

## Walter Biddle Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences (SA)

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Student Enrollment: 576  
Admission Requirements:  
Grades: A's and B's with the possible exception of one C in major subjects on most recent report card;  
Local Norms: 70th percentile or higher;  
Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality;  
Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports over the past 3 years;

*To ensure that students have access to opportunities for the high school of their choice, and in response to the shift to new PSSA tests last year and statewide trends in results on those tests, the 2015 PSSA categories of proficient and advanced will not be used as criteria for special admission schools in the School District Philadelphia for the 2016-2017 school year. The percentile rank of students -- which compares their performance to other students -- will continue to be a criterion for those schools considering percentile rank.*

Septa Routes: 27,32, 65, 447; Frankford Terminal and City Hall express bus service

### **Mission and Approach to Learning:**

Our mission is to develop in students an understanding of and an appreciation for the career and leadership opportunities that are available to them in the many fields of agriculture and the natural sciences. It is our commitment to prepare each student for a lifetime of productive academic, vocational and civic endeavors.

### **Points of Pride:**

Largest agricultural high school in the nation (55-acre working farm); Recognized and honored as one of the state's top Career/Technical schools by the PA Dept of Career and Technical Education and US News and World Report; Consistent achievement of AYP; Strong partnerships resulting in internships and job placement.

### **Courses and Program Highlights:**

#### **Approved CTE Programs:**

Animal Sciences; Food Processing Sciences; Horticulture; Natural Resources Management

Advanced Placement Courses: English; Environmental Science; US Government & Politics

### **Partnerships:**

Delaware Valley College, Morris Arboretum; Outward Bound, Pennsylvania FFA, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Pennsylvania State University, The Philadelphia Phillies, Philadelphia Society for the Promotion of Agriculture, The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, Temple University, The University of Pennsylvania, Weaver's Way Community Programs, WorkReady Philadelphia and Zoetis Animal Health, among others.

### **Extracurricular Activities:**

Career development clubs are offered after school in many areas of agricultural sciences, from Floriculture to Pre-Vet; FFA (national student leadership organization); National Honor Society; Outward Bound, Yearbook; Pennsylvania Envirothon; Students Run Philly Style; Scholarship in Progress (credit recovery, grade improvement, dance, and art classes); Tutoring

### **Sports Teams:**

Co-ed cross-country and bowling; Girls' volleyball, badminton and softball; Boys' baseball and volleyball. Interested students may try out for track and field, boys basketball and football through a partnership with Roxborough High School.

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| Overall SPR Performance Tier:      | WATCH      |
| Overall SPR Peer Rank:             | 11th of 21 |
| <b>Performance Tier by Domain:</b> |            |
| Achievement:                       | WATCH      |
| Progress:                          | WATCH      |
| Climate:                           | MODEL      |
| College & Career:                  | REINFORCE  |