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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
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2026-2027 PROFILE

2026 U.S. News Rankings: #1 High School in PA, #3 Nationally

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School is a multicultural, welcoming community of learners that engages academically talented students in grades 5-12 in advanced intellectual study. It is a public, criteria-based school located in the city of Philadelphia. Students from all sections of the city may apply, and are admitted based on selective requirements for standardized testing, grades, and attendance. The school serves approximately 1200 students in grades five through twelve; there are roughly 600 students in the middle school and 600 students in the high school. Students generally enter Masterman Middle School in fifth or sixth grade and must apply to the High School when they are in eighth grade.

CURRICULUM

All students follow a college preparatory program, and all courses are offered at the Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) levels only. AP courses include:

African American Studies	Music Theory
Art	Physics
Biology	Research
Calculus AB	Seminar
Calculus BC	Spanish Language & Culture
Chemistry	Statistics
English Language & Composition	U.S. Government & Politics
English Literature & Composition	U.S. History

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

4 credits of English	2 credits in World Languages
3 credits of Mathematics	1.5 credits in Physical Education/Health
3 credits of Social Studies	2 credits of Arts/Humanities
3 credits of Science	4 credits of Electives
1 credit of African American History	

Students must also complete a Senior Project and meet one of Pennsylvania's five Pathways to Graduation.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The ethnic/racial composition of the high school is:

AAP1- 33%
 White/Caucasian- 38%
 Black/African-American- 13%
 Two or more races- 9%
 Hispanic/Latino- 7%
 Seniors who will be first-generation college students- 60%

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100	C = 70-79
B = 80-89	D = 60-69
F = 59 and Below	

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated at the end of each school year using final grades and includes all classes. Weighted and unweighted GPAs are reported on the transcript. Honors classes carry a weight of 1.15 and AP classes carry a weight of 1.2.

CLASS RANK

Masterman does not rank students. All students take college preparatory classes and typically 100% of the graduates matriculate at four-year colleges and universities.

AVERAGE SAT SCORES CLASS OF 2026

Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	645
Mathematics	645
Total	1290

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

	<u>2027</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
National Merit Semi-Finalists	2	3	14	14	19
National Merit Commended	15	11	21	21	15
National African American Recognition Award	*	*	7	8	15
National Hispanic Recognition Award	*	*	10	3	2
Total class enrollment	120	115	111	120	112

*College Board has discontinued these awards.