

# Penn Alexander

4209 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

GreatSchool rating: 9/10

Neighborhood: West Philly

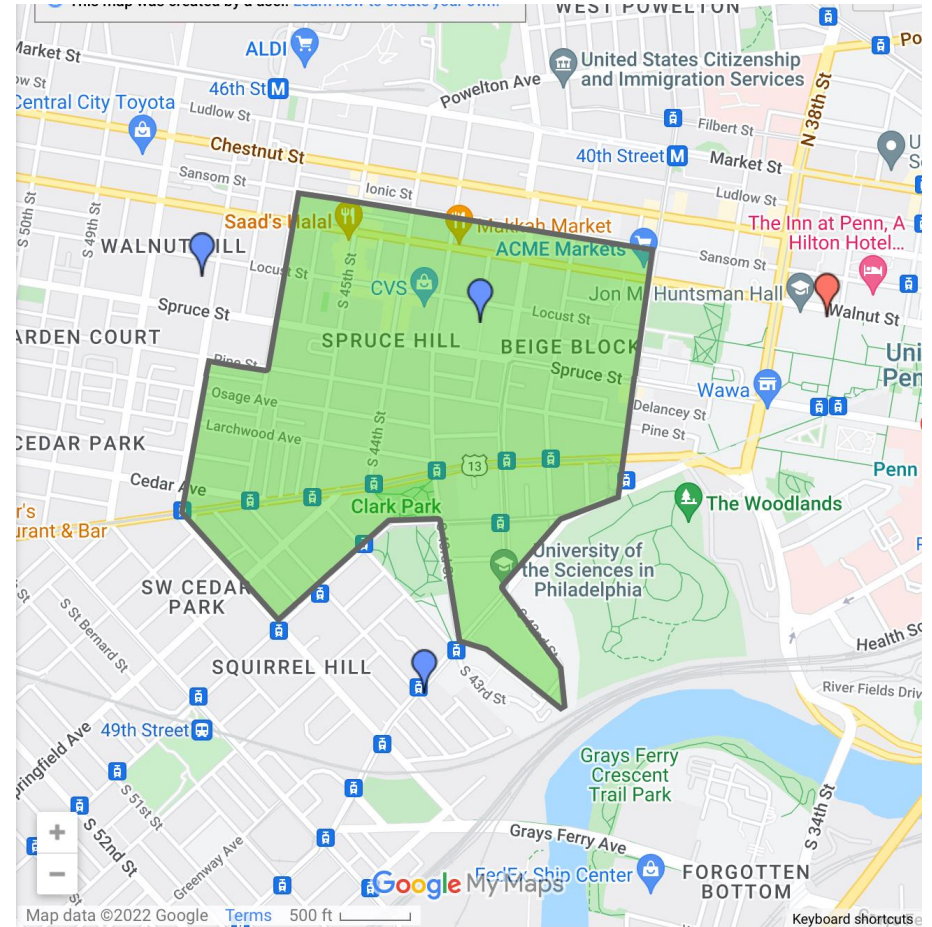
Things of Note:

Admission lottery even for catchment families (no guaranteed admission)

The result of a historic partnership among the University of Pennsylvania, the School District of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers to build a model university-assisted, K-8 public school for West Philadelphia children. This is the “first” public-private partnership and was created to benefit student and faculty at UPenn.

Lea is the spillover school that recently received a large investment from Penn of 5 million over the next 5 years. Lea is a pre-existing school where Penn Alexander was created.

HSA: <https://pennalexanderschool.org/about/>



# Meredith

725 S 5th St, Philadelphia, PA 19147

GreatSchool rating: 7/10

Neighborhood: South Philly / Queen Village

Things of Note:

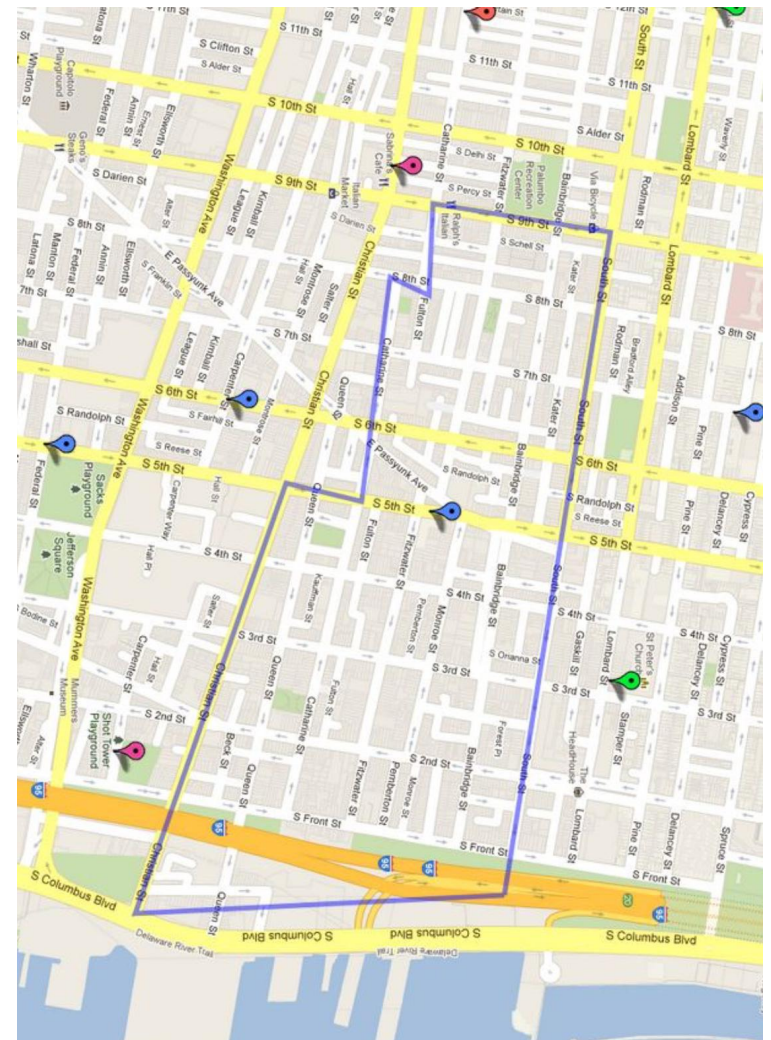
Always a selling point for homes to be in this catchment

Highly competitive first-come-first-serve enrollment even for catchment families (no guaranteed admission)

Nebinger is the spillover school

Has extracurricular clubs, town halls with the principal, a lot of external events and fundraising, involved SAC with subcommittees

HSA: <https://meredithmatters.org>



# McCall

325 S. 7th Street, Philadelphia PA 19106

GreatSchool rating: 7/10

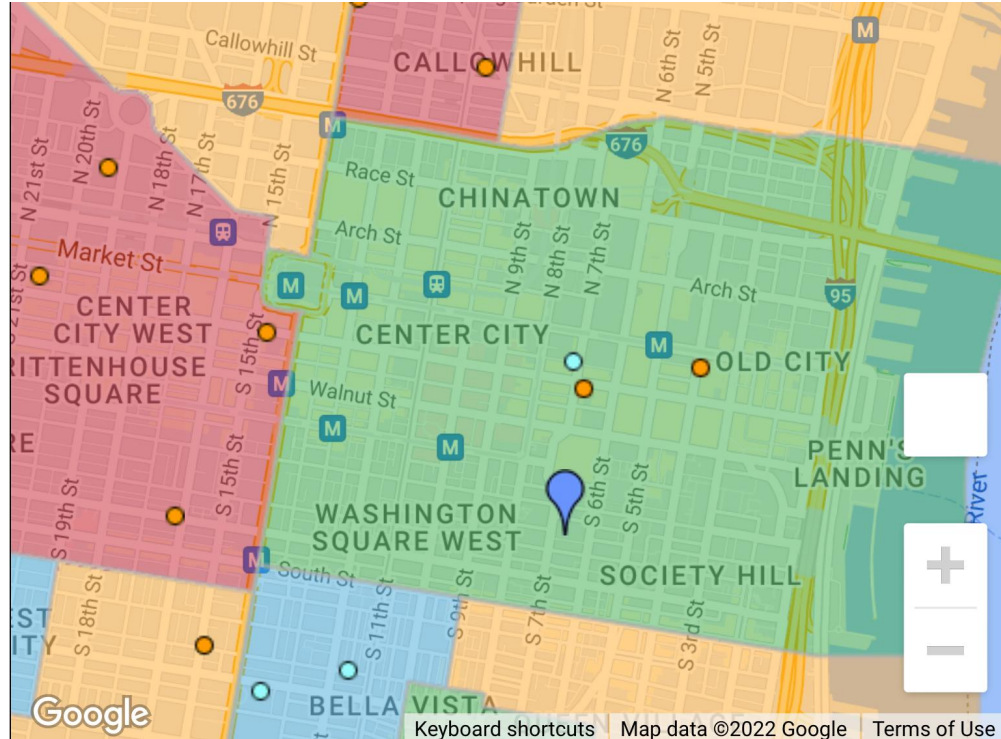
Neighborhood: Society Hill, Chinatown, and  
Old City

Things of Note:

External events & fundraisers

HSA:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsOfMcCall/>





# Coppin (formerly Jackson)

GreatSchool rating: 5/10

1213 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19147

Neighborhood: South Philly, Passyunk Square, Bella Vista

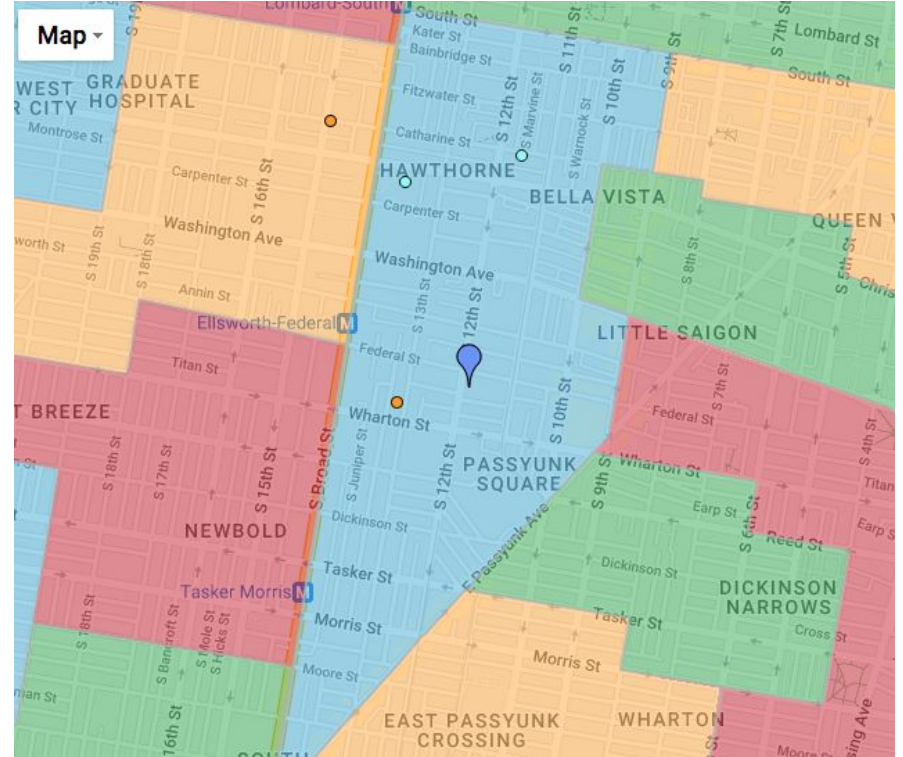
Things of Note:

Name changed officially last month so signs, Zillow, and many people have not caught up.

Some partners include Philly Dancing Classrooms: Koresh Dance Company (Grade 4), Philadelphia Museum of Art, Fresh Artists, Theatre Exile (Grades 6-8 Elective), Fleisher Art Memorial (Grade 1), NFL Alumni Association, The Shipley School, Astral Artists, The Clay Studio, Fairmount Water Works

The school band 'Home' has played with and for Mayor Nutter and Kenney, with of Monsters & Men, Toby Keith, and a documentary aired on WHYY

HSA: <https://www.facebook.com/FannyJacksonCoppinHomeAndSchool/>



# Kirkbride

GreatSchool rating: 6/10

Neighborhood: South Philly / East Passyunk  
Crossing, Dickinson Narrows

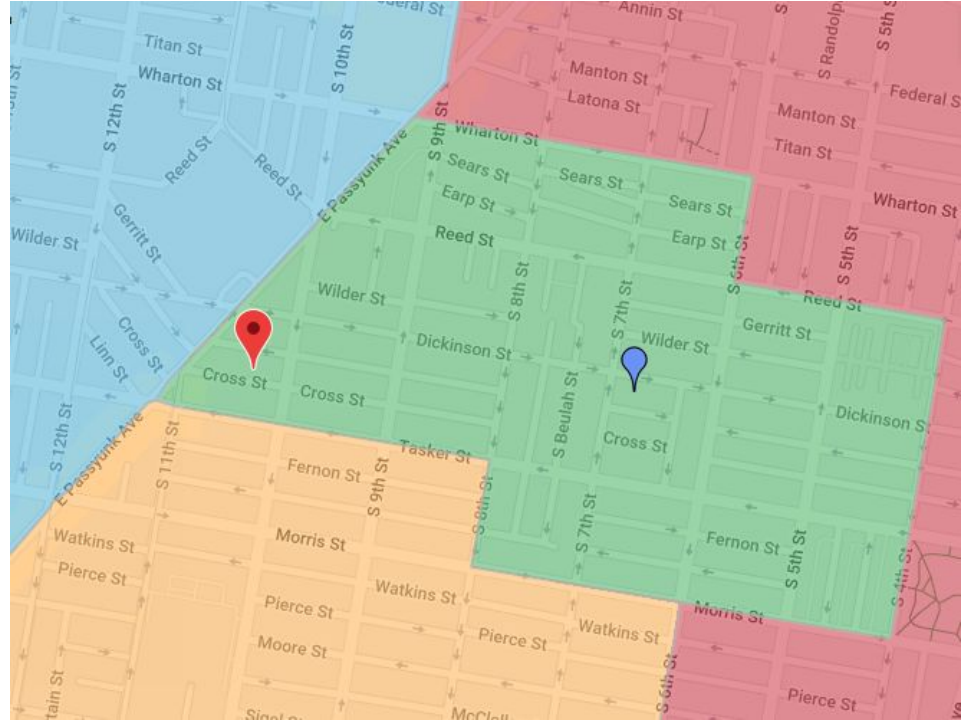
Things of Note:

Early registration required b/c at capacity.

New playground, carnival and service days,

HSA:

<https://www.facebook.com/Kirkbride.Elementary/>



# Southwark

1835 South 9th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148

GreatSchool rating: 3/10

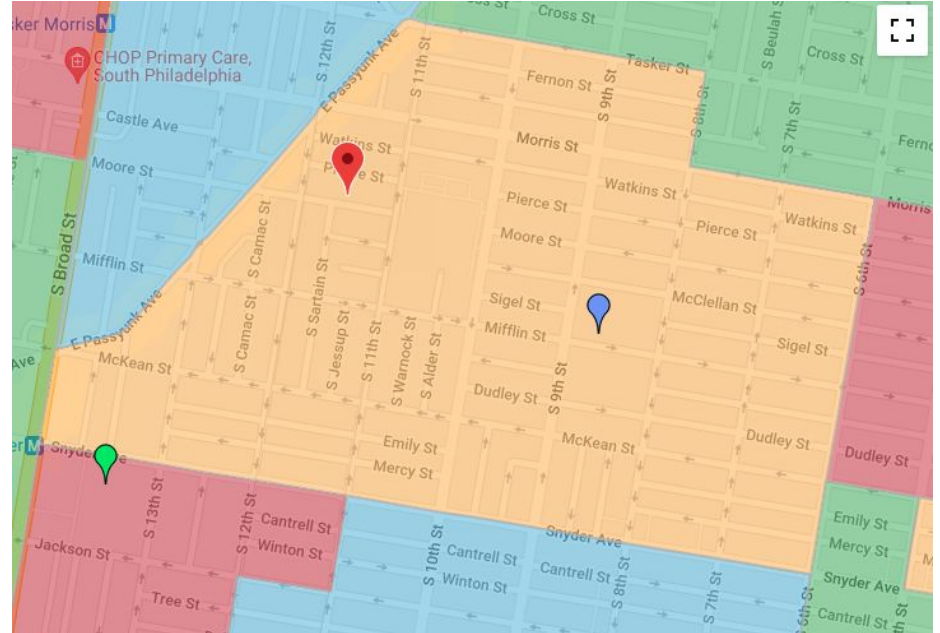
Neighborhood: South Philly / East Passyunk  
Crossing

Things of Note:

Known for their Spanish Immersion program that  
begins in Kindergarten

HSA:

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofSouthwark/>



# J.S. Jenks

8301 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19118

GreatSchool rating: 3/10

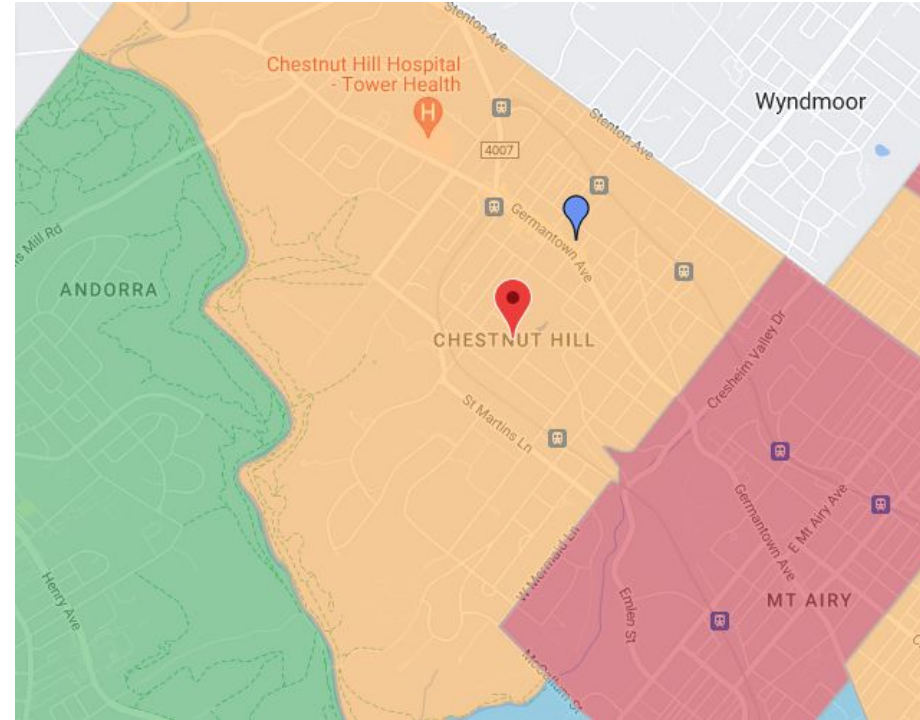
Neighborhood: Chestnut Hill

Things of Note:

Partners with local authors, has robotics team, strong in arts and sciences.

AKA Jenks Academy for the Arts and Sciences

HSA: <http://www.friendsofsjenks.org/hsa>







# Childs

1599 Wharton St, Philadelphia, PA 19146

GreatSchool rating: 3/10

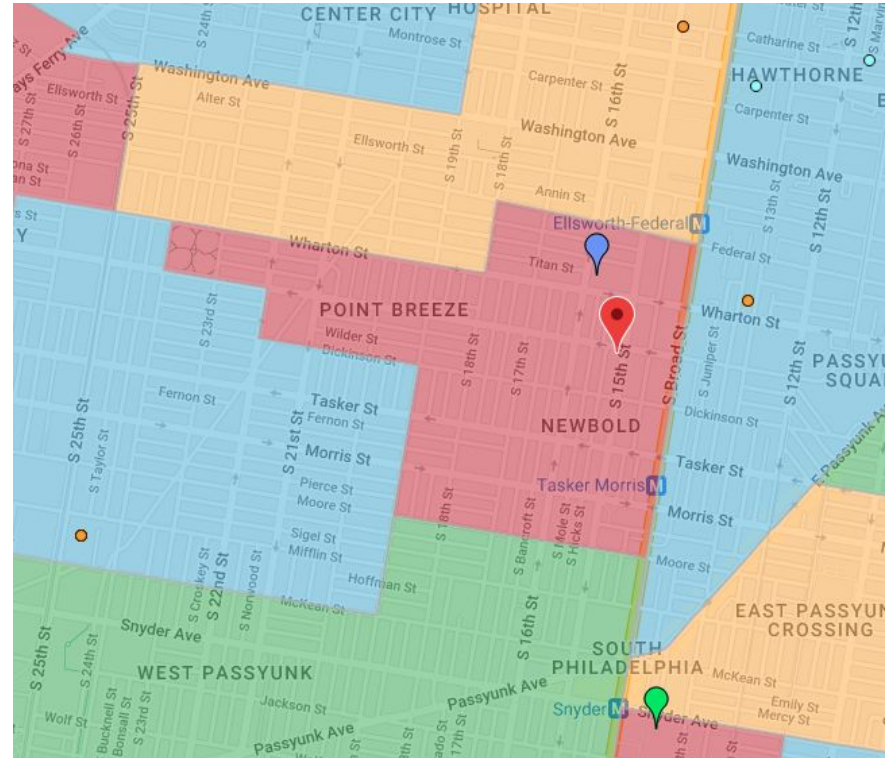
Neighborhood: South Philly / Newbold, Point Breeze

Things of Note:

Currently revitalizing their auditorium, building their library and raising money for a playground.

NICE - <http://www.nicephilly.org/>

Neighbors Investing in Childs Elementary



# Henry

601 Carpenter Ln, Philadelphia, PA 19119

GreatSchool rating: 6/10

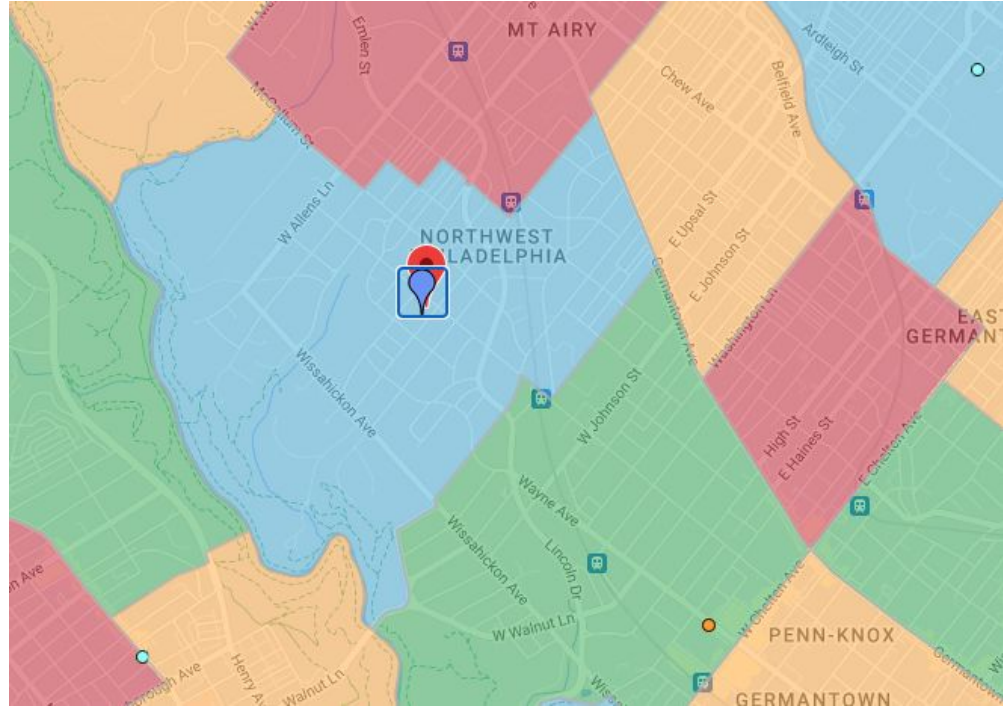
Neighborhood: Mt Airy

Things of Note:

School garen, external days of service and family events

HSA:

[https://m.facebook.com/groups/122386605065?bac=MTU2MDEwMTQ5NzoxMDE2MTk4Nzc4NTQ4MDA2NjoxMDE2MTk4Nzc4NTQ4MDA2NiwwLDE6MjA6S3c9PQ%3D%3D&multi\\_permlinks](https://m.facebook.com/groups/122386605065?bac=MTU2MDEwMTQ5NzoxMDE2MTk4Nzc4NTQ4MDA2NjoxMDE2MTk4Nzc4NTQ4MDA2NiwwLDE6MjA6S3c9PQ%3D%3D&multi_permlinks)



# Bache Martin

2201 Brown Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19130

GreatSchool rating: 4/10

Neighborhood: Fairmount, Francisville

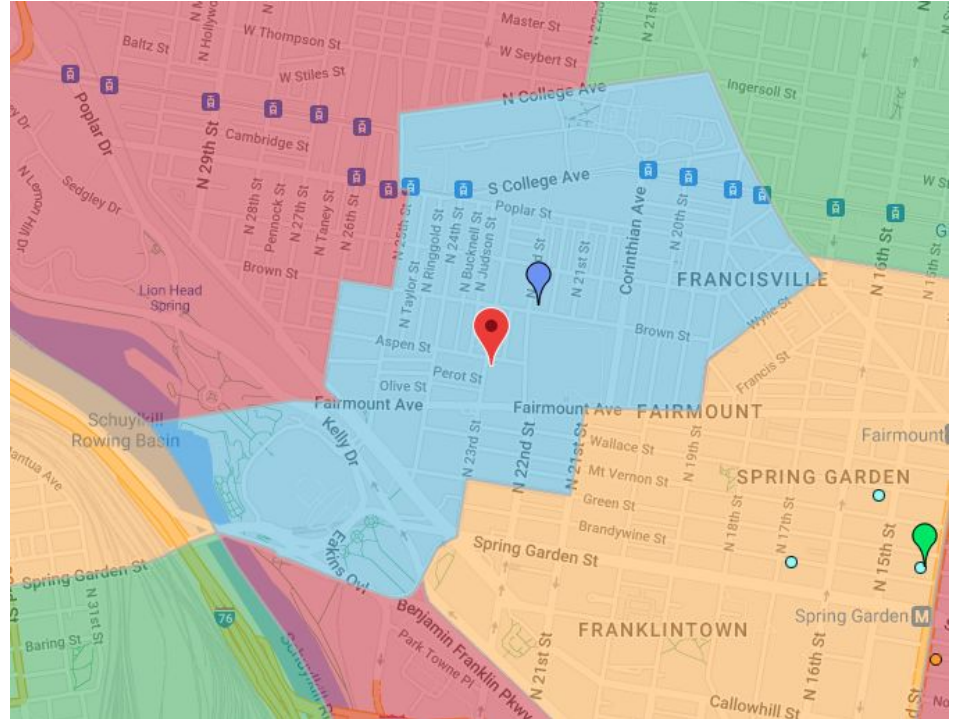
Things of Note:

HSA: <http://www.friendsofbachemartin.org/>

<https://www.thepowerofbachemartin.com/hsa>

Friends FB:

<https://www.facebook.com/BacheMartinFriends/>



# Chester Arthur

2000 Catharine Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19146

GreatSchool rating: 4/10

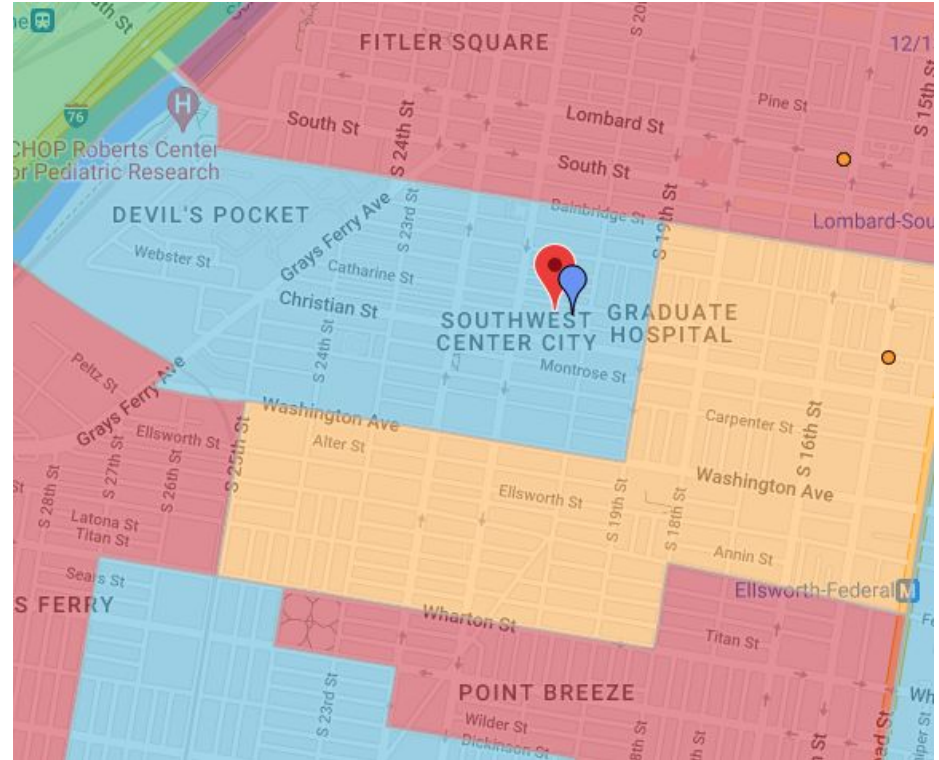
Neighborhood: Center City, Grad Hospital

Things of Note:

STEM program, performance arts partnerships such as Walnut Street Theater, Ballet X, Ballroom Dance

HSA: <https://arthur.philasd.org/community/home-school-association/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterArthurHSA/>



# Final Thoughts

This list is not comprehensive

Advise clients who are evaluating neighborhood schools to:

- Contact the principal and schedule a school tour

- Attend a Kindergarten Open House

- Look for community involvement through HSAs, SACs or Friends Of... groups.

- Search on websites and often through social media

- Look at partnerships and extra-curricular offerings