

Public High School Report

A client-friendly summary of the 2026-2027 U.S. News & World Report rankings

Highly ranked schools across the Main Line

Philadelphia's Main Line is known for its attractive communities, convenient access to the city, and highly regarded public and private schools. The latest U.S. News rankings place several public high schools serving the Main Line among Pennsylvania's - and the nation's - highest-ranked schools.

High school	Location	School district	PA	National
Harriton High School	Rosemont	Lower Merion	No. 6	No. 339
Radnor High School	Radnor	Radnor Township	No. 7	No. 341
Lower Merion High School	Ardmore	Lower Merion	No. 8	No. 380
Conestoga High School	Berwyn	Tredyffrin-Easttown	No. 13	No. 479
Haverford High School	Havertown	Haverford Township	No. 33	No. 926

Conestoga High School also ranked No. 146 nationally among STEM high schools.

Strong neighboring-area schools

The Main Line is surrounded by communities with well-regarded schools, including Downingtown, Great Valley, Upper Merion, and West Chester.

High school	Location	School district	PA	National
Downingtown STEM Academy	Downingtown	Downingtown Area	No. 2	No. 19
Great Valley High School	Malvern	Great Valley	No. 23	No. 724
Downingtown High School East	Exton	Downingtown Area	No. 55	Ranked*
Downingtown High School West	Downingtown	Downingtown Area	No. 89	Ranked*
Upper Merion Area High School	King of Prussia	Upper Merion Area	No. 214	No. 4,972
West Chester Henderson	West Chester	West Chester Area	See note*	Ranked*
West Chester East	West Chester	West Chester Area	See note*	Ranked*
West Chester Bayard Rustin	West Chester	West Chester Area	See note*	Ranked*

*Published summaries confirm these schools were nationally ranked, but exact figures were not consistently available in the accessible 2026-2027 summaries. Confirm a current individual U.S. News profile before quoting an exact number.

Why the exact property address matters

Understanding Main Line school districts can be more complicated than looking at the town shown in a mailing address. The Main Line crosses Delaware, Montgomery, and Chester Counties, and familiar town names and ZIP codes may extend across multiple townships and school districts.

WAYNE IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE

ZIP code 19087 uses Wayne as its preferred postal name. It is primarily in Delaware County, but portions extend into Chester and Montgomery Counties.

Area	County	Public school district	High school
Radnor Township	Delaware	Radnor Township	Radnor High School
Tredyffrin Township	Chester	Tredyffrin-Easttown	Conestoga High School
Upper Merion Township	Montgomery	Upper Merion Area	Upper Merion Area High School

Two homes with Wayne mailing addresses may therefore be in different counties, municipalities, and public school districts. Similar distinctions occur elsewhere along the Main Line. A town name or ZIP code does not, by itself, establish a property's public school assignment.

The value of knowledgeable local guidance

Rankings are only one factor when evaluating a school and community. They cannot measure school culture, programming, or whether a particular environment will meet an individual student's needs. They are, however, a useful starting point and highlight the breadth of educational opportunities throughout the Main Line and its neighboring communities.

Because municipal, county, postal, and school-district boundaries frequently overlap, local knowledge is especially important. A knowledgeable Main Line real estate professional can help buyers identify the municipality and district serving a specific property, understand the distinctions among nearby communities, and verify information with the applicable school district.



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Sources and notes

U.S. News & World Report, 2026-2027 Best High Schools; Patch's published Pennsylvania ranking summary; VISTA.Today's Chester County ranking coverage; and ZIP Code 19087 geographic data. Rankings use 2023-2024 school-year data and may change annually. School boundaries and assignments can change; buyers should independently verify the school district and attendance area for a specific property directly with the district.

Source links: patch.com/pennsylvania/across-pa/these-are-best-public-high-schools-pa-2026-27-u-s-news | vista.today/2026/08/downingtown-stem-academy-national-ranking | zipdatamaps.com/19087