



OUR DISTRICT

Reading, Pennsylvania is a mid-sized city known for its history and its diversity. The city was laid out by Thomas and Richard Penn, the sons of William Penn. Reading grew to become known for the growth of its iron industry and as a railroad and transportation hub.

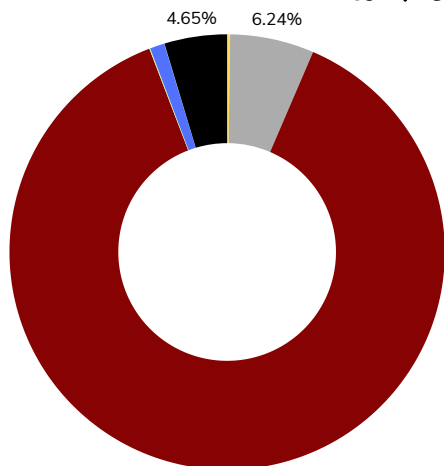
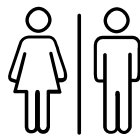
Despite these challenges, Berks County and the City of Reading boast a strong network of nonprofit and community organizations that partner with the Reading School District (RSD) to address poverty and other challenges faced by students and families. These groups offer essential services such as GED/ESL classes, mentoring, academic assistance, Head Start, and youth development programs, empowering both students and families to reach their full potential.

There are 19 schools within RSD, including 13 elementary schools (Pre-K-4th grade), five middle schools (grades 5-8), and Reading High School (grades 9-12), currently operating in one main high school and three satellite campuses. Additionally, the district operates the Reading Virtual Academy, serving 247 students in grades 1-12.

All RSD schools are Title I buildings with Community Eligibility Programs providing universal free lunches due to the high number of students designated as low income (currently 95.28%). The English Language Learner population stands at 27%, and the Special Education population at 25%. According to the 2022-23 Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS) report, the district employs 1,259 professional staff, including 991 classroom teachers and 669 support staff.

As of the 2024-25 school year

16,598 TOTAL ENROLLMENT
4,983 HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
912 CLASS OF 2025
2,405 FEMALE
2,580 MALE



- Asian - 0.22%
- Black/African American - 6.24%
- Hispanic or Latino - 87.73%
- American Indian or Alaska Native - 0.07%
- Multiracial - 1.08%
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander - 0.02%
- White - 4.65%

OUR MISSION

Transforming Student Potential Into Reality

In Reading School District, we remain committed to our core purpose of educating ALL students. Located between Harrisburg and Philadelphia in southeastern Pennsylvania, we are the fourth largest school district in Pennsylvania and the sixth largest employer in Berks County.

Reading High School earned a bronze medal ranking from US News and World Report. The school was listed in the publication's 2016 National Rankings report. US News and World report includes data from 21,000 high schools spanning 50 states. Schools were awarded gold, silver and bronze medals based upon their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college. 6500 high schools were honored with a medal.

GRADING POLICY & PHILOSOPHY

- Reading High School uses a 100-point grading scale, with 60 as the minimum grade to pass a course and 50 as the lowest published grade. Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated by the average (total quality points divided by credits of all weighted courses taken).
- Assignments are weighted as follows: 60% of the grade comes from Assessments, while 40% is based on Classwork and Participation.
- Grading is by average with for the quarters with a 50% floor for students with an F.

CLASS RANKING

Major subject courses, English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science and World Language, are included in the class rank. When computing class rank, courses are "weighted" based on levels in an effort to provide a more accurate record of a student's scholastic achievement.

Graduation Requirements	
English	4.0
Math	4.0
Social Studies	3.0
Science	1.0
Physical Ed.	0.5
Wellness	8.0
Electives	
23.5 Credits	

Standardized Test Averages	
ACT	SAT
English 16	Total 922
Math 18	ERW 470
Reading 19	Math 452
Science 19	
Composite 18	

GRADING SCALE

Level %	Grade	Core	Honors	Advance/AP
97-100	A+	4.0	4.40	4.68
93-96	A	4.0	4.40	4.68
90-92	A-	3.7	4.07	4.33
87-89	B+	3.3	3.63	3.86
83-86	B	3.0	3.30	3.51
80-82	B-	2.7	2.97	3.16
77-79	C+	2.3	2.53	2.69
73-76	C	2.0	2.20	2.34
70-72	C-	1.7	1.87	1.99
67-69	D+	1.3	1.43	1.52
63-66	D	1.0	1.10	1.17
60-62	D-	0.7	0.77	0.82
50-59	F	0.0	0.0	0.0

ENHANCED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Dual Enrollment

Students earn college credits while enrolled at Reading High School through local college programs at Reading Area Community College, Kutztown University, Penn State Berks Campus, Albright College and Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

Internship Program

Reading High School provides high school students with the opportunity to participate in an internship. This hands-on learning experience allows students to explore careers in fields that interest them, acquire new skills, and develop ideas about their future career paths.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Students can earn college credit in Spanish, French or German by taking the CLEP test.

Clubs & Activities

Avidum, Badminton, Community Knights, Ecology, Key Club, Knights for Social Justice, National Honor Society, Student Council

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Subject	Honors	AP
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9th & 10th Grade Language Arts Advanced Tenth Grade English Language Arts American Literature World Literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature & Composition Language & Composition Advanced Tenth Grade English Language Arts
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9th Grade Algebra II Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Pre-Calculus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculus A/B Statistics
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9th Grade Biology Biology Physics Chemistry Anatomy and Physiology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Chemistry Physics I & Physics II Environmental Science Computer Science
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Studies Citizenship American History American Economics and Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American History Psychology World Studies (Modern) Government and Politics
World Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French II & III German I, II, III & IV Spanish I & II for Native Speakers Spanish II, III, IV 	
Fine Arts		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Studio Art and Design
Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honors Accounting III 	

Class of 2024 Graduation Plan

Plan	Total
2 Years College	315
4 Years College	150
Employment	276
Military	31
Trade School	52
Unknown	177
Grand Total	1001

Class of 2024 Partial Colleges, Universities, and Trade School Acceptance List

Albright College
 Alvernia University
 American Academy of Dramatic Arts
 Arcadia University
 Automotive Training Center
 Cedar Crest College
 Central Penn College
 Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
 Delaware Valley University
 Drexel University
 East Stroudsburg University
 Eastern University
 Greensboro College
 Harrisburg University of Science and Technology
 Haverford College
 Howard University

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 Johnson & Wales University
 Kent State University
 Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
 La Salle University
 Lebanon Valley College
 Lehigh University
 Louisiana State University
 Millersville University of Pennsylvania
 New York University
 Northampton Community College
 Penn State Berks
 Pennsylvania College of Technology
 Reading Area Community College
 Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences
 Rochester City Ballet

Saint Joseph's University
 San Diego State University
 Shippensburg University
 Southern New Hampshire University
 Temple University
 Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
 The Culinary Institute of America
 The Pennsylvania State University
 Thomas Jefferson University
 United States Marine Corps
 University of Pittsburgh
 Villanova University
 Walnut Hill College
 West Chester University
 York College of Pennsylvania