

Boarding

at Pennington



PREP FOR COLLEGE. PREP FOR LIFE!



We believe boarding helps you **prepare for college** in unique ways.

Become independent!

The Pennington School prepares you well for the rigor of college academics. But boarding at Pennington is an invitation to do more, know more, and discover more about yourself. You'll love being a part of a warm, welcoming community while gaining independence, self-confidence, and the experience of living away from home. You'll get a taste of what living on your own at college will be like, how to manage a roommate relationship, and how to structure your time. When you get to the college you choose, you will be ready to dive right in!



“While the structured classroom learning is essential, the time spent outside of class, in the afternoon with extracurriculars, dinner with classmates, studying in the library or dorms, late-night chats, and trips on weekends offer a whole other dimension of learning. The bonds between boarders are so close, we often say, they are like siblings to each other.”

—Judy Rosenberg P'19 '24

Develop lifelong skills!

A national survey of first-year college students revealed that 60% felt emotionally unprepared for college life. They had to learn how to adapt to a new environment, how to build positive relationships, and how to take care of themselves. They had graduated from high school with great transcripts but without the life skills they needed to be emotionally well-prepared. Boarding students learn how to live with a roommate, manage their financial lives, and develop time-management skills.



Have more fun!

Boarding at Pennington means spending more time with friends—living with them, socializing with them, having dinner together, studying with them, and doing it all face to face. Boarders aren't communicating with each other on devices or via social media; they are gathering, talking, and making meaningful friendships that will last a lifetime.

87%
STUDENTS

reported that they were **well prepared for college academics** after completing boarding school.*

**The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS)*

A Day
in the
Life



Hi, my name
is Anna!

I am currently in
Grade 11. I am a
boarder and live
on Buck 1.

I will be walking
through a day in
my life with you!



of a Pennington **boarder**

7:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST While day students are commuting to get to campus before the first bell rings at 8, boarding students are in the Dining Hall enjoying a hot breakfast with a wide variety of choices each morning.

8:00 A.M.

CLASSES BEGIN All students take five core academic courses in mathematics, English, science, world languages, and history, as well as one elective. Boarding students are able to check in with teachers when preparing the day's assignments.

9:55 A.M.

"SPECIAL" periods are different each day.

Monday: Community Meeting for Upper School; Chapel for Middle School

Tuesday: Chapel for Upper School; Community Meeting for Middle School

Wednesday: Club Meeting times

Thursday: Advisory

Friday: Peer Leaders, Junior Proctors, and the Sophomore Character Development program all take place.

11:35 A.M.

LUNCH Students can take advantage of all the delicious choices available, which always include vegetarian and vegan options. Daily salads, soups, a pizza station, deli, dessert bar, and hot entrees are offered every day, and everything is cooked on site.



3:00 P.M.

CLASSES END for the day. Extra help is available from any teacher before club meetings, athletics, and rehearsals begin. There is also time to find a bite to eat at the snack bar, play a game in the Student Center, or purchase something from the campus store.

3:30 P.M.

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES Over 90 student-led activities and organizations are available in addition to our 43 athletic teams!

5:30 P.M.

DINNER On special Mondays, a formal dinner is held family-style, complete with tablecloths, dressy attire, and mouthwatering meals.

6:30 P.M.

FREE TIME!

7:30 P.M.

QUIET STUDY HALL Eighth- and ninth-grade boarders go to the library or dining hall; tenth- to twelfth-graders stay in their rooms to study, though teacher extra help is always available.

9:30 P.M.

SECOND DINNER A beloved Pennington tradition, second dinner gives boarders the fuel they need to grow and flourish at school and ensures that no one ever goes to bed hungry!

10:30 P.M.

LIGHTS OUT.

EXTRA ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Boarding students at Pennington can take advantage of academic opportunities as well as social ones since 50% of our teachers live on campus:

- Evening supervised study halls
- Math study sessions with dedicated math faculty members
- Cervone Center for Learning special study sessions



Within 10 minutes,
a Pennington boarder
can walk to:

- 1 supermarket
- 1 bakery
- 1 ice cream/candy shop
- 1 mini golf course and driving range
- 1 post office
- 2 pharmacies
- 2 sushi restaurants
- 2 public libraries
- 2 nail salons
- 3 dance studios
- 4 pizza places
- 4 banks
- 5 churches
- 9 hair salons
- 10+ specialty boutiques and shops
- 10+ additional restaurants and cafes

Special Weekend Activities

Six Flags Great Adventure • Drive-In Movie on O'Hanlon • Speed Raceway • Italian-American Festival • Sky Zone Trampoline Park • FrightFest at Schaefer Farm • Paintball • Basketball Game • Indoor Rock Climbing • NHL Games • Concerts • Bowling and Laser Tag • Lunar New Year Gala • Coffeehouses • Karaoke Nights • Amazing Escape Room • Ice Skating at Mercer County Park • Skiing and Snow-Tubing at Shawnee Mountain •



Mini-Golf and Driving Range • Trenton Punk Rock Flea Market • Medieval Times • NYC and Philadelphia Theater Trips • Princeton Trips • Thomas Edison Museum • Student Climate Change Conference • Point Pleasant Beach and Boardwalk • School of Rock • Model United Nations • People of Color Conference, Tampa • NYC Ballet Trips • World Affairs Council of Philadelphia • International Student Summit



"One advantage of being a boarder at Pennington is being able to collaborate with my friends and peers at any time. I feel very well prepared for college. Being able to board has helped me develop time management skills, confidence in navigating new experiences, and independence."

—Chloe McKain '23

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