

Boys' 440 Yd/400 M. Dash in the PCL Meet

Year	Best Run this Specific Year	Runner	School	Record Holder in the PCL	School
1973	55.1	Denny Altenburger	Ottoville	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1974	53.1	Bob Klima	Ottoville	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1975	54.2	Bob Klima	Ottoville	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1976	54.0	Kip Mansfield	Continental	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1977	54.4	Kip Mansfield	Continental	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1978	53.7	Kip Mansfield	Continental	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1979	54.2	Kip Mansfield	Continental	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1980	54.0	Jim Klima	Ottoville	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1981	54.3	Mitch Hohlbein	Ottoville	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1982	55.4	Mitch Hohlbein	Ottoville	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1983	54.8	Mitch Hohlbein	Ottoville	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1984	55.9	Nick Vance	Leipsic	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1985	55.4	Steve Gibbs	Continental	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1986	52.5	Steve Gibbs	Continental	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1987	54.1	Craig Walls	Columbus Grove	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1988	53.7	Mike Alt	Columbus Grove	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1989	54.4	Mike Zachrich	Continental	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1990	54.0	D.J. Batt	Continental	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1991	55.1	D.J. Batt	Continental	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1992	54.4	Mike Kinsinger	Pandora-Gilboa	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1993	55.5	Nate Bonifas	Columbus Grove	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1994	55.1	Cory Ricker	Pandora-Gilboa	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1995	54.8	Jesse Miller	Pandora-Gilboa	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1996	56.1	Jesse Miller	Pandora-Gilboa	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1997	55.1	Chris McClure	Columbus Grove	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1998	54.7	Ryan Burgei	Ottoville	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
1999	53.3	Bryan Troyer	Columbus Grove	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
2000	50.7	Ryan Burgei	Ottoville	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
2001	51.5	Lance Heffner	Columbus Grove	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
2002	51.1	Lance Heffner	Columbus Grove	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
2003	50.1	Jon Amstutz	Pandora-Gilboa	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
2004	52.6	Taylor Jesko	Columbus Grove	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
2005	52.0	Caleb Arthur	Pandora-Gilboa	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
2006	52.9	Levi Arthur	Pandora-Gilboa	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
2007	52.4	Nathan Schmidt	Continental	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
2008	51.1	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
2009	51.3	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa	Gene Shawber	Leipsic
2010	NR	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa
2011	53.2	Wade Heffner	Columbus Grove	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa
2012	53.9	Derek Steffan	Leipsic	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa
2013	52.5	Derek Steffan	Leipsic	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa
2014	53.6	Jacob Williams	Continental	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa
2015	52.2	Alex Giesige	Columbus Grove	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa
2016	50.53	Baily Clement	Columbus Grove	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa
2017	51.22	Kyle Maag	Fort Jennings	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa
2018	51.32	Josh Verhoff	Kalida	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa
2019	51.75	Grant Laudick	Kalida	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa
2020			No Track Meet Due to COVID		
2021	53.90	Eric Wieging	Fort Jennings	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa
2022	53.27	Anden Blankemeyer	Columbus Grove	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa
2023	51.97	Anden Blankemeyer	Columbus Grove	Sam Spallinger	Pandora-Gilboa

The boys' 440 yard dash has been held in every PCL Track and Field Meet since 1920. The first dash and record was held by Ralph Roose of Ottawa when he ran the event in 1 minute, 9.2 seconds. In 1963, Gene Shawber of Leipsic, set the standard at 49.9 seconds which held up for 47 years. The current record of 49.7 seconds is held by Sam Spallinger of Pandora-Gilboa and was set in 2010. The event was converted to a comparable length of 400 meters in 1980.