

# The Kiski School Profile 2024-2025

Founded in 1888, Kiski is one of the most established small boarding schools in Pennsylvania and in the United States. Home to 200 students from around the country and around the world, Kiski is a dynamic, diverse, and vibrant community that is fully committed to living out its mission of preparing students for success in college and in life. Kiski offers an academically rigorous curriculum that includes advanced and honors courses, 12 varsity sports, and a community in which every student thrives as a result of innovative teaching, a caring faculty, and opportunities for self-discovery. Kiski's beautiful, 350-acre campus is located in Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, 30 miles east of downtown Pittsburgh.

## FACULTY

29, including administrators who teach.

## ENROLLMENT

198 students from 13 states and 31 countries. 70 students in the class of 2025, including 12 post-graduates.

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)
- College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB)
- Cum Laude Society
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
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- Pennsylvania Association of College Admission Counseling (PACAC)

## GRADING

**Kiski's GPA formula is computed using a 100-point scale.** Teachers report percentage grades on a quarterly basis. Honors courses are weighted by adding 3% and advanced courses are weighted by adding 5%. Unweighted and weighted GPAs are computed at the end of each semester; both GPAs are available. Kiski does not rank. A Kiski GPA only includes courses taken at Kiski.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A graduate must complete 19 credits:

- (4) English
- (4) Mathematics
- (3) History - one must be U.S. History.
- (3) Science
- (2) Foreign Language
- (2) Arts
- (1) Ethics and Personal Development

Non-native English speakers are excused from the foreign language requirement. All students are required to participate in team sports or supervised physical fitness throughout each year.



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## **COURSE SELECTIONS AT KISKI SCHOOL<sup>1</sup>**

### **English**

- Foundations of Literature
- Traditions in Literature
- Traditions in Literature Honors
- Composition and Rhetoric
- Advanced English Rhetoric and Voice
- Advanced English Literature and Analysis
- Topics in American Literature
- English as a Second Language

### **Mathematics**

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Algebra II Honors
- Precalculus
- Precalculus Honors
- Introduction to Probability
- Introduction to Statistics
- Advanced Calculus AB
- Advanced Calculus BC
- Advanced Statistics
- Coding
- Financial Mathematics 1
- Financial Mathematics 2

### **History**

- Foundations of World Civilizations
- Modern World History
- United States History
- Advanced United States History
- Global Ethics
- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics

### **Languages**

- French I
- French II
- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Spanish III
- Advanced Spanish; Independent study

### **Science**

- Foundations of Biology
- Biology Honors
- Advanced Biology
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Science Honors
- Chemistry
- Chemistry Honors
- Advanced Chemistry
- Advanced Chemistry
- Physics
- Physics Honors
- Advanced Physics: Mechanics
- Introductory Robotics
- Science Literacy
- Introduction to Psychology

### **Fine Arts**

- Freshman Fine Arts Survey
- Drawing and Painting
- Architectural Design and Model Making
- Industrial Design
- Industrial Arts and Crafts
- Theatre
- Music Ensemble
- History of Rock and Roll
- The Art of Listening
- Independent Study Music
- Yearbook and Social Media
- Inventionland Institute: Entrepreneurship

### **Ethics and Personal Development**

- Health and Wellness
- Self and Society
- Self and Society II
- Departmental Independent Study

### **Computer**

- Coding I
- Coding II
- Computer Applications
- Digital Media

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<sup>1</sup> Note: Kiski dropped all AP courses in 2016; courses formerly titled “Advanced Placement” changed to “Advanced.” Advanced courses are the highest level available.

## REPRESENTATIVE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR KISKI STUDENTS 2019-2024

- American University
- Boston University
- Bucknell University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Davidson College
- Denison University
- Dickinson College
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- Duquesne University
- Elon University
- Fordham University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- George Washington University
- Gettysburg College
- Hamilton College
- Harvard University
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Kenyon College
- Lafayette College
- Lehigh University
- Michigan State University
- Morehouse College
- Muhlenberg College
- New York University
- North Carolina State University
- Oberlin College
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Providence College
- Purdue University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Sewanee: The University of the South
- St. John's College
- St. John's University
- St. Olaf College
- Syracuse University
- The College of Wooster
- The United States Naval Academy
- The University of Alabama
- The University of Tennessee
- The University of California (Davis)
- The University of California (Irvine)
- The University of Georgia
- The University of Michigan
- The University of Pennsylvania
- The University of Pittsburgh
- Washington & Lee University
- Washington & Jefferson College
- Washington University in St. Louis
- William & Mary