

SOLEBURY SCHOOL



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PROFILE 2024-2025

General Overview and Philosophy:

Solebury School was founded in 1925 as a progressive alternative to the more rigid and authoritarian educational systems of the time. We have continued on this progressive path, adopting many innovative programs well before their common acceptance in American education. Today we continue our tradition as a college preparatory, co-educational boarding and day school, enrolling 260 students in grades 9 through 12 on our bucolic 140-acre campus in the Pennsylvania countryside.

We encourage students and faculty to act collegially in the learning process and to form relationships based on mutual respect. Intrinsic to our philosophy is a profound respect for the individual and a rejection of conformity for its own sake. Each student is encouraged to think creatively, independently and critically, and to understand his or her responsibility to the larger world. While our style is informal, our curriculum is rigorous and prepares students for success at a range of colleges according to their best fit, including the most selective schools in the nation.

Student Body:

Although the majority of Solebury's approximately 260 students come from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, in the past three years students have come **from 23 states and 14 foreign countries.**

Solebury's students take on leadership roles that are integral to the day-to-day functioning of the school: students run our twice weekly all-school assemblies; students serve with faculty on our Judiciary and Academic Committees; older students act as Peer Leaders and Peer Tutors for younger students; students act as Tour Guides for our admission department; students start and lead their own clubs and organizations (such as Chess Club and the Solebury Literary Arts Magazine). Students also participate in a wide range of competitive sports and other traditional activities. By mentoring students through these responsibilities, Solebury fosters maturity and personal growth in its student body.

Due to restrictions brought about by COVID-19, athletics were cancelled from March '20-March '21.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Academic Program:

A minimum of 109 credits are required for graduation:

- English—24 credits (required each trimester)
- Mathematics—18 credits (through Algebra II & Trigonometry)
- Foreign Language—18 credits (at least 12 of the same language)
- Science—12 credits (Conceptual Physics and Biology)
- Social Studies—12 credits (US History plus one other)
- Arts—6 credits (2 full years)
- Health—1 credit (waived if student arrives as junior, senior, or PG)
- Electives to bring total credits to 109
- **Winter 2021 courses were taught online and graded on a 4.0 scale**

Each full-year course equals 6 credits. Every student must attempt a minimum of 27 credits each year or 9 each trimester. Note that these are minimum requirements and students are encouraged to go as far as they possibly can in each discipline. Those wishing to attend a competitive college should keep in mind that such candidates usually have taken Calculus, three or more laboratory sciences, and often a fourth year of a foreign language. At Solebury, students often have 132 to 156 credits at graduation.

AP AND HONORS COURSES

17 AP courses are offered: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Comp Sci A, Comp Sci Principles, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, French Language, Physics, Spanish Language, Statistics, Studio Art, US Government & Politics, US History and World History

26 Honors courses are offered: Algebra II/Trig, Anatomy, Biology, Ceramics, Chemistry, Elite Ensemble, English 9/10/11, Ethics, French IV, Geometry, Horror Lit, Jazz Roots, Multivariable Calculus, Music Theory, Physics, Poetry, Pre-Calculus, Psychology, Search for Enlightenment, Teach2Serve, Theatre in Residence, US History, World History and Writers of Color

Accreditation:

Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools
Member in good standing of PACAC and NACAC

Calendar: Solebury's academic year is divided into three trimesters. The first ends in mid-November, the second ends in early March, and the third ends in early June. Class periods are 80 minutes each. The last three days of each trimester are for final exams.

Class of 2024 Academic Profile:

There were 74 seniors in the Class of 2024; however, due to test-optional policies, only 42 took the SAT and only 9 took the ACT.

The middle 50% ranges were:
SAT Reading/Writing: 540-755;
SAT Math: 495-740
ACT Composite: 28-31
GPA: 3.32-3.98

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Grading:

Grading is on a 4 point scale.

A+ (97-100) =	4.333
A (93-96) =	4.000
A- (90-92) =	3.666
B+ (87-89) =	3.333
B (83-86) =	3.000
B- (80-82) =	2.666
C+ (77-79) =	2.333
C (73-76) =	2.000
C- (70-72) =	1.666
D+ (67-69) =	1.333
D (63-66) =	1.000
D- (60-62) =	0.666
[D- is the lowest passing grade]	
F (0-59) =	0.000

Honors and AP courses are weighted. The bonus is not added to the course grade itself, but is added in calculating GPA. The Honors bonus is 0.33. The AP bonus is 0.66.

Class Rank: Consistent with our philosophy of education, Solebury School does not rank its students.

Activities: Solebury students are required to participate in three trimesters of a sport or afterschool activity each year.

Student discipline: Solebury School will report to colleges any disciplinary responses that result in suspension or expulsion during the student's junior and senior year at Solebury School. We will report the disciplinary actions that occur prior to the submission of a college application only when asked; any disciplinary actions that occurs after submission of the application will be reported to all colleges to which the student has applied.

Summary Statistics: Of the graduates in the past three years, 98% have gone to four-year colleges; the remaining 2% attend community colleges, pursue a post-graduate year of high school, or take a gap year.

ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS

Global Education: with an emphasis on the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development, and as a member of the Global Educators Benchmark Group, students can deeply engage in global academic courses, cultural events, travel immersion and more.

Social Justice: Designed for students who wish to explore issues of equity, whether focused on economics, race, gender, the environment, or any host of justice concerns, this concentration encourages students to participate in their local and global communities through activism, volunteerism, and learning.

STEM: Students will go beyond the classroom offerings and dive into their STEM interests, choosing the path that works best for them to complete the requirements.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LIST:

Over the past five years, Solebury's graduates have been accepted to schools such as:

Albright College	Fordham University	Ohio Wesleyan University	UC Berkeley
American University	Franklin & Marshall College	Pennsylvania State University	UCLA
American Univ of Paris	George Washington University	Pepperdine University	UC San Diego
Amherst College	Gettysburg College	Pomona College	UC Santa Barbara
Arcadia University	Goucher College	Pratt Institute	University of Chicago
Babson College	Grinnell College	Purdue University	University of Colorado
Bard College	Hamilton College	Quinnipiac University	University of Connecticut
Baylor University	Haverford College	Reed College	University of Delaware
Beloit College	High Point University	Rensselaer Polytech. Inst.	University of Denver
Bennington College	Hobart & Wm. Smith Coll.	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Florida
Bentley University	Hofstra University	Rhodes College	University of Georgia
Berklee College of Music	Howard University	Rice University	University of Hartford
Boston University	Indiana University-Bloomington	Rider University	University of Hong Kong
Brandeis University	Ithaca College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Illinois
Brown University	James Madison University	Rollins College	University of Iowa
Bryn Mawr College	Johnson and Wales University	Royal Academy of Music	University of Maryland
Bucknell University	Juniata College	Rutgers University	University of Massachusetts
Cal. Inst. Of the Arts	Kenyon College	Saint Joseph's University	University of Miami
Cal. State U – Long Beach	La Salle University	Saint Louis University	University of Michigan
Carnegie Mellon Univ.	Lafayette College	Santa Clara University	University of Minnesota
Case Western Reserve Univ.	Lawrence University	Sarah Lawrence College	UNC-Chapel Hill
Chapman University	Lehigh University	SCAD	University of Pennsylvania
Chatham University	Loyola Marymount University	School of Visual Arts	University of Pittsburgh
Claremont McKenna College	Loyola University-MD	Seton Hall University	University of Richmond
Clark University	Loyola University – New Orleans	Skidmore College	University of Rochester
Clemson University	Lynn University	Smith College	Univ. of Saint Andrew's
Colby College	Macalester College	Southern Methodist University	University of Scranton
Colgate University	Manhattan College	Spelman College	Univ. of South Carolina
College of Charleston	Manhattan School of Music	St. John's College	University of Southern CA
College of the Holy Cross	Manhattanville College	St. John's University	University of Sydney
College of William & Mary	Marist College	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Tampa
College of Wooster	Maryland Inst. Coll. of Art	Stonehill College	University of Toronto
Colorado College	McDaniel College	SUNY system	University of Vermont
Columbia University	McGill University	Susquehanna University	University of Virginia
Concordia Univ. – Montreal	Miami University of Ohio	Swarthmore College	University of Washington
Connecticut College	Michigan State University	Syracuse University	University of Waterloo
Cornell University	Middlebury College	Temple University	University of Wisconsin
Creighton University	Moravian University	Texas A&M University	Ursinus College
CUNY System	Morehouse College	The Catholic U of America	Vanderbilt University
Denison University	Mount Holyoke College	The College of New Jersey	Vassar College
Dickinson College	Muhlenberg College	The Culinary Institute of America	Villanova University
Drew University	New York University	The Hague	Virginia Tech
Drexel University	North Carolina A&T University	The New School (NYC)	Wagner College
Eckerd College	North Carolina State University	Trinity College (CT)	Wake Forest University
Elon University	Northeastern University	Tufts University	Wesleyan University
Emerson College	Northwestern University	Union College (NY)	West Chester University
Emory University	Oberlin College	USMA – West Point	Wheaton College, MA
Fairfield University	Occidental College	University of Arizona	Willamette University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Ohio State University	Univ. of British Columbia	Worcester Polytechnic Inst.

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