93	4.5	C+	79-77	2.75
A-	92-90	4.25	C	76-73	2.5
B+	89-87	3.75	C-	72-70	2.25
B	86-83	3.5	D	69-65	1.5
B-	82-80	3.25	F	64	0

AP Weighted Grading Scale

A	100-93	5.0	C+	79-77	3.25
A-	92-90	4.75	C	76-73	3.0
B+	89-87	4.25	C-	72-70	2.75
B	86-83	4.0	D	69-65	2.0
B-	82-80	3.75	F	64	0

Quality Point Average (QPA)

The Quality Point Average (QPA) is cumulative and is computed using all grades earned while attending Fox Chapel Area High School. The QPA is compiled at the end of each academic year. Any grade earned in a course taken for makeup is recorded in addition to the grade originally earned in that course; however, credit is granted only once. Summer school grades become part of the record for the following school term.

Quality Point Averages are calculated in two ways. Both QPAs are calculated for each student and recorded on that student's permanent record card. The **unweighted QPA** is calculated without regard to curricular subjects. The quality point equivalent assigned to grades is the same in each course. This places all course offerings on an equal basis and every student has an opportunity to earn a high QPA. The **weighted QPA** places greater emphasis upon more academically challenging courses taken at Fox Chapel Area High School, and is used most frequently in the college admission process. The extra weight is given to grades by increasing their quality point value. The courses receiving this additional weight are all English accelerated courses, all social studies accelerated courses, biology accelerated, chemistry accelerated, and physics accelerated, as well as all AP courses.

Class Rank

Fox Chapel Area High School does not rank students. Instead of class rank, deciles will be reported when requested.

Student Records

Due to the increased concern over matters where personal privacy may be violated, the Fox Chapel Area School District has acted to ensure the proper usage of student records. To avoid the release of any confidential information to unauthorized persons or institutions, an Information Release Form must be signed by both students and parents. Transcripts will not be forwarded to colleges or prospective employers without a release form on file.

Transcripts

Midyear senior transcripts will be submitted automatically to all schools considering the student for admission. Final transcripts will be submitted automatically to the institution to which the student is planning entrance.

Recommendations

The official recommendation is written by the student's school counselor with assistance from the administration and faculty.