

**PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF  
2016**

**TOTAL GRADUATES - 547**

**FACULTY SCHOLARS - 155**

**GPA OF 4.00 weighted or 3.75 unweighted**

**TESTING**

**NATIONAL MERIT/ACHIEVEMENT**

Commended - 19 Semi-Finalist - 22 Finalist - 20

PSAT	ERW	Math	Writing
	583	579	N/A

SAT	ERW	Math	Writing
SCASD	553	570	523
STATE	500	506	481
NATIONAL	494	508	482

**POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS**

**COLLEGE, VOCATIONAL, EMPLOYMENT**

4 year colleges - 77%

2 year colleges - 4%

**TOP SCHOOLS OF CHOICE\***

**2016**

SCHOOL	APP	ACC	ATT
Penn State University	383	374	249
Lock Haven University of PA	38	30	7
University of Pittsburgh	35	23	8
Pennsylvania College of Technology	29	21	9
Juniata College	25	20	2
Indiana University of PA	23	15	5
Carnegie Mellon University	19	10	1
University of Pennsylvania	18	2	2
Bloomsburg University of PA	18	12	7
Cornell University	17	6	1
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill	15	3	1
Temple University	15	11	2
Yale University	13	1	1
Duquesne University	13	11	2
Shippensburg University of PA	12	9	2
West Chester University of PA	12	8	2
Franklin & Marshall College	12	6	3
Susquehanna University	12	9	3
Johns Hopkins University	11	1	0
University of Virginia	11	3	0
New York University	11	2	1
Harvard University	11	2	2
South Hills School of Business & Tech	11	9	8

\*Data is selected from the 360 schools where students sent applications.

**STATE COLLEGE AREA HIGH  
SCHOOL DIRECTORY**

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Ms. Kathy Pechtold • Associate Principal, Grade 12

Ms. Christina Manning • Assistant Principal, Grade 9

Mr. Chris Weakland • Assistant Principal, Grade 10

Ms. Laura Tobias • Assistant Principal, Grade 11

Ms. Katherine Ricker • Dean of Students, Grade 12

Ms. Jacquelyn Martin • Director of Curriculum

**Counselors for the Class of 2020**

Ms. Patty Devecka & Ms. Suzanne Lyke

**Counselors for the Class of 2019**

Ms. Tanya Anderson & Ms. Alice Ball

**Counselors for the Class of 2018**

Mr. Paul Brigman & Ms. Bethany Chamberlain

**Counselors for the Class of 2017**

Mr. Steve Guthoff & Mr. Jack McCurdy

**Head Counselor, Grades 9-12**

Ms. Susan Marshall

Ms. Sheila Abruzzo S. Bldg. Enrichment Teacher

Ms. Jennifer Rand N. Bldg. Enrichment Teacher

Ms. Jill Campbell N. Bldg. Enrichment Teacher

**DELTA, RIT & VIRTUAL PROGRAMS**

Dr. Jon Downs Director

Ms. Andrea Larson Delta/RIT/Virtual Counselor

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**CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER (CTC)**

Dr. Sharon Perry Director

Ms. Cindy Sergeon CTC Counselor/Home-School Visitor

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**PROFILE**



**2016 - 2017**

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**STATE COLLEGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## COMMUNITY AND HIGH SCHOOL

### COMMUNITY

State College, home to about 42,000 permanent residents comprises part of the largest metropolitan area in Centre County.

Located in the center of Pennsylvania, the borough and adjacent townships form the State College Area School District and Centre Region, a vibrant community fueled by Penn State. With 46,000 undergraduate and graduate students at its University Park campus in State College, the university serves as an economic engine, employing the most residents, supporting scientific and high-tech industries and helping make the area a regional retail hub.

Though it's growing, State College remains at heart a small college town with downtown shops, tree-lined streets and tranquil parks. Minutes from town lie working farms, state forests and mountains. Sports are popular, but a wealth of cultural opportunities—from classical music concerts to Broadway shows—exist for a diverse population representing a variety of academic, scientific, medical, artistic, commercial and agricultural occupations.

### THE HIGH SCHOOL

- Four year public school
- Comprehensive curriculum: academic and vocational-technical
- Enrollment of grades 9 - 12 is 2,268

### ACCREDITATION

- Pennsylvania Department of Education

### AWARDS

- U.S. News & World Report Silver Medal
- Siemans AP High School Award for the highest test averages in Pennsylvania on exams in Math, Science and Computer Science
- Ranked second best college town by Niche in 2015
- State College was ranked second smartest city by Lumosity in 2013
- NAMM Foundation named State College as a "Best Community for Music Education"
- PMEA All-State and All-Eastern 100 best high schools for Music and Grammy Awards
- Grammy Signature School Award Semifinalist 2014

## GRADING SYSTEM GPA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

GPA is computed according to the scale below. One extra credit point is added for each AP and Advanced course completed. **Class rank is not on the transcript.**

Letter	%	Credit Points
A	90-100	4
B	80-89	3
C	70-79	2
D	60-69	1
E	59 & below	0

**In 2016, 387 students took 778 AP tests.**

**86% of the tests taken scored a 3 or higher.**

32% (251 students) scored a 5

31% (237 students) scored a 4

23% (175 students) scored a 3

22 National AP Scholar Students

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**22.5 Credits are required for graduation.**

Subject	Credits Required	Subject	Credits Required
English	4.00	Health	1.00
Social Studies	4.00	Physical Ed.	1.80
Science	3.00	Drivers Ed.	0.20
Math	3.00	Electives	5.50

### STUDENT RECOGNITION

Students from State College Area High School have been recognized as:

- International Fringe Festival performers in Edinburgh Scotland
- National Shakespeare and Poetry Out Loud Competition Finalists
- USA Math Olympiad Qualifiers

**National Awards:**

- Presidential Scholar - 2012, 2014
- National Winner of 2010 Siemans Award for AP (Highest Scores in the Nation). Semifinalist-2012
- Ocean Science Bowl - National Runners - Up
- National Awards for DECA and TSA
- NCTE Achievement in Writing Award Winners
- Intel-Semifinalist
- Scholarship Art & Writing Gold Awards

## AP AND ADVANCED COURSES

Adv. Algebra 2	Adv. Precalculus
Adv. Astronomy	Adv. Rock Ensemble
Adv. Band	Adv. Spanish 4
Adv. Biology 1	Adv. Strings
Adv. Botany	Adv. Topics in Math
Adv. Chemistry 1	Adv. World History 1
Adv. Chemistry 2	Adv. World History 2
Adv. Choir	Adv. Zoology
Adv. Computer Eng. Graphics	AP Art History
Adv. Earth Systems Science 1	AP Comparative Government
Adv. Economics	AP Computer Science
Adv. English 9	AP European History 1450
Adv. English 10	AP European History 1815
Adv. English 11	AP English Lang 11
Adv. French 4	AP English Lit 12
Adv. Genetics	AP French Language
Adv. Geology	AP German Language
Adv. Geometry	AP Government
Adv. German 4	AP Calculus AB
Adv. Honors Precalculus	AP Calculus BC
Adv. Journalism 2	AP Music Theory
Adv. Latin Lit. A	AP Psychology
Adv. Latin Lit. B	AP Physics 1+
Adv. Meteorology	AP Physics C: M & EM
Adv. Molecular and Cellular Bio	AP Spanish Language
Adv. Nutrition	AP Statistics
Adv. Oceanography	AP Studio Art
Adv. Photography	AP US History
Adv. Physics 1 & AET	

## DELTA PROGRAM ADVANCED COURSES

Adv. Anatomy & Physiology	Adv. Poets & Poetry 2
Adv. Anthropology	Adv. Psychology
Adv. Bioethics	Adv. Psychology 2
Adv. Biotechnology & Genetics	Adv. Sociology
Adv. Calculus	Adv. Topics in English 1
Adv. English Seminar 1	Adv. Topics in English 2
Adv. English Seminar 2	Adv. Topics in Social Studies 1
Adv. Poets & Poetry 1	Adv. Topics in Social Studies 2

## CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER ADVANCED COURSES

Adv. Accounting 1	Adv. Automotive Technology
Adv. Accounting 2	Adv. Net Cisco 1
Adv. Arch Draft & Design 3	Adv. Net Cisco 2
Adv. Arch Draft & Design 4	Adv. Engineering Technology
Adv. Building Const Tech	