Mission & Approach to Learning:
The Philadelphia High School for Girls has over one hundred and seventy years history as a public college preparatory school whose heritage is founded in tradition, for academically talented young women drawn from the diversity of our city. Our mission is to graduate students who will treat others compassionately and lead lives of personal integrity at the university level, ultimately preparing them to be future leaders. This is accomplished in a safe, nurturing environment that challenges the intellect, provides enriching extracurricular programs, embraces diversity and encourages ethical behavior. We maintain a rich and rigorous academic program, which includes Honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, dual enrollment and Senior Year Only Program (SYOP), as well as outstanding humanities courses.

Points of Pride:
Ranked among the top 5 schools in Philadelphia • 2nd oldest all-girls public school in the country • Recognized at Silver Level by US News and World Report (2014-2015) • Exceeding for the Keystone exams in the areas of Literature, Algebra I and Biology • 99% of students graduate with 90% attending college, many at top U.S. universities • Graduates earn more than 3 million dollars in scholarships and grants • International Baccalaureate Program and expanding number of Advanced Placement courses • Active chapters in the National Honors Society in Academics and Mu Alpha Theta for Mathematics • Confucius Classroom, Sister School to Wuxi No. 1 Girls’ School in China, Foreign Languages include Latin, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese • Continuous student travel opportunities to various International destinations • Robotics (State Awarded), STEAM • Organizations to address diverse student interests • Active Student Government (Service Club) and Athletic Association with award winning athletic teams • Active Alumnae Association and Parent Teacher Daughter Association (PTDA) • District ASPEN Challenge Participants • District and State of Pennsylvania Science Fair Awards • District and State Art Awardees • Dual Enrollment Program (College Credits for students)

Extracurricular Activities:
• Anime
• Art
• Creative Writing
• Cultural Clubs
• Dance
• Debate
• Eco Recycling Club
• Indo-Pak Club
• Media
• Music
• Peer-to-Peer Tutoring
• Robotics
• Service Club
• STEAM
• Student Gov’t
• Yearbook

Sports Teams:
• Badminton
• Basketball
• Bowling
• Competitive Cheer
• Cross Country
• Field Hockey
• Indoor Track
• Intramurals
• Lacrosse
• Soccer
• Softball
• Swimming
• Tennis
• Track and Field
• Volleyball

Partnerships:
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority • Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia Youth Cycling Program • China Bridge Program • Classrooms to Careers • College Board • DASH Music Production Program • Delta Sigma Theta Sorority • Drexel University and Medical School • Eat Right Philly • Einstein Hospital • Gift of Life Program • Hanban Asia Society • Inner Strength Foundation • KYW Media Program • La Salle University • Lyra Society • Moore College of Art • Mu Alpha Theta • National Honor Society • Neighborhood Bike Works • Parent Teacher Daughter Association (PT.D.A.) • People to People • Philadelphia Art Museum • Philadelphia High School for Girls Alumnae Association • PSTV • Red Cross • Revolution Prep • Rutgers University • Step Up To College • TeenShop, Inc • Temple University • University of Pennsylvania • Villanova University • Wuxi No.1 Girls’ School • Many other community organizations

Courses & Program Highlights:

School Progress Report (SPR)
Overall SPR Performance Tier: Reinforce
Performance Tier by Domain:
 Achievement: Watch
 Progress: Model
 Climate: Model
 College & Career: Reinforce

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Student Enrollment: 800+
Admission Requirements:
Grades:
A’s and B’s on most recent final report card.
Local Norms:
85th Percentile or higher.
Attendance:
Exemplary attendance and punctuality.
Behavior:
No negative disciplinary reports.
Additional Requirements:
Strong motivation and interest to be challenged academically.
Interview and/or Summer Transition Program may be required.
SEPTA Routes:
C, 18, 6, 18, 22, 26, 47, 55, 80, Broad Street Line