



Passaic County Technical Institute

2011/2012 High School Profile



Mission Statement

"We are a diverse, progressive learning community that promotes educational excellence by challenging our students to become knowledgeable, productive and socially conscious members of a global society through quality educational programs delivered by a highly skilled and dedicated staff in a nurturing environment."

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The School

Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) is a 24-time national award-winning, comprehensive high school serving 3,200 students in grades 9-12. Located on a 55+ acre campus in Wayne, NJ, the school receives students from all municipalities in Passaic County. Over 350 faculty members deliver the curriculum of 200 courses and career areas.

A student can:

- Earn 30 college credits in high school
- Gain both on-campus and on-the-job experience in 30 different careers
- Join one of PCTI's 14 popular programs of study
- Take part in dozens of community service projects
- Enjoy the excitement of the winning PCTI athletic program in more than two dozen sports – hundreds of young adults learning, first hand, about sportsmanship and teamwork
- Compete in academic, artistic, and vocational forums for state and national honors
- Benefit through the PCTI Eco-Friendly "BLUE GOES GREEN" & the Wellness "PCTI RECHARGED" campaigns

Awards and Achievements

The following highlights a number of recent PCTI honors...

- More than \$500,000 in grants, scholarships, and financial aid was awarded to 2011 graduates
- An athletic powerhouse with eight state championships and many legendary accomplishments, among boys' and girls' teams
- More than 200 students of the graduating class of 2011 received local, state, and national honors for superior academic, career, & athletic achievements
- Prestigious scholarship awards from colleges/universities, business and civic organizations
- National, state, and local recognition for extraordinary patriotic and extensive community service
- Twenty-seven student organizations help the needy and strengthen civic responsibility

Graduation Requirements

In order to qualify for a PCTI diploma, a student must earn a total of 160 credits which include the following:

English	20	credits
Mathematics	15	credits
Social Studies	15	credits
Physical Education/Health	20	credits
Science	15	credits
Electives*	15	credits
World Language	5	credits
Visual and Performing Arts	5	credits
Career Exploration/Development	5	credits
Vocational Shop	45	credits

Electives will include 2.5 credits in Personal Financial Literacy beginning with the graduating Class of 2014.

Each student is required to complete 3 years of Technical/Vocational training of which 15 credits must be successfully earned in grade 12.

Career Programs

Students can apply to:

Academy of Finance	School of Cosmetology
Academy of Medical Arts	School of Culinary Arts
Academy of Information Technology	School of Engineering Technology (Project Lead the Way)
School of Automotive Technology	School of Education/Human Services
School of Applied Technology	School of Performing Arts
School of Business Careers	School of Service Careers
School of Communication Arts	
School of Construction Technology	

Majors include:

Accounting, Advertising Art & Design, Video Production, Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Child Development, Computer Science, Cosmetology/Manicuring, Criminal Justice/Public Safety, Culinary Arts, Drafting/CAD, Early Childhood/Education, Electrical, Electronics, Engineering, Finance, Graphic Arts, Human Services, HVAC/Refrigeration, Landscape Design, Manufacturing, Marketing, Medical/Health Care, Office Administration, Performing Arts, Plumbing/Heating, Welding, and a host of other important careers.

Extracurricular Programs

There are over 50 athletic and co-curricular programs offered to students at PCTI. The high school participates in the Big North Conference and has won state, county, and league championships in numerous sports from football to chess, volleyball to track and wrestling. Among the 3,200 students, most participate in one or more of 27 student organizations including Marching, Concert and Jazz Bands, Teen Pep, Gifted / Talented, as well as service clubs in Business, Finance, and Health.

Post High School Plans

Four-year University/College	59%
Two-year College	24%
Business/Technical Schools	5%
Military Service	4%
Work	8%

Grading System

Grade	Numeric	G.P.A
A+	98-100	4.2
A	92-97	4.0
A-	90-91	3.8
B+	88-89	3.5
B	82-87	3.0
B-	80-81	2.8
C+	78-79	2.5
C	72-77	2.0
C-	70-71	1.8
D+	68-69	1.5
D	65-67	1.0
F	0-64	0.0

Code

I	=	Incomplete
M	=	Medical Excuse
NC	=	No Credit
E	=	Excellent
S	=	Satisfactory
N	=	Needs Improvement
U	=	Unsatisfactory

Principal's Honor Roll

A or B in all courses & minimum of 3.8 GPA

Honor Roll

A or B in all courses

Post-Secondary Placement

Graduates of PCTI traditionally attend four-year colleges and universities in the Northeast, two-year institutions in the county and state, as well as a wide variety of technical and career schools. PCTI maintains a local and statewide reputation of excellence.

Summary list of schools PCTI 2011 graduates are attending:

Adelphi University
 Art Institute of Philadelphia
 Bergen Community College
 Berkeley College of Business
 Colgate University
 Culinary Institute of America
 Delaware State University
 Fairleigh Dickinson University
 Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT)
 Felician College
 Fortis Institute
 John C. Smith University
 John Jay School of Criminal Justice
 Johnson & Wales
 Kean University
 Laboratory Institute of Merchandise
 Lackawana College
 Lebanon Valley Collage
 Lincoln Technical Institute
 Monmouth University
 Montclair State University
 New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)
 New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)
 New York University (NYU)
 Norfolk State University
 Pace University
 Penn State University
 Ramapo College
 Richard Stockton College
 Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
 St. Augustine University
 SUNY
 St. John's University
 Saint Peter's College
 Seton Hall University
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 SUNY
 Syracuse University
 The College of New Jersey (TCNJ)
 University of Connecticut
 Ursinus
 Villanova University
 William Paterson University

Counseling Department

Fourteen full-time, on-site counselors are assigned to PCTI students by their chosen career areas.

Vocational Area	Grade(s)	Counselor
Academy Finance	10-12	Lauretta Gregar
Advertising Art/Design	9-12	Miguel Orejas
Automotive	9	Stacey Pinto
Business	10-12	Marianne Lobue
Business	9 and 12	Lauretta Gregar
Carpentry	10-12	James Hill
Collision	10-12	Stacey Pinto
Computer Repair	9-12	Debra Lewis
Computer Science	9-12	Debra Lewis
Construction	9	James Hill
Cosmetology & Manicuring	9-12	Bertha Hannigan
Culinary Arts	9-12	Stacey Pinto
Drafting	9-12	James Hill
Education/Child Development	9-12	Bertha Hannigan
Electric/House/Wiring	10-12	James Hill
Electronics	9-12	Miguel Orejas
Engine Mechanics	10-12	Stacey Pinto
Graphic Arts	9-12	Katrina Najem
Landscape Design	9-12	Rolando Watley
Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice	9-12	Rolando Watley
Manufacturing Technology	9-12	Stacey Pinto
Medical Arts	10-12	Cathy Nolan
Medical Arts	9 and 12	Nicole Christian
Performing Arts	9-12	Katrina Najem
Plumbing	10-12	James Hill
Project Lead The Way (PLTW)	9-12	Miguel Orejas
Refrigeration/AC	9-12	Nicole Christian
Special Needs (A-L)	9-12	Laura Vacca
Special Needs (M-Z)	9-12	Wilford Guevara
Video Production	9-12	Nicole Christian
Welding	10-12	James Hill
Admissions Counselor, Crisis Counselor		Betty Schulte
504 Counselor		Betty Schulte
Bullying Specialist		Rolando Watley

Innovative Facilities Offer Unlimited Educational Opportunities

PCTI offers students 200 technologically advanced learning centers, from academic and career classrooms, to laboratories and lecture halls.

