



# Mastery Charter School Simon Gratz High

1798 WEST HUNTING PARK AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19140  
P 215-227-4408 F 215-227-3694  
CEEB 393505  
masterycharter.org

2020-2021

# COLLEGE ADMISSION PROFILE

**PRINCIPAL**

**Le'Yondo Dunn**  
leyondo.dunn@masterycharter.org | 267-838-0120

**COLLEGE ADVISOR**

**Maureen Quiles-Rosa**  
maureen.quiles-rosa@masterycharter.org | 267-517-4730

**Jade Roane**

jade.roane@masterycharter.org | 267-844-3475

**Christopher Chaplin**

christopher.chaplin@masterycharter.org | 267-315-3160

**MISSION** All students learn the academic and personal skills they need to be truly prepared for postsecondary success and able to pursue their dreams.

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE

All Mastery coursework is graded on a 1-100 scale. Starting in Fall 2019 students could earn credit for work scoring a 65 or higher. Prior to that, students only earned credit for work scoring a 76 or better. The new GPA scale (below) began with the 2019-2020 school year. For further details regarding our instructional model and grading policies since March 2019, please refer to the COVID Addendum.

QUARTILE	GPA RANGE
TOP	4.4 - 3.22
SECOND	3.21 - 2.47
THIRD	2.56 - 1.99
FOURTH	1.98 or Below

## GPA SCALE

A	93-100 = 4.00
A-	90-92 = 3.67
B+	87-89 = 3.33
B	83-86 = 3.00
B-	80-82 = 2.67
C+	77-79 = 2.33
C	73-76 = 2.00
C-	70-72 = 1.67
D+	67-69 = 1.33
D	65-66 = 1.00
F	Below 65 = 0

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to receive a high school diploma from a Mastery charter school, all students must:

- Complete and pass all courses registered from the start of enrollment to senior year
- Complete a professional internship
- Complete a Mastery-created senior project demonstrating the student's ability to work independently

The class of 2021 has 280 students.



## THE SCHOOL

**Mastery Charter School – Simon Gratz High Campus** is a college-preparatory turnaround school serving students in North Philadelphia. Originally one of the lowest-performing public schools operated by the District of Philadelphia, the school opened its doors as a Mastery public charter school in 2011 and currently has an enrollment total of **1087 students in grades 9 through 12**. Gratz has more than doubled its college enrollment rate under Mastery and been recognized by the local and national media for its remarkable turnaround in student performance and school safety.

75% of our student body is classified as economically disadvantaged (qualifying for the Free/Reduced Lunch program) and 39% receive Special Education services. 93% of our students come from African-American ethnic backgrounds. 5% of our students come from Latino ethnic backgrounds.

## CURRICULUM OFFERED

### MATHEMATICS

Pre-Algebra  
Algebra 1  
Geometry  
Algebra 2  
Pre-Calculus  
AP Calculus  
Business Math

### SCIENCE

Environmental Science  
Biology  
Chemistry  
AP Biology  
Honors Physics  
Forensic Science

### ENGLISH

Literature I  
Composition I  
Literature II  
Literature III  
Literature IV  
AP Literature

### SOCIAL STUDIES

African American History  
Modern World History  
US History  
American Government  
Economics  
AP US History

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish I  
Spanish II

### SEMINAR

Freshman Seminar  
Sophomore Seminar  
Junior Seminar  
Senior Seminar

### ELECTIVES

Yearbook and Media  
Intro to Culinary Arts  
Intro to Graphic Design  
Intro to Health Sciences  
Fitness  
Instrumental Music  
Student Government  
Association  
Research Skills  
Visual Arts  
Visual Arts II  
Physical Education/Health  
Computer Science  
Discoveries  
Computer Science  
Applications  
Computer Science Careers

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Art Club  
Band: Brass and Winds  
Varsity Baseball  
Boys' Basketball  
(Varsity & JV)  
Bulldog Ambassadors  
Newspaper Club  
Varsity Cheerleading/  
Spirit  
Chess

Cross-Country  
Debate Club  
Dog Pound  
(Interactive Video)  
Drum Line  
Football (Varsity & JV)  
Girls' Basketball  
(Varsity & JV)  
Gay/Straight Alliance  
Gospel Choir

Indoor Track  
Varsity Lacrosse  
Live Wire Dance Crew  
National Honor Society  
Poetry & Spoken Word  
Runway Royalty  
Varsity Softball  
Stay Woke Production  
Student Government

Studio Session  
Track & Field  
Volleyball Club  
X.P.O.S.U.R.R.  
(Multi Media)  
Yearbook  
Rugby  
Soccer Club

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR ALL MASTERY CHARTER STUDENTS

Agnes Scott College	Canisius College	Dickinson College	Gwynedd-Mercy University	Le Moyne College
Alabama A&M University	Carlow University	Dillard University	Hampton University	Lebanon Valley College
Albertus Magnus College	Carnegie Mellon University	Dowling College	Harcum College	Lees-McRae College
Albright College	Case Western Reserve University	Drew University	Harrisburg University of Science & Technology	Lehigh University
Alderson-Broadus College	Cazanovia College	Drexel University	Hartwick College	Lehigh Valley College
All State Career Truck School	Cedar Crest College	Duke University	Haverford College	Liberty University
Allegheny College	Central Penn College	East Carolina University	Hiram G. Andrews Center	LIM College
Allen University	Central State University	East Stroudsburg University	Hobart & William Smith College	Lincoln Technical Institute
Alvernia College	Chaminade University of Honolulu	Earlham College	Hofstra University	Lincoln University
Alvernia University	Champlain College	Eastern Nazarene College	Holy Family University	Lock Haven University
AMDA College	Chatham University	Eastern University	Howard University	Long Island University
American River College	Chestnut Hill College	Eckerd College	Hussian School of Art	Loyola University Chicago
American University	Cheyney University	Edinboro University	Huston-Tillotson University	Loyola University Maryland
Amherst College	Christopher Newport University	Edward Waters College	Illinois College	Lycoming College
Andrew College	Chubb Institute of Technology	Elizabeth City State University	Immaculata University	Lynn University
Antioch College	Cittone Medical Institute	Elizabethtown College	Indiana State University	Macalaster College
Antonelli Institute	Claflin University	Elmira College	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Manhattan College
Arcadia University	Claremont McKenna College	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical	Ithaca College	Manhattanville College
Art Institute of Philadelphia	Clarion University	Emmanuel College	ITT Technical Institute	Manor College
Art Institute of Philadelphia	Clark Atlanta University	Emory University	James Madison University	Mansfield University
Ashford University	Clark College	Empire Beauty School	Jean Madeline Aveda Institute	Marquette University
Ashland University	Clemson University	Endicott College	Jefferson College of Health Sciences	Mars Hill University
Automotive Training Center	Cleveland State University	Esperanza College	Jefferson University	Mary Baldwin College
Aviation Institute of Maintenance	Colby College	Everest Institute	JNA Institute of Culinary Arts	Marymount
Babson College	College of Mount Saint Vincent	Fairfield University	Johns Hopkins University	Marymount
Ball State University	College of Saint Rose	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Johnson & Wales University	Manhattan College
Bates College	College of Southern Nevada	Fashion Institute of Technology	Johnson C Smith University	Maryville College
Baylor University	College of William & Mary	Fayetteville State University	Johnson College	Marywood University
Beloit College	College of Wooster	Fisher College	Juniata College	Mass College of Pharmacy
Benedict College	Columbia College Chicago	Fisk University	Katherine Gibbs Institute	McDaniel College
Bennett College	Columbia University	Five Towns College	Kean University	Medaille College
Bentley University	Community College of Philadelphia	Flagler College	Kent State University	Mercy College
Berkeley College	Conneticut College	Florida A&M University	Kentucky State University	Methodist University
Bethune-Cookman University	Coppin State University	Florida Institute of Technology	Kenyon College	Miami Dade College
Bloomfield College	Cornell University	Florida Memorial University	Keuka College	Miami University, Oxford
Bloomsburg University	Dartmouth College	Franklin & Marshall College	Keystone College	Michigan State University
Bluffton University	Dean College	Franklin Pierce University	King's College	Middlebury College
Boston College	DeKalb Technical Institute	Full Sail Real World Education	Kutztown University	Millersville University
Boston University	Delaware County Community College	Gannon University	La Roche College	Mills College
Bowie State University	Delaware State University	George Mason University	La Salle University	Misericordia University
Brandeis University	Delaware Valley University	George Washington University	Lackawanna College	Monmouth University
Bryn Athyn College	Denison University	Georgetown University	Lafayette College	Monroe College
Bryn Mawr College	DePaul University	Georgia State University	LaGrange College	Montgomery County Community College
Bucknell University	DeSales University	Gettysburg College	Lake Forest College	Moore College of Art and Design
Buffalo State College of SUNY	DeVry University	Goldey Beacom College	Landmark College	Moravian College
Burlington College		Goucher College	Lane College	Morehouse College
Cabrini University		Grambling State University	Langston University	Morgan State University
Cal State, Sacramento		Grand Valley State University	Lawrence University	Morris Brown University
Caldwell College				Morris College
California University of PA				Mount Aloysius College
Campbell University				Mount Holyoke College
				Mount St. Mary's University



(continued)

Muhlenberg College	Saint Vincent College	University of Denver	Virginia Wesleyan College
Neumann University	San Jose State University	University of Hartford	Voorhees University
New England College	Sanford Brown Institute	University of Indianapolis	Washington & Jefferson College
New York Institute of Technology	Savannah College Art & Design	University of Kansas	Washington and Lee University
New York University	Savannah State University	University of Kentucky	Washington College
Newbury College	School of Visual Arts NY	University of Maryland, College Park	Washington State University
Niagara University	Seton Hall University	University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	Washington U in St. Louis
Norfolk State University	Shaw University	University of Massachusetts	Wayne State College
North Carolina A&T	Shippensburg University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Waynesburg University
North Carolina Central University	Skidmore College	University of Miami	Wesley College
North Carolina State University	Slippery Rock University	University of Mississippi	Wesleyan College
Northampton Community College	Smith College	University of Nebraska at Lincoln	Wesleyan University
Northeastern University	South Carolina State University	University of Nebraska at Lincoln	West Chester University
Northern Illinois University	Spelman College	University of New Hampshire	West Virginia University
Norwich University	St. Augustine's College	University of New Haven	West Virginia Wesleyan College
Notre Dame de Namur University	St. John Fisher College	University of Notre Dame	Western Carolina University
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	St. John's University	University of Notre Dame Wellesley College	Western Michigan University
Oglethorpe University	St. Simon Gratz High Aquinas College	University of Oregon	Westminster College
Ohio University	Stanford University	University of Pennsylvania	Wheaton College MA
Old Dominion University	Star Career Academy	University of Pittsburgh	Widener University
Oregon State University	State University of New York at Albany	University of Pittsburgh at Bradford	Wilmington University
Orleans Technical Institute	Stetson University	University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg	Wilson College
Our Lady of the Lake University	Stevenson University	University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown	Winston-Salem State University
Pace University	Strayer University	University of Pittsburgh at Titusville	Winthrop University
Peirce College	SUNY at Albany	University of Puget Sound	Wittenberg University
Pennsylvania College of Technology	Susquehanna University	University of Rhode Island	WVU Institute of Technology
Pennsylvania Institute of Technology	Swarthmore College	University of San Francisco	Xavier University
Pennsylvania State University	Sweet Briar College	University of Scranton	Xavier University of Louisiana
Pike's Peak College	Syracuse University	University of South Carolina	York College of Pennsylvania
Pine Manor College	Talladega College	University of South Florida	Youngstown State University
Pointe Park University	Temple University	University of Southern California	
Portland State University	Tennessee State University	University of Tampa	
Pulse Beauty Academy	Thaddeus Stevens College	University of the Arts	
Purdue University	Thiel College	University of the Sciences	
Radford University	Tiffin University	University of Toledo	
Restaurant School at Walnut Hill	Toni & Guy Academy	University of Valley Forge	
Roanoke College	Tougaloo College	University of Vermont	
Robert Morris University	Towson University	University of Virginia	
Rochester Institute of Tech	Tufts University	Ursinus College	
Roosevelt University	Tulane University	Utica College	
Rosemont College	Tuskegee University	VA Commonwealth University	
Rowan University	Tyler School of Art	Valley Forge Military College	
Rutgers University	Universal Technical Institute	Vassar College	
Sage College of Albany	University of Advancing Tech	Villanova University	
Saint Augustine's University	University of Akron	Virginia Commonwealth University	
Saint Francis University	University of Alabama	Virginia State University	
Saint Joseph's University	University of Arizona	Virginia Union University	
Saint Leo University	University of Bridgeport		
Saint Peter's University	University of CA - Riverside		
	University of Central Florida		
	University of Charleston		
	University of Cincinnati		
	University of Colorado		
	University of Delaware		



Dear Colleagues,

At Mastery, we serve predominantly low-income children of color. The intensity of the global pandemic coupled with increased racial tensions in our country has increased the stress and trauma they have likely experienced over the last several months. Given our mission, our most important priorities when finalizing our plan for this school year was to ensure safety, attend to the emotional well-being of our students, maintain high expectations for academic engagement and increase family engagement. The information that follows is applicable for March 2020-November 2020. Our network will reassess our landscape and determine the path forward for our learning model for December 2020 through the rest of the 2020-2021 school year.

## **SY 2019-2020, March 17, 2020-June 12, 2020**

### **Grading Policies**

- No grades were issued from March 18-April 24, 2020 as we transitioned to our home academic practice all-virtual model. Students were provided with daily independent practice, virtual teacher support, printed packets mailed to homes and online units of study
- From April 27-June 11, 2020, we issued grades based on participation and completion of specific online lessons assigned for completion each week with virtual teacher support
- We extended our third reporting period (RP3) through the end of the school year and based final grades on a combination of RP3 work already completed (75% weight) prior to school closures and participation in home academic practice (25% weight) as noted above
- Students who successfully passed summer credit recovery were given a “P” for the course, the course credit, and a 76 was averaged into the student’s grade point average.

### **Standardized Tests**

Due to test cancellations, roughly 17% of our seniors participated in the ACT exam in February 2020. The breakdown by school is listed below and campus specific details can be found in the school profiles. With the current state of testing, we have geared our efforts towards supporting students with other components of the application.

<b>Campus</b>	<b>% who tested in Winter/Spring 2020</b>
Lenfest	0%
Thomas	69%
Shoemaker	2%
Pickett	13%
Hardy	34%
Gratz	10%
Camden	0%



## **SY 2020-2021, Report Period 1, September 8, 2020 - November 16, 2020**

### **Distance Learning Model**

Our seven high schools, in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, are implementing a full virtual, distance learning model which contains a teacher centered component and an online, independent component. The teacher delivered component is provided via a combination of synchronous, asynchronous, and Zoom support sessions. Key features of this model include:

- All students and families receive 1-to-1 computers and home Internet access
- Students receive 2 days or 4 half days of synchronous instruction (per state mandates: min. 5.5 hours/day in PA, min. of 4 hours/day in NJ)
- Students have 3 days (or 1 full day and 4 half days) of asynchronous online learning and assignments
- Schools provide individual & small group phone or virtual supports to students

By October 1, 2020, high schools will have the option of bringing back small groups of students for in-person supports. By November 16, 2020, we will make a decision on whether or not we continue to provide a full virtual, distance learning model or move to a hybrid or in-person learning model.

### **Grading Policy**

As we seek to accurately measure what students know and create plans to provide support and interventions, even in these unusual times, we underscore the importance of grading students on accuracy instead of effort. We also want to ensure our policies are fair to students and acknowledge the potential challenges that exist from this new learning mode. A few notable highlights of our grading policy:

- Grades are only aligned to student work and are based on accuracy.
- The lowest grade students can receive is 50.
- Students will not be penalized for late assignments or assessments.
- Grading Scale

		<b>General</b>	<b>Honors</b>	<b>AP &amp; Dual Enrollment</b>
<b>A</b>	93-100	4	4.5	5
<b>A-</b>	90-92	3.67	4.17	4.67
<b>B+</b>	87-89	3.33	3.84	4.33
<b>B</b>	83-86	3	3.5	4
<b>B-</b>	80-82	2.67	3.17	3.67
<b>C+</b>	77-79	2.33	2.84	3.33
<b>C</b>	73-76	2	2.5	3
<b>C-</b>	70-72	1.67	2.17	2.67
<b>D+</b>	67-69	1.33	1.84	2.33
<b>D</b>	65-66	1	1.5	2
<b>F</b>	Below 65	0	0	0

We recognize that high schools across the nation have taken on various approaches during these extraordinary times, and we hope this letter provides transparency and clarification for how the academic performance of Mastery students has been evaluated since March 2020.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Justina Haynes, Director of Postsecondary Pathways at [Justina.haynes@masterycharter.org](mailto:Justina.haynes@masterycharter.org).

Best,  
Mastery Schools