



SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL

Let Your Lives Speak

2018-2019 School Profile

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The School

Founded in 1961, Sandy Spring Friends School is a progressive, coed, academically-rigorous independent day and boarding school serving 600 students from age three through 12th grade. The campus is located on 144 acres in the historic Sandy Spring area of Montgomery County, Maryland. SSFS maintains a diverse community of learners—42% of our students identify as students of color and we enroll 80 international students representing 17 different countries. Sandy Spring Friends School is approved by the Maryland State Board of Education and accredited by the Association of Independent Maryland/DC Schools.

Quaker Education

Our school's culture—rooted in the idea that collaboration engenders achievement—can be traced to our Quaker heritage and abiding belief in the Quaker values of simplicity, equality, honesty, stewardship of the environment, and peaceful resolution of conflict. Our teachers are lifelong mentors and strive to identify and cultivate each student's intellectual, extracurricular, and social passions. In doing so, we help shape students whose actions speak volumes and whose lives become exemplars—not only among their peers and families today but also in their personal, educational, and professional communities long after high school. Sandy Spring Friends School students are taught to act upon what they learn. This call to action propels their accomplishments as graduates, in college, and beyond.

SSFS Faculty

The Upper School faculty consists of 35 full-time teachers and 1 part-time teacher. Of these, 26 have master's degrees, and two hold doctoral degrees. Our student-to-teacher ration is 8:1.

The Curriculum

Sandy Spring Friends School offers an inquiry-based college preparatory program that emphasizes deep understanding throughout the curriculum while encouraging collaboration, instilling confidence, fostering practical experience, and cultivating respect for others. SSFS teachers help students internalize a process we call "QRA"—Question, Reflection, Action—which ensures that they think critically, integrate new knowledge, and apply what they learn. We help students develop their individual sense of purpose as they become caring citizens of the world.

The Upper School operates on a semester system with graduation requirements that encourage students to explore a wide range of interests in the arts, humanities, math, science, and cultural studies. Students receive ½ credit for semester-long courses and 1 credit for year-long courses. All credits must be earned in the grades 9-12.

Minimum **graduation requirements** are as follows:

- 4 English Credits
- 3 Math Credits (including Algebra II and Geometry)
- 3 History Credits (including World History and US History)
- 3 Science Credits (one year of biological science and one year of physical science required)
- 3 Global Language Credits
- 3 Art Credits (Arts & Ideas required in 11th or 12th grade)
- 3 Athletics Credits
- 1 Semester of Quakerism (for students entering after 9th grade)
- 100 Hours of Community Service (for students entering in 9th grade)

Intersession is a one-to-two-week period each spring when all students and faculty participate in special projects outside the classroom at either the local, regional, national, or international level. Participation is required each year of enrollment at SSFS. These projects offer students the opportunity for service learning or further hands-on study of topics covered in their classes. Previous experiences have included: New Orleans: Service with at Side of Southern Culture; Great Britain: A Quaker Pilgrimage; and Rocks & Reefs: Science Immersion in Bermuda.

In living out the mission and motto of the school to “let our lives speak,” Sandy Spring Friends School instills a culture of giving in its students at the earliest of ages, and responds to the needs of others in our local community and well beyond it in ways that enrich our school community and the lives of its members. While we require that students entering in 9th grade complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service, many SSFS students volunteer more than the standard requirement.

Campus Involvement and Activities

SSFS offers over 30 opportunities annually for students to lead our community and engage the world outside the classroom, some of which include:

- Torch – Student Government
- Admissions Ambassadors
- Student Publications
- Youth Peace Conference
- Performing Arts—plays and musicals, instrumental and vocal ensembles
- Diversity Issues and Social Justice groups
- Organic Farming
- Quiz Bowl/“It’s Academic”
- Robotics
- Varsity Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Ice Hockey (Club Team), Lacrosse, Rock Climbing, Soccer, Track and Field, Volleyball
- Intramural Sports: Kickball, Coed Soccer, Basketball, Badminton, SSFS Morley Games

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

In recognition of the diversity of the school, Sandy Spring Friends School offers our international students a full two- to three-year program of language development instruction and support in English and History. ESOL courses at Sandy Spring are very rigorous, combining the same content that they would receive in non-ESOL courses with additional guidance in reading, writing, listening, speaking, vocabulary, and grammar. Experienced teachers who are specially trained in teaching English Language Learners teach these courses. This specialized instruction ensures that students are well-prepared to succeed in mainstream (non-ESOL) high school and college courses.

The Class of 2019

Class size: 77 students

Mean Unweighted Grade Point Average: 3.26

SAT I Summary (76 students)

Section	Middle 50%	Mean
English/Reading/Writing	580-668	624
Math	590-740	664

Advanced Placement Exams: 2018

Exams taken by 6 or more students	% Score 3 or higher
English Language	64%
English Literature	76%
Comparative Govt/Politics	90%
European History	87%
US History	79%
World History	100%
Calculus AB	86%
Calculus BC	93%
Computer Science A	83%
Statistics	71%
Chemistry	28%
Environmental Science	71%
Physics C: Mechanics	63%
French Language	100%
Spanish Language	88%

Mean SAT II Scores

Subject	Mean
Chemistry (1)	780
French (2)	600
Literature (2)	655
Math I (2)	590
Math II (11)	678
Spanish (1)	730
U.S. History (7)	606

National Honors and Awards

The Class of 2019 includes 10 AP Scholars, 3 AP Scholars with Honors, 2 AP Scholars with Distinction, and 1 National Hispanic Recognition Scholar.

Grading System

H = 5.00*	A+ = 4.33	A = 4.00	A- = 3.66
B+ = 3.33	B = 3.00	B- = 2.66	
C+ = 2.33	C = 2.00	C- = 1.66	
D+ = 1.33	D = 1.00	D- = 0.66	F = 0.00

*An honors grade (H) is reserved for **exceptional** work that not only exceeds highest expectation but also reveals deep and possibly new insight into the subject matter. It is extremely difficult and uncommon for students to earn an honors grade in any course.

Note:

SSFS does not weight grades or rank students.

SSFS does not offer honors courses.

2018-2019 Upper School Course Offerings

English

English 9 (required)

English 10 (required)

Electives (semester-long, except where noted)

African American Literature & Culture

American Literature

Banned Books

Comedy and Humor

Critical Writing

Literary Linguistics

Race, Gender, & Nationality

Satire

Varieties of Modern English

Visual Texts

World Literature

AP English Language & Composition (year-long)

AP English Literature (British Literature, year-long)

AP English Literature (Dramatic Literature, year-long)

Mathematics

Algebra I

Algebra II

Advanced Algebra II

Algebra III

Integrated Geometry

Finance w/Applied Mathematics

Pre-Calculus

Advanced Pre-Calculus

Calculus

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Statistics

AP Computer Science A

Introduction to Computer Science (semester-long)

iOS Applications Development (semester-long)

History

World History I (required)

World History II (required)

Electives (year-long, except where noted)

Cold War & America in the 60's (semester-long)

Economics and Public Issues

(semester-long)

History & Cinema (semester-long)

Latin American Studies (semester-long)

Middle East Studies

Native American History (semester-long)

Psychology (semester-long)

US History and Government

AP Comparative Government & Politics

AP European History

AP US History

AP World History

Science

Anatomy & Physiology

Applied Chemistry

Biology

Conceptual Physics

Physics

Systematic Chemistry

Electives (semester-long, except where noted)

Bioethics

Geology

Meteorology

Oceanography

Intro Projects in Science & Engineering I

Intro Projects in Science & Engineering II

Intermediate Engineering I

Intermediate Engineering II

AP Chemistry (year-long)

AP Environmental Science (year-long)

AP Physics (year-long)

ESOL

American Culture (year-long)

Intermediate Academic English I & II

Advanced Integrate Composition I & II

Advanced Integrated Literature I & II

Writing Seminar I & II

World History I & II

Global Languages

Chinese (Mandarin) Foundations II

Intermediate Chinese (Mandarin) I

Intermediate Chinese (Mandarin) II

Advanced Chinese (Mandarin) I

French Foundations

Intermediate French

Adv. French Concepts

Adv. French: History & Literature

Spanish Foundations

Intermediate Spanish

Adv. Spanish Concepts

Adv. Spanish: History & Culture

Adv. Spanish: Communications & Culture

AP French Language & Culture

AP Spanish Language & Culture

Arts

Arts & Ideas (required, year-long)

Acting I & II

Ceramics I & II

Chorus

Handbells I & II

Instrumental Music I & II

Modern Dance I & II

Advanced Modern Dance I & II

Musical Production

Play Production

Photography I & II

Stagecraft I & II

Studio Art I & II

Advanced Studio Art I & II

Weaving & Fibers I & II

Woodworking I & II

AP Music Theory (year-long)

Additional Electives

Model UN (open to 10th, 11th, 12th graders, conference participation required)

Newspaper I & II

Quakerism (required for students entering after 9th grade)

Yearbook (year-long)



College Acceptances and Matriculations (2015-2018)

Colleges listed in **bold** indicate at least one matriculated student.

Albright College
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Anne Arundel Community College
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Bard College
Bates College
 Baylor University
 Belmont University
 Beloit College
 Bennington College
 Berkeley College NYC Midtown
Boston College
Boston University
Bowie State University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California State University (NY)
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Cazenovia College (NY)
Centenary University
 Chapman University
 Christopher Newport University
Chulalongkorn University (TH)
Clark University
 Clemson University
Cleveland State University
 Colgate University
 College of Charleston
College of the Atlantic
College of William and Mary
Colorado College
 Colorado State University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
 Dalhousie University
 Davidson College

Delaware State University
Denison University
DePaul University
 Dickinson College
Dillard University
Drew University
Drexel University
 Duquesne University
 Durham University (UK)
Earlham College
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Flagler College
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Germanna Community College
Gettysburg College
 Goucher College
Grinnell College
Guilford College
Hamilton College - NY
 Hampton University
Haverford College
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
 Hollins University
Howard Community College
Howard University
 Hult International Business School
Indiana University at Bloomington
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
 James Madison University

Johns Hopkins University
Juniata College
Kennesaw State University
 Kenyon College
Lafayette College
 Lake Forest College
 Lawrence University
Lebanon Valley College
 Lewis & Clark College
Long Island University, Brooklyn
 Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
 Loyola University New Orleans
 Lycoming College
Lynchburg College
 Macalester College
 Marist College
Marlboro College
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount University
McDaniel College
Mercyhurst University
Messiah College
Miami University (OH)
Michigan State University
Montgomery College
 Morehouse College
 Morgan State University
 Mount Saint Mary College
Mount St. Mary's University
Muhlenberg College
 New College of Florida
New York University
 North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
 Norwich University
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
 Ohio University
 Ohio Wesleyan University



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Pace University, New York City	The George Washington University	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Pennsylvania State University	The New School	University of Miami
Pitzer College	The Ohio State University	University of Michigan
Pratt Institute	The University of Alabama	University of North Carolina
Providence College	The University of Edinburgh (UK)	School of the Arts
Purdue University	The University of Georgia	University of Pittsburgh
Quinnipiac University	The University of Melbourne	University of Puget Sound
Randolph College	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	University of Redlands
Reed College	The University of Scranton	University of Rhode Island
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	The University of Tampa	University of Richmond
Rice University	The University of Texas, Austin	University of Rochester
Rochester Institute of Technology	The University of the Arts	University of San Francisco
Rollins College	The University of Warwick (UK)	University of South Carolina
Royal Holloway University of London	Towson University	University of St Andrews
Rutgers University	Tufts University	University of Toronto
Saint Joseph's University	Tulane University	University of Vermont
Saint Louis University	Union College (NY)	University of Virginia
Salisbury University	University at Buffalo, The State University of New York	University of Washington
Sarah Lawrence College	University of British Columbia (CA)	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Savannah College of Art and Design	University of California Davis	Ursinus College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of California Irvine	Vassar College
Sewanee: The University of the South	University of California Los Angeles	Villanova University
Simmons College	University of California San Diego	Virginia Commonwealth University
Skidmore College	University of California Santa Barbara	Virginia Military Institute
Smith College	University of Cambridge (UK)	Virginia Tech
Southern Methodist University	University of Cincinnati	Wake Forest University
Spelman College	University of Colorado	Warren Wilson College
St. John's College	University of Delaware	Washington and Lee University
St. John's University	University of Hartford	Washington College
St. Lawrence University	University of Hawaii	Washington University in St. Louis
St. Mary's College of Maryland	University of Illinois	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Stevenson University	University of Kentucky	Wheaton College (MA)
Stony Brook University	University of Maryland Baltimore County	Whitman College
Susquehanna University	University of Maryland College Park	Whittier College
Swarthmore College	University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Willamette University
Syracuse University	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	Wittenberg University
The Catholic University of America		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
The College of Wooster		