



# ALLENTOWN CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## 2020-2021 SCHOOL PROFILE



99%

2020 graduates  
accepted to a  
college or university



98%

Our 10+ year  
matriculation  
average



\$9.0M

College scholarship  
dollars offered to our  
graduating seniors



55

National  
Honor Society  
members in 2020





## SCHOOL HISTORY and POPULATION

Allentown Central Catholic High School, founded in 1926, is a four year co-educational, college preparatory school drawing from **seventeen** surrounding school districts, across Lehigh and Northampton Counties. With total enrollment of **650**, the student-body reflects the richly diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and socio-economic community of the surrounding area. Allentown Central Catholic also boasts a growing population of international students. There are fifty-five lay teachers and one priest on the faculty.

For more than 90 years, the name **Allentown Central Catholic High School (ACCHS)** has been synonymous with a quality, value-based education.

Allentown Central Catholic is accredited by the Middle States Association and PA Department of Education and is a recognized Blue Ribbon "School of Excellence." ACCHS continues to be a highly regarded leader in the academic development of its students, who continually demonstrate excellence in their performance on national standardized tests.

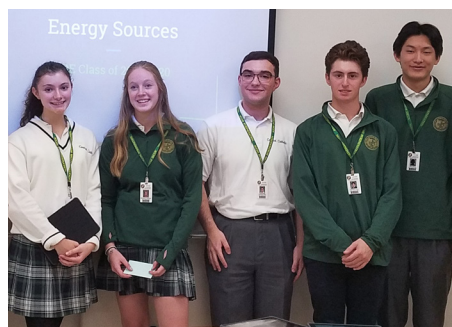
The school has earned an esteemed reputation as a Christ-centered, quality academic institution, which fosters mutual respect and concern for others. ACCHS develops the academic, spiritual, and physical dimensions of each student. The ethical principles and moral values instilled reflect those Christian family values, which hold societies together. ACCHS fosters the values of loyalty, hard work, academic excellence, respect for the dignity of others, and devotion to God as a loving Father. Through the values and education provided at Allentown Central Catholic, our graduates are well prepared to meet the challenges and complexities of an ever-changing world.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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# FAITH, TRADITION, EXCELLENCE.



## ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Allentown Central Catholic High School operates on a 5 day (A-E) cycle with eight 45 minute periods. 88% of a student's time is class instruction which includes large and small group instruction along with lab periods. Grades are recorded numerically. Our passing mark is 70. Grade point average and class rank are based on a diocesan quality point system using grades from major courses taken during the school year. GPA and rank are cumulative and are calculated at the end of each semester. GPA is on a weighted 4.0 scale.

## GRADING SCALE

**A** = 93-100    **B** = 85-92    **C** = 75-84    **D** = 70-74    **F** = 0-69

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND QUALITY TABLE

Grade Point Average (GPA), is calculate using the quality points a student has earned in each major course a student completes. Major courses are weighted according to degree of difficulty, on a scale of 1 to 4; the more challenging the course, the more quality points are earned.

Level 1 courses at ACCHS include AP courses; Level 2 courses include Honors courses; Level 3, most CP courses; Level 4, a few, paced- down CP Courses.

The Quality Point Conversion chart on the next page indicates a Diocesan Standard for Achievement of grades at different levels. GPA is cumulative and becomes available, with class rank, to colleges upon a student's application. GPA, along with standardized test scores and teacher recommendations, become predictors for success in post-secondary education.

### QUALITY POINT TABLE

GRADE	LEVEL 1 (AP)	LEVEL 2 (H)	LEVEL 3 (CP)	LEVEL 4 (CP)
100	4.80	4.40	4.00	3.60
99	4.72	4.32	3.92	3.52
98	4.64	4.24	3.84	3.44
97	4.56	4.16	3.76	3.36
96	4.48	4.08	3.68	3.28
95	4.40	4.00	3.60	3.20
94	4.32	3.92	3.52	3.12
93	4.24	3.84	3.44	3.04
92	4.16	3.76	3.36	2.96
91	4.08	3.68	3.28	2.88
90	4.00	3.60	3.20	2.80

\*For a full Quality Point Table, see our Program of Studies at [www.acchs.info](http://www.acchs.info).



## PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARS

The top 10% of our graduating senior class.

## HONOR ROLL

### Summa Cum Laude:

95 Average with minimum grade of 90 in all major subjects

### Magna Cum Laude:

90-94 Average with minimum grade of 85 in all major subjects

### Cum Laude:

85-89 Average with minimum grade of 80 in all major subjects

## COVID-19 RELATED CHANGES AND POLICIES

Starting in March of 2020, ACCHS students shifted to virtual learning. Students were required to log in for weekly Zoom classes (1-2 per course, per week) and complete all weekly assignments and assessments. All grading policies remained the same, with the exception that final exams were not administered.

Starting in August of 2020, ACCHS students began a hybrid model of 50% in-person instruction and 50% online instruction. This model provides live instruction to both online and in-person students. Online students are required to log into Zoom daily at their normal class time and join in their classroom discussions, from 8:10am to 2:50pm each day. All grading policies remain the same. This instruction model will remain in place until all state-mandated restrictions are lifted.



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## COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Courses are offered through partnerships with Alvernia University, DeSales University and Lehigh Carbon Community College. Advanced Placement Exams are standardized tests administered by ACCHS and scored by the Educational Testing Service.

Advanced Placement exams are graded on a 5 point scale with scores of 3-5 being considered qualified for college credit. Colleges and Universities determine whether or not to accept AP exam grades for credit. Exam dates and fees are determined by the College Board. All students who enroll in an AP course are required to take the AP Exam.

## GRADUATION AND COLLEGE ENTRANCE GUIDELINES

COURSE	GRADUATION	COLLEGE RECOMMENDED	NCAA REQUIRED
ENGLISH	4 YEARS	4 YEARS	3-4 YEARS
MATHEMATICS	3 YEARS	4 YEARS	2-3 YEARS
SCIENCE	3 YEARS	4 YEARS	2-4 YEARS
THEOLOGY	4 YEARS	College Dependent	College Dependent
SOCIAL STUDIES	3 YEARS	3-4 YEARS	2-3 YEARS
LANGUAGE	2 YEARS	2-4 YEARS	2-4 YEARS

Colleges encourage coursework with exposure to TRIGONOMETRY. Functional Analysis, Trigonometry/Selected Math Topics, Precalculus and Algebra 3 all include the needed trigonometry requirements for college acceptance.

## AVERAGE COLLEGE PLACEMENT SCORES (SAT)\*

	MEAN TOTAL	MATH	MEAN READING & WRITING
ACCHS (Overall)	1177	584	593
STATE	1086	539	547
NATION	1059	528	531

\*(Based on 2018 SAT Results)

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENTS

**Total Students = 87**

**Exams Taken = 172**

**28 AP Scholars took three or more AP tests and scored a 3 or higher on all (with a 3.61 average).**

**100% qualified as AP Scholars.**

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**Average SAT score for ACCHS students.**

**1079 - Lehigh Valley Average SAT Score**  
(Public High Schools)

**1059 - National Average SAT Score**

(Based on SAT 1600 Perfect Score Scale)



## CLASS OF 2020 STATISTICS



**99% of graduates** continued their college education  
(86% 4-Year; 14% 2-Year)



**Two** members of the Class of 2020 were selected as Commended Students





## COURSE CURRICULUM (MAJOR COURSES ONLY)

**CP** = COLLEGE PREP

**H** = HONORS

**AP** = ADVANCED PLACEMENT

### THEOLOGY

Theology 1, CP/H  
Theology 2, CP/H  
Theology 3, CP/H  
Theology 4, CP/H

### ENGLISH

Advanced Language, CP  
English 1, CP/H  
English 2, CP/H  
English 3, CP/H  
English 4, CP/H  
English Language, AP  
English Literature, AP  
Print Journalism 1, CP  
Broadcast Journalism 2, CP

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1, CP  
Geometry, CP/H  
Trig/Topics, H  
Algebra 2, CP/H  
Intro to Calc, H  
Func. Analysis, CP  
Algebra 3, CP  
Precalculus, CP  
Calculus, H, AB(AP), BC(AP)  
Prob. & Stats, CP/H  
Comp. Program, CP  
Statistics AP

### WORLD LANGUAGE

French 1, CP  
French 2, CP  
French 3, H  
French 4, H  
German 1, CP  
German 2, CP  
German 3, H  
German 4, H  
Latin, CP  
Spanish 1, CP  
Spanish 2, CP/H  
Spanish 3, CP/H  
Spanish 4, CP/H  
Spanish 5, H/AP

### SCIENCE

Biology 1 & 2, CP/H  
Chemistry, CP/H  
Chem/Physics, CP  
Biochemistry, H  
Physics 1, H/AP  
Chemistry 2, CP/H  
Physics 2, H/AP  
Enviro. Science, CP  
Anatomy, CP  
Intro to Engineer., H  
Principles of Engineering, H  
Forensic Science, CP  
Geography, CP

### SOCIAL STUDIES

World Studies, CP/H  
American Studies, CP/H  
US History, AP  
Modern America, H  
American Government, AP  
American Gov/Econ, CP/H  
Psychology, CP  
Legal Issues, CP  
US Social History, CP  
Geography/World Cultures, CP

### INFORMATIONAL TECH

Accounting 1, CP  
Accounting 2, CP  
Personal Finance, CP  
Coding, 1/2 H  
Comp TIAA+ Academy, H

### FINE ARTS

Art 1, CP  
Art 2, CP  
Band 1-4, CP  
Video Production, CP

### INTERN/CAREER

Independent  
Senior Level Course  
LCTI  
Emerging Health

Students at Allentown Central Catholic have the opportunity to earn college credits, at minimal costs, here on their own campus. Through a partnership with DeSales University and Alvernia University, several dual credit courses are available. Students taking dual-credit courses must pass with a C or better to receive transferable credits. Offerings and fees are determined by the college.

ACCCHS also offers a large variety of honor courses to students who are above average in ability and who can achieve success in a challenging area of study.



# EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



**90%**

Current students who are members of a club, play a sport or are involved in extra curricular activities

**25**

Retreats that students participated in; offered through our Campus Ministry Department.

**18K+**

Community service hours logged by students in 2020

Students participate in ACCHS's own Central City Project program that is specifically dedicated to social and cultural outreach within the city of Allentown

## VARSITY SPORTS

Football  
Volleyball  
Soccer (Boys/Girls)  
Cross Country (Boys/Girls)  
Tennis (Boys/Girls)

Golf (Boys/Girls)  
Cheerleading (CoEd)  
Wrestling  
Basketball (Boys/Girls)  
Softball

Baseball  
Field Hockey  
Swimming (Boys/Girls)  
Track (Boys/Girls)  
Lacrosse (Boys/Girls)

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Art Club  
Best Friends Forever  
Viking News Network  
Chess Team  
Chorus  
Concert Band  
Confirmation Team  
Dance Team  
Debate Team  
Drama Club  
Ecology Club  
Gaming Club

*Glen Echoes* (Yearbook)  
International Club  
Jazz Band  
Key Club  
Liturgical Ensemble  
Marching Band  
Math Leagues  
Mock Trial Club  
Model UN  
National History Day  
National Honor Society  
Pep Club

Photography Club  
PJAS  
Science Olympiad  
Scholastic Scrimmage  
*Seneschal* (Newspaper)  
Ski Club  
Spring Musical  
Stage Crew  
Viking Ambassadors  
Student Council  
Student Forum  
Viking Mentors