



Philadelphia Mennonite High School

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

860 N. 24th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130
215-769-5363
Fax: 215-769-4063
E-mail: office@pmhs98.net
www.pmhs98.org

Applications are complete when PMHS has received:

1. Application for Admission
2. \$50 Application Fee (non-refundable)
3. Copy of the student's most recent report card and achievement tests (other academic records may be requested)
4. References of two current teachers and/or pastors for reference.

When everything is complete, parent(s)/guardian(s) and student will be called for an interview.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Date _____
(Please print)

Student's Legal Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Student's SS# _____ D.O.B. _____ Place of Birth _____

Age _____ Gender _____ First language _____ Length of time in US _____

Student's Home (Street or PO Box) Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Student's Home Phone (_____) _____

Current School _____ Dates attended _____

Current School Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ School Phone (_____) _____

Student's current grade _____ What grade is the student applying for? _____

Family is: New to PMHS Returning to PMHS Current school family
Student is: First time applicant Former PMHS Student Previous applicant

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (STUDENT)

Church Name _____ Denomination _____

Church Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Pastor's Name _____ Pastor's Phone (_____) _____

How long attending this church? _____ Conference (if Mennonite) _____

FAMILY BACKGROUND

First Parent/Guardian (Last, First, Middle) _____ Relationship _____

Parent(s) Cell Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Second Parent/Guardian (Last, First, Middle) _____ Relationship _____

Parent(s) Cell Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Student resides with: Parents Mother Father Other _____

List the names and grades of student's brothers and sisters:

Name	Grade in school	School Attending
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Will you allow a non-custodial parent to visit your child and/or review his/her records? YES

No

FOR RESPONSE BY STUDENT

Briefly describe why you would like to attend Philadelphia Mennonite High School.

What goals would you like to accomplish in your years at PMHS?

What do you like to do in your spare time? What are your hobbies?

What would you like us to know about you?

FOR RESPONSE BY PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S)

Why would you like your child to attend Philadelphia Mennonite High School?

Were you involved in school activities at your child's school? Yes No If yes, briefly describe.

Has your child ever been recommended for special ed., diagnosed with a learning difference, or repeated a grade?

Yes No If yes, briefly describe

Has your child ever had behavioral difficulties in school or been suspended or expelled?

Yes No If yes, briefly describe

Describe your child's strengths and weaknesses:

List other schools your child has attended and in what grades he/she was enrolled

Name	Address	Grade(s)

REFERENCE(S): Please list the full contact information.

School reference: teacher, principal, counselor, etc	Community reference: minister at church, neighbor, employer, etc
Name:	Name:
Address	Address
City State Zip	City State Zip
Phone #:	Phone #:
Occupation:	Occupation:

REQUEST FOR TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIAL *(To be completed by parents/guardians of Pennsylvania residents only)*

Pennsylvania provides certain textbooks and materials to students in private schools. Parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis shall request the loan of such materials for their child(ren)'s use by placing a check in the box below. There is no fee.

I hereby request the loan of instructional materials and textbooks in accordance with Act 90 of 1975 and Act 195 of 1972 for my child attending Philadelphia Mennonite High School.

PERMISSION TO USE STUDENT IN SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

Photos, videotape footage and personal interviews with PMHS students who are involved in various school-related activities are often used as part of PMHS' community relations efforts (e.g., newsletter, website).

However, if you do not want photos, videotape footage or interviews featuring your child used in PMHS publications, or on the website, please check the appropriate box below. Be advised that checking this box prevents *intentional* use of your child's photo or videotape footage. In situations in which large groups of people are participating, it is impossible not to photograph or videotape certain students and therefore we cannot prevent the use of photos or videotape footage that unintentionally includes your child.

I do not want photographs or videotape of my child _____ intentionally used in PMHS publications or website.

Signature

PARENT/STUDENT COVENANT CONTRACT WITH PMHS

I, Parent/Guardian of _____, grade _____ will:
name of student

1. Support the mission, vision, and core values of the school.
2. Be familiar with, in support of, and willing to share in the implementation of school policies including attendance, dress, and discipline.
3. Encourage my son/daughter to participate positively in the learning process.
4. Fulfill our financial obligations to the school.
5. Be faithful in attending school functions and willing to assist Parent Council with school activities and fundraisers.

Mother/Guardian Signature

Date

Father/Guardian Signature

Date

I, _____, grade _____ will:
name of student

1. Support the mission, vision, and core values of the school.
2. Be familiar with, in support of, and willing to share in the implementation of school policies including attendance, dress, and discipline.
3. Contribute to class discussions and diligently complete homework.
4. Respect and protect my own and others' feelings, bodies, property, and opportunity to learn.
5. Refrain from use of demeaning, vulgar, and profane language.

Student Signature

Date

Continued habits, activities, or attitudes that consistently detract from the program at PMHS will show the faculty and administration that the student is intent on living a lifestyle that is not compatible with the PMHS community. A student who persists in living in such a way will be asked to leave the school.

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Philadelphia Mennonite High School admits students of any race, sex, handicap, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, handicap, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, athletics and other school-administered programs.
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FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Application received: _____

Application accepted/denied: _____

Start here!



Philadelphia Mennonite High School partners with individuals, organizations, foundations and businesses to raise financial scholarship funds to keep tuition as low as...

Lower than a car payment!

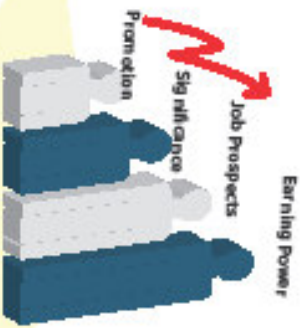


#1

\$362*
per month



To keep tuition affordable, each family volunteers 20 hours at the school each year.



Opportunities that come with a college education

#5

Each student graduates prepared for higher education. You saved at least \$28,000 over a 4-year period.



PHILADELPHIA MENNONITE HIGH SCHOOL
5 Steps to Higher Education

Over 50% of 9th graders in Philadelphia do not graduate from high school.

With a 100% college acceptance rate every year, PMHS provides the opportunities that matter!

*Lowest possible monthly tuition based on financial need.
**Based on the 2011-12 budget.



#2

We raise an average of **\$7010**** for the majority of students based on financial need.

#4

PMHS students receive a quality education over and above the minimum PA Department of Education requirements.

#3

We spend **\$10630**** to educate each student per year.





PMHS FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Providing the Opportunities that Matter.

What is the requirement?

To be eligible, a student must have at least a C in academics and a B in behavior.

How does a recipient keep the financial aid?

- Maintains a 2.5 grade point average each academic year.
- Continues to demonstrate leadership and Christian character.

If PMHS accepts the recipient, what's next?

Parents/Guardians may request a financial aid packet from the office to start the process.

- Parent/Guardian must demonstrate a continuing need for financial assistance.

How are recipients selected for financial aid?

A committee selects from a pool of completed freshman applications on a first come, first serve basis based on need.

- Parent/guardian must sign PMHS Assistance Agreement Form and fulfill stated hours.

Is financial aid available each year?

Yes, but you must re-apply each year. Limited funds are available on a first come, first serve basis to families that qualify.

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About PMHS

Philadelphia Mennonite High School (PMHS) opened in September 1998 to provide a quality Christian education in an urban setting. PMHS is a non-profit 501(c)3, grades 9 through 12, private Christian high school, licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. PMHS is also an active member of the Mennonite Education Agency, Association of Christian Schools International, and Philadelphia Association of Christian Schools.

We offer a complete secondary education program with strong academic support and advanced course work, a secure and nurturing environment, low student-to-teacher classroom ratio, participation in challenging community service, national and international experiences, extra-curricular activities, athletics, and opportunities for personal and spiritual growth.

PMHS sets exacting standards in student attainment and behavior. We are dedicated to obtaining the highest level of achievement possible from each student. Cooperation and respect are key elements in our program. We expect diligent study, constant improvement, and consistent performance. Every student is closely monitored by the faculty, and parental participation in the educational process is strongly encouraged. Philadelphia Mennonite High School believes in a partnership between home, school, church, and community to provide sound spiritual and educational guidance.

We welcome all students who are willing to participate in our community of scholarship, discipline, service, and commitment to a life a peace.

Who Are the Mennonites?

The Mennonite religious community originated during the 16th century Protestant Reformation in northern Europe. The traditional churches labeled the earliest Mennonites “Anabaptists” (re-baptizers) because of their belief that only freely consenting adults should be baptized. Adult baptism represented a break with both the Roman Catholic Church and mainstream Protestant reformers who practiced infant baptism. The term Mennonite is taken from the name of Menno Simons, a prominent Dutch Anabaptist.

Oppression by the established churches and civil authorities led to migration throughout Europe, and ultimately America. The earliest American Mennonite house of worship was Germantown Mennonite Church in Philadelphia. By 1710, large numbers of Mennonites settled in Lancaster County. Today the Mennonites remain a substantial part of the community throughout southeast Pennsylvania, along with related Amish and Brethren congregations.

The present day Mennonites constitute a diverse cultural Christian community. The resilience and humble tenacity of the Mennonites have spread their religious beliefs to many cultures and nations. The Mennonite community today is a testament to this heritage. The Philadelphia Mennonite community includes a diverse ethnic mix of Asian, African, European, and Latino cultures.

Please see our [Statement of Faith](#) to understand our Christian beliefs and convictions.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What are the requirements for admission?

There is an interview process to ensure that parent(s)/guardian(s) and child(ren) understand and are willing to cooperate with the mission and philosophy of the school. Students should have at least a “B” average in conduct and a “C” average in academics for admission to PMHS.

Do I have to be a Christian and/or a Mennonite to enroll at PMHS?

No! PMHS admits all qualified applicants regardless of religious beliefs. However, we are a Christian high school and this does require that students be supportive of the stated mission and philosophy of the school.

How does PMHS prepare its students for leadership, service and peacemaking?

PMHS provides a daily rigorous academic curriculum designed to prepare the students for the workplace and/or higher education. On Fridays, we provide real world experiences that prepare them for the opportunities the world will offer. They attend education trips, receive conflict resolution training, serve as reading mentors at local elementary schools, and apprentice in a profession of their choice. Students also participate in local service projects and have the opportunity to travel abroad to learn about other cultures.

Does PMHS have a computer literacy program?

Yes! PMHS offers all students the opportunity to participate in our computer literacy program. Students will have the opportunity to learn the latest software in our Computer Lab.

Does PMHS provide athletics and other enrichment activities?

Yes! PMHS currently provides basketball, track, cheerleading, dance, aikido, chess, drama, arts and crafts, piano, drums, saxophone, sewing, journalism, business, yearbook, Envirothon (science competition against other schools) and a touring choir. We look forward to increasing our athletic and enrichment activities as we continue to grow.

What does PMHS do for its physical education classes?

We believe in the importance of fitness and exercise so we contract this part of our program with a nearby YMCA. The students engage in fitness and athletics (swimming, basketball, track, etc). Along with this, some students take tennis lessons at the Althea Gibson Tennis Clinic.

How does PMHS engage in spiritual formation?

Our Vice Principal assists in the spiritual development of the students by planning twice weekly chapels and giving the students the opportunity to serve their peers. The students also attend Bible, Spiritual Formation, and Life Skills classes (designed to teach Bible history, financial management, social skills, the institution of marriage, stewardship, etc).

Does PMHS offer financial scholarships? How do I qualify?

Yes, we do have a financial scholarship program. After a student is accepted, parents or guardians may request a Financial Scholarship Packet from the school office. Our financial aid office will make every effort to work with your family to help make educating your child at PMHS an affordable part of your budget. See *the Financial Scholarship Sheet for details*.

Is PMHS convenient to public transportation?

Yes! The school is located north of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and is served by SEPTA routes #2, #7, #15, #33 and #48.

Our mission is to provide an excellent Christ-centered education that equips urban students for leadership, service and peacemaking.

Core Values

Core values direct the strategic implementation of vision and mission and are key to discipline at all levels of the organization.

1. We value Christ-centered spiritual formation that impacts the daily life of our school and prepares our students for a life of Godly wisdom, leadership and peacemaking.
2. We value effective teaching and guidance counseling that prepares our students for college acceptance.
3. We value the ongoing professional development of staff and faculty for the purpose of maximizing their contribution to the school and their career.
4. We value access to resources and activities that empower and enable students to discover, display and direct their gifts, skills and talents.
5. We value a physical location that reflects our commitment to create an academically comprehensive and safe learning environment.
6. We value partnerships that empower our ability to expand and extend our vision and mission.
7. We value taking faith filled steps and that always means change.

Academic Standards

In keeping with our vision statement and principles of the Christian faith, students will be able to:

Effectively communicate using a variety of literature and media through:

- listening and speaking
- reading and writing
- fine arts and performing arts
- technology

Utilize methods and strategies of mathematics and science to:

- develop a hypothesis
- make predictions and solve problems
- experiment and observe results
- draw supported conclusions

Demonstrate an applied understanding of Biblical peacemaking by:

- displaying effective conflict resolution skills
- modeling peaceful actions and interactions with others
- working cooperatively with people
- developing healthy relationships within a culturally diverse environment

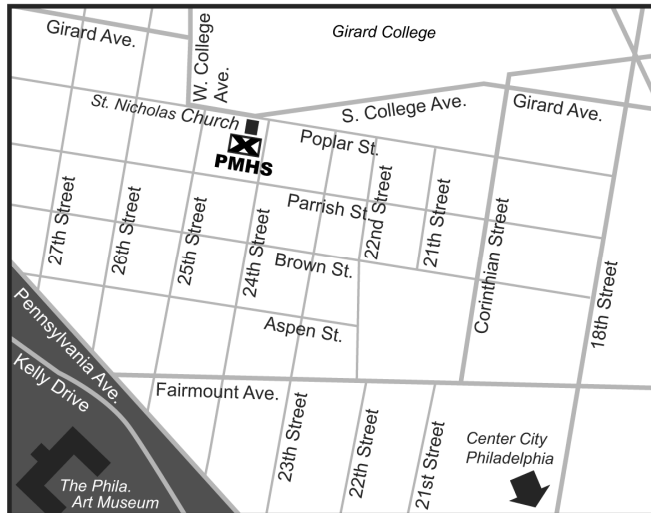
Discover their God given physical and spiritual gifts and calling by engaging in:

- service learning, community service and missions activities
- career development
- health and physical education
- various ministries

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of people groups and their:

- significance and value to God
- history, geography and language
- economics
- government

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We are located in a safe multicultural community close to libraries, museums, learning centers and public transportation. (Routes #7, #15, #33 and #48 are within a half mile of the school.)

Driving Directions:

Via I-76

Take I-76 (Schuylkill Expressway) to Girard Avenue exit (Exit 36)
Turn east on Girard Avenue. (Go over bridge)
You will dead-end at the Girard College wall (College Avenue)
Make a right then a left onto Poplar Street.
At the next corner (24th Street), make a right.
The school is on the right side.

Via I-95

Take I-95 to the Vine Street Expressway (I-676 West)
Merge onto I-76 West and take to Girard Avenue exit (Exit 36)
Turn east on Girard Avenue. (Go over bridge)
You will dead-end at the Girard College wall (College Avenue)
Make a right then a left onto Poplar Street.
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Statement of Faith

1. We believe that God exists and is pleased with all who draw near by faith. We worship the one holy and loving God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit eternally. God has created all things visible and invisible, has brought salvation and new life to humanity through Jesus Christ, and continues to sustain the church and all things until the end of the age.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word of God become flesh. He is the Savior of the world, who has delivered us from the dominion of sin and reconciled us to God by his death on a cross. He was declared to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead. He is the head of the church, the exalted Lord, the Lamb who was slain, coming again to reign with God in glory.

3. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal Spirit of God, who dwelled in Jesus Christ, who empowers the church, who is the source of our life in Christ, and who is poured out on those who believe as the guarantee of redemption.

4. We believe that all Scripture is inspired by God through the Holy Spirit for instruction in salvation and training in righteousness. We accept the Scriptures as the Word of God and as the fully reliable and trustworthy standard for Christian faith and life. Led by the Holy Spirit in the church, we interpret Scripture in harmony with Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that God has created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and that God preserves and renews what has been made. All creation has its source outside itself and belongs to the Creator. The world has been created good because God is good and provides all that is needed for life.

6. We believe that God has created human beings in His divine image. God formed them from the dust of the earth and gave them a special dignity among all the works of creation. Human beings have been made for relationship with God, to live in peace with each other, and to take care of the rest of creation.

7. We confess that, beginning with Adam and Eve, humanity has disobeyed God, given way to the tempter, and chosen to sin. All have fallen short of the Creator's intent, marred the image of God in which they were created, disrupted order in the world, and limited their love for others. Because of sin, humanity has been given over to the enslaving powers of evil and death.

8. We believe that, through Jesus Christ, God offers salvation from sin and a new way of life. We receive God's salvation when we repent and accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In Christ, we are reconciled with God and brought into the reconciling community. We place our faith in God that, by the same power that raised Christ from the dead, we may be saved from sin to follow Christ and to know the fullness of salvation.

9. We believe that the church is the assembly of those who have accepted God's offer of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. It is the new community of disciples sent into the world to proclaim the reign of God and to provide a foretaste of the church's glorious hope. It is the new society established and sustained by the Holy Spirit.

10. We believe that the mission of the church is to proclaim and to be a sign of the kingdom of God. Christ has commissioned the church to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to observe all things he has commanded.

11. We believe that the baptism of believers with water is a sign of their cleansing from sin. Baptism is also a pledge before the church of their covenant with God to walk in the way of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Believers are baptized into Christ and his body by the Spirit, water, and blood.

12. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a sign by which the church thankfully remembers the new covenant which Jesus established by his death. In this communion meal, the church renews its covenant with God and with each other and participates in the life and death of Jesus Christ, until he comes.

13. We believe that in washing the feet of his disciples, Jesus calls us to serve one another in love as he did. Thus we acknowledge our frequent need of cleansing, renew our willingness to let go of pride and worldly power, and offer our lives in humble service and sacrificial love.

14. We practice discipline in the church as a sign of God's offer of transforming grace. Discipline is intended to liberate erring brothers and sisters from sin, and to restore them to a right relationship with God and to fellowship in the church. The practice of discipline gives integrity to the church's witness in the world.

15. We believe that ministry is a continuation of the work of Christ, who gives gifts through the Holy Spirit to all believers and empowers them for service in the church and in the world. We also believe that God calls particular persons in the church to specific leadership ministries and offices. All who minister are accountable to God and to the community of faith.

16. We believe that the church of Jesus Christ is one body with many members, ordered in such a way that, through the one Spirit, believers may be built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

17. We believe that Jesus Christ calls us to discipleship, to take up our cross and follow him. Through the gift of God's saving grace, we are empowered to be disciples of Jesus, filled with his Spirit, following his teachings and his path through suffering to new life. As we are faithful to his way, we become conformed to Christ and separated from the evil in the world.

18. We believe that to be a disciple of Jesus is to know life in the Spirit. As the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ takes shape in us, we grow in the image of Christ and in our relationship with God. The Holy Spirit is active in individual and in communal worship, leading us deeper into the experience of God.

19. We believe that God intends human life to begin in families and to be blessed through families. Even more, God desires all people to become part of the church, God's family. As single and married members of the church family give and receive nurture and healing, families can grow toward the wholeness that God intends. We are called to chastity and to loving faithfulness in marriage.

20. We commit ourselves to tell the truth, to give a simple yes or no, and to avoid the swearing of oaths.

21. We believe that everything belongs to God, who calls the church to live in faithful stewardship of all that God has entrusted to us, and to participate now in the rest and justice which God has promised.

22. We believe that peace is the will of God. God created the world in peace, and God's peace is most fully revealed in Jesus Christ, who is our peace and the peace of the whole world. Led by the Holy Spirit, we follow Christ in the way of peace, doing justice, bringing reconciliation, and practicing nonresistance, even in the face of violence and warfare.

23. We believe that the church is God's holy nation, called to give full allegiance to Christ its head and to witness to every nation, government, and society about God's saving love.

24. We place our hope in the reign of God and its fulfillment in the day when Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. He will gather His church, which is already living under the reign of God. We await God's final victory, the end of this present age of struggle, the resurrection of the dead, and a new heaven and a new earth. There the people of God will reign with Christ in justice, righteousness, and peace for ever and ever.

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Tuition

For questions about tuition for the 2011-12 year, call us at 215-769-5363. Families who have a second (or third, etc) child enrolled concurrently at PMHS will receive a 10% discount on the tuition fee for the second (and third, etc) child.

Financial Scholarships and other Fees

We have a generous financial scholarship package for interested families based on need. Financial scholarship awards for the 2011-12 school year make it possible for a parent/guardian to pay possibly as low as \$362/month should your family qualify. (See our '5 Steps to Higher Education' flier in this packet.) Financial scholarships are awarded on a first come first serve basis and must be applied for each year. Call us at 215-769-5363 for details.

Payment Options:

1. There is a 5% discount for families who pay their tuition in full by September 1.
2. Ten monthly payments via electronic funds transfer due either the 5th or the 20th of each month from September to June (serviced by FACTS Tuition Management Company)

Application Fee: Each new student applicant is required to pay a \$50 non-refundable fee.

Re-registration Fee: Each returning student who re-registers by March 31 will be required to pay a \$50 non-refundable fee. Returning students who re-register after March 31 will be required to pay a \$100 non-refundable fee.

Student Activity Fee: Each enrolled student is required to pay an annual \$340 non-refundable fee. Full amount is due 30 days after the acceptance date.