



Mastery Charter School Pickett Campus

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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	4.25 - 3.29
SECOND	3.28 - 2.73
THIRD	2.73 - 2.3
FOURTH	2.29 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 116 students.



THE SCHOOL

Mastery Charter School – Pickett Campus is a high-performing, college-preparatory turnaround school serving students in Northwest Philadelphia. The school opened its doors as a Mastery public charter school in 2007 and currently has an enrollment total of **952 students in grades 6 through 12**.

The school enrolls 90% of its students from two low-income neighborhood elementary schools and serves as the local high school in Germantown. Pickett has been recognized by President Obama for its remarkable turnaround since 2007 and is now ranked in the top quartile by performance of all 80 public and public charter high schools in Philadelphia.

72% of our student body is classified as economically disadvantaged (qualifying for the Free/Reduced Lunch program). 35% receive Special Education services. 98% of our students come from African-American or Hispanic ethnic backgrounds.

CURRICULUM OFFERED

ENGLISH

English I
Honors English I
English II
Honors English II
English III
Honors English III
AP Literature
English IV
Honors English IV
AP Language

SCIENCE

Environmental Science
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Honors Chemistry
Honors Biology
Environmental Science
Intro to Health Sciences
Science, Technology & Society

HISTORY

African American History
Honors African American Hist.
Modern World History
Honors Modern World History
AP Modern World History
US History
Honors US History
AP US History
American Government
Economics
AP Government

MATHEMATICS

Introduction to Algebra
Algebra I
Honors Algebra I
Algebra I Core
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Algebra II
Honors Algebra II
Honors Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB

LANGUAGE

Spanish I
Spanish II

ELECTIVE / SEMINAR

Junior Seminar
Internship 11
Research Skills
Senior Seminar: College Prep
Research Skills
Consumer Economics
Physical Education
Visual Arts
Technology
Performing Arts
Choir
Critical Thinking/Writing 10
Film & Society
Creative Writing
Student Government Association
History of Film and Television
Research Skills
Forensic Science
Computer Science & Coding
Yearbook & Media

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Molding Gentlemen of
Distinction (MGDs)
Development into Virtuous
Adults (DIVAs)

National Honor Society
Varsity Cross Country
E-Sports
Cycling Club

Varsity Football
Track and Field
Varsity Boys Basketball
Varsity Girls Basketball

JV Boys Basketball
Varsity Cheerleading
Volleyball



WINTER 2020

ACT

The chart to the right shows the number of Pickett students who scored in a given range and the mean score for all students.

Please review the COVID Addendum for further details regarding Mastery students and the ACT.

RANGE 15 Students	READING	MATH	COMPOSITE
11 - 16	3	5	3
17 - 21	9	8	7
22 - 26	1	2	4
27+	2	0	1
MEAN SCORE	20	18	20

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR ALL MASTERY CHARTER STUDENTS

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Agnes Scott College | Bluffton University | Clarion University | East Carolina University | George Mason University |
| Alabama A&M University | Boston College | Clark Atlanta University | East Stroudsburg University | George Washington University |
| Albertus Magnus College | Boston University | Clark College | Earlham College | Georgetown University |
| Albright College | Bowie State University | Clemson University | Eastern Nazarene College | Georgia State University |
| Alderson-Broaddus College | Brandeis University | Cleveland State University | Eastern University | Gettysburg College |
| All State Career Truck School | Bryn Athyn College | Colby College | Eckerd College | Goldey Beacom College |
| Allegheny College | Bryn Mawr College | College of Mount Saint Vincent | Edinboro University | Goucher College |
| Allen University | Bucknell University | College of Saint Rose | Edward Waters College | Grambling State University |
| Alvernia College | Buffalo State College of SUNY | College of Southern Nevada | Elizabeth City State University | Grand Valley State University |
| Alvernia University | Burlington College | College of William & Mary | Elizabethtown College | Gwynedd-Mercy University |
| AMDA College | Cabrini University | College of Wooster | Elmira College | Hampton University |
| American River College | Cal State, Sacramento | Columbia College Chicago | Embry-Riddle Aeronautical | Harcum College |
| American University | Caldwell College | Columbia University | Emmanuel College | Harrisburg University of Science & Technology |
| Amherst College | California University of PA | Community College of Philadelphia | Emory University | Hartwick College |
| Andrew College | Campbell University | Conneticut College | Empire Beauty School | Haverford College |
| Antioch College | Canisius College | Coppin State University | Endicott College | Hiram G. Andrews Center |
| Antonelli Institute | Carlow University | Cornell University | Esperanza College | Hobart & William Smith College |
| Arcadia University | Carnegie Mellon University | Culinary Institute of America | Everest Institute | Hofstra University |
| Art Institute of Philadelphia | Case Western Reserve University | Dartmouth College | Fairfield University | Holy Family University |
| Art Institute of Philadelphia | Cazanovia College | Dean College | Fairleigh Dickinson University | Howard University |
| Ashford University | Cedar Crest College | DeKalb Technical Institute | Fashion Institute of Technology | Hussian School of Art |
| Ashland University | Central Penn College | Delaware County Community College | Fayetteville State University | Huston-Tillotson University |
| Automotive Training Center | Central State University | Delaware State University | Fisher College | Illinois College |
| Aviation Institute of Maintenance | Chaminade University of Honolulu | Delaware Valley University | Fisk University | Immaculata University |
| Babson College | Champlain College | Denison University | Five Towns College | Indiana State University |
| Ball State University | Chatham University | DePaul University | Flagler College | Indiana University of Pennsylvania |
| Bates College | Chestnut Hill College | DeSales University | Florida A&M University | Ithaca College |
| Baylor University | Cheyney University | DeVry University | Florida Institute of Technology | ITT Technical Institute |
| Beloit College | Christopher Newport University | Dickinson College | Florida Memorial University | James Madison University |
| Benedict College | Chubb Institute of Technology | Dillard University | Franklin & Marshall College | Jean Madeline Aveda Institute |
| Bennett College | Cittone Medical Institute | Dowling College | Franklin Pierce University | Jefferson College of Health Sciences |
| Bentley University | Claflin University | Drew University | Full Sail Real World Education | Jefferson University |
| Berkeley College | Claremont McKenna College | Drexel University | Gannon University | |
| Bethune-Cookman University | | Duke University | | |
| Bloomfield College | | | | |
| Bloomsburg University | | | | |



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JNA Institute of Culinary Arts	Methodist University	Pine Manor College	Toni & Guy Academy	University of Southern California
Johns Hopkins University	Miami Dade College	Pointe Park University	Tougaloo College	University of Tampa
Johnson & Wales University	Miami University, Oxford	Portland State University	Towson University	University of the Arts
Johnson C Smith University	Michigan State University	Pulse Beauty Academy	Tufts University	University of the Sciences
Johnson College	Middlebury College	Purdue University	Tulane University	University of Toledo
Juniata College	Millersville University	Radford University	Tuskegee University	University of Valley Forge
Katherine Gibbs Institute	Mills College	Restaurant School at Walnut Hill	Tyler School of Art	University of Vermont
Kean University	Misericordia University	Roanoke College	Universal Technical Institute	University of Virginia
Kent State University	Monmouth University	Robert Morris University	University of Advancing Tech	Ursinus College
Kentucky State University	Monroe College	Rochester Institute of Tech	University of Akron	Utica College
Kenyon College	Montgomery County Community College	Roosevelt University	University of Alabama	VA Commonwealth University
Keuka College	Moore College of Art and Design	Rosemont College	University of Arizona	Valley Forge Military College
Keystone College	Moravian College	Rowan University	University of Bridgeport	Vassar College
King's College	Morehouse College	Rutgers University	University of CA - Riverside	Villanova University
Kutztown University	Morgan State University	Sage College of Albany	University of Central Florida	Virginia Commonwealth University
La Roche College	Morris Brown University	Saint Augustine's University	University of Charleston	Virginia State University
La Salle University	Morris College	Saint Francis University	University of Cincinnati	Virginia Union University
Lackawanna College	Mount Aloysius College	Saint Joseph's University	University of Colorado	Virginia Wesleyan College
Lafayette College	Mount Holyoke College	Saint Leo University	University of Delaware	Voorhees University
LaGrange College	Mount St. Mary's University	Saint Peter's University	University of Denver	Washington & Jefferson College
Lake Forest College	Muhlenberg College	Saint Vincent College	University of Hartford	Washington and Lee University
Landmark College	Neumann University	San Jose State University	University of Indianapolis	Washington College
Lane College	New England College	Sanford Brown Institute	University of Kansas	Washington State University
Langston University	New York Institute of Technology	Savannah College Art & Design	University of Kentucky	Washington U in St. Louis
Lawrence University	New York University	Savannah State University	University of Maryland, College Park	Wayne State College
Le Moyne College	Newbury College	School of Visual Arts NY	University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	Waynesburg University
Lebanon Valley College	Niagara University	Seton Hall University	University of Massachusetts	Wesley College
Lees-McRae College	Norfolk State University	Shaw University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Wesleyan College
Lehigh University	North Carolina A&T University	Shippensburg University	University of Miami	Wesleyan University
Lehigh Valley College	North Carolina Central University	Skidmore College	University of Mississippi	West Chester University
Liberty University	North Carolina State University	Slippery Rock University	University of Nebraska at Lincoln	West Virginia University
LIM College	Northampton Community College	Smith College	University of New Hampshire	West Virginia Wesleyan College
Lincoln Technical Institute	Northeastern University	South Carolina State University	University of New Haven	Western Carolina University
Lincoln University	Northern Illinois University	Spelman College	University of Notre Dame	Western Michigan University
Lock Haven University	Norwich University	St. Augustine's College	University of Notre Dame Wellesley College	Westminster College
Long Island University	Notre Dame de Namur University	St. John Fisher College	University of Oregon	Wheaton College MA
Loyola University Chicago	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	St. John's University	University of Pennsylvania	Widener University
Loyola University Maryland	Oglethorpe University	St. Simon Gratz High Aquinas College	University of Pittsburgh	Wilmington University
Lycoming College	Ohio University	Stanford University	University of Pittsburgh at Bradford	Wilson College
Lynn University	Old Dominion University	Star Career Academy	University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg	Winston-Salem State University
Macalaster College	Oregon State University	State University of New York at Albany	University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown	Winthrop University
Manhattan College	Orleans Technical Institute	Stetson University	University of Pittsburgh at Titusville	Wittenberg University
Manhattanville College	Our Lady of the Lake University	Stevenson University	University of Puget Sound	WVU Institute of Technology
Manor College	Pace University	Strayer University	University of Rhode Island	Xavier University
Mansfield University	Peirce College	SUNY at Albany	University of San Francisco	Xavier University of Louisiana
Marquette University	Pennsylvania College of Technology	Susquehanna University	University of Scranton	York College of Pennsylvania
Marshall University	Pennsylvania Institute of Technology	Swarthmore College	University of South Carolina	Youngstown State University
Mars Hill University	Pennsylvania State University	Sweet Briar College	University of South Florida	
Mary Baldwin College	Pike's Peak College	Syracuse University		
Marymount		Talladega College		
Manhattan College		Temple University		
Marymount		Tennessee State University		
Manhattan College		Thaddeus Stevens College		
Maryville College		Thiel College		
Marywood University		Tiffin University		
Mass College of Pharmacy				
McDaniel College				
Medaille College				
Mercy College				



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.

Campus	% who tested in Winter/Spring 2020
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

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

Best,
Mastery Schools