



## FRIENDS SELECT SCHOOL

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College Board code 393320

# COLLEGE PLANNING PROFILE 2020 - 2021

### The School

Friends Select School is a college preparatory, coed, Quaker day school serving grades pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.



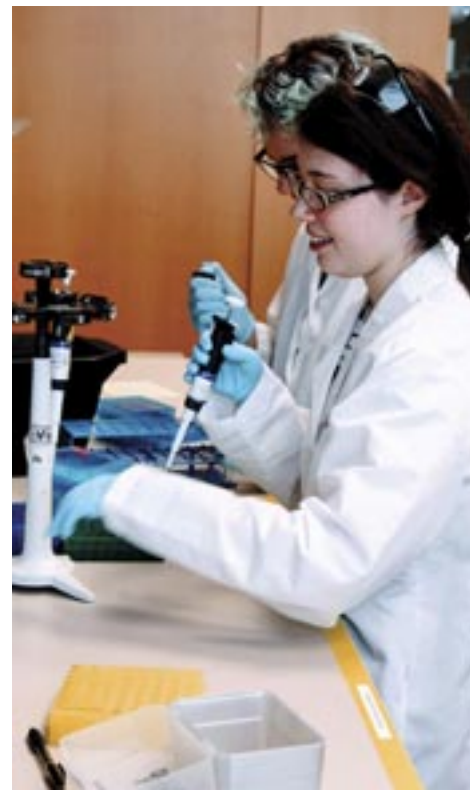
- Traces its beginnings to **1689**
- Total enrollment: **593**
- Upper school enrollment: **194**
- Senior class enrollment: **55**
- Total faculty: **83**
- % of students receiving financial assistance: **34%**
- Students of color: **37%**

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### Academic Achievements

- 89% of students who sat for AP exams in 2016 - 2020 received a score of 3, 4, or 5 on one or more exams (no AP courses offered at FSS)
- Independent study program is offered in any subject. Recent offerings include:
  - *Advanced language study*
  - *Advanced math and science*
  - *Visual and performing arts*
  - *City engagement and social justice opportunities*
- A STEAM lab for engineering, robotics, and computer science
- Nationally-ranked Quizbowl team
- Multiple artistic awards including National Scholastic Awards, Philly Young Playwrights, and Cappies

### English as a Second Language Program

Friends Select's ELL curriculum for international students is taken concurrently with our required English courses. All non-native speakers are required to complete the sequence. This is a three year program and includes the courses ELL I, II, and III. Beginning in 2019, Friends Select offered ESL support for all non-native English-speaking students to build competency in all communicative forms of the English language.

### Intersession/Social Justice Week

Intersession is a required, year-long academic inquiry into a region or country of the world. Beginning in 2019, Friends Select offered Social Justice Week, a week-long investigation of local community issues, such as food insecurity, community and police relations, environmental justice, and mental health.

### City Curriculum

- The only Quaker school in Center City Phila.
- Nearly all academic courses incorporate the city into the curriculum
- Upper school courses with city components:
  - *Advanced Biology* - partners with the UPenn Translational Research Dept.
  - *Anatomy and Physiology* - partnership with the Mütter Museum, part of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia
  - *Liberty and the Law* - visits the Court of Common Pleas to observe trials, and conducts mock trials at the Philadelphia Criminal Justice Center
  - *World History* - students conduct research at the Philadelphia Museum of Art that culminates in a public docent presentation
  - *Drama I and II* - participates in the Philadelphia Young Playwrights competition
- Examples of local social justice initiatives:
  - *Independent study credit for student who planned march for women's rights.*
  - *Martin Luther King Teach-In* - a student-planned experience for all upper school students to promote King's legacy.
  - *DICE (Day of Inclusivity, Community, and Equity)* - a day-long, student-planned upper school experience. Student leaders offer workshops and host discussion groups.
- Required senior internship for graduation - nearly all seniors spend their time in the city

# Course Offerings for the Class of 2021

While courses are not normally designated as Honors, Accelerated, or Advanced Placement, it is the practice of the faculty to assign rigorous coursework that prepares students to meet the demands of a college curriculum.

Subject and Graduation Requirements	9 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	10 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	11 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
English	English 9 Explorations of Genre	English 10 Romanticism and Modernism	English 11 American Literature	Required Semester Electives: Shakespeare, Film as Text Race, Gender, and Nationality in Lit. Caribbean Voices Monstrous Imaginings Magical Realism Journalism
	ELL 1&2	ELL 2&3	ELL Support	
History/Social Studies	The Medieval World	Modern World History	United States History and Politics	Required Semester Electives: African American History History of Popular Music Asian American History Citizen Justice Intro. to Economics Liberty and the Law The American Presidency
Mathematics	Geometry or Algebra I	Algebra II Accelerated Algebra II or Geometry Accelerated Geometry	Precalculus, Discrete Math, Statistics, Calculus, Advanced Calculus, Multivariable Calculus, Abstract Algebra	
			Algebra II Accelerated Algebra II	Precalculus, Discrete Math Statistics, Calculus Advanced Calculus Linear Algebra,
Science	Physics	Chemistry	Biology	Yearlong Courses: Advanced Physics Advanced Chemistry Advanced Biology Computer Science STEAM Advanced Projects
				1st Semester Electives: Sustainable Chemistry Astronomy and Cosmology Anatomy and Physiology
				2nd Semester Electives: Engineering Environmental Science Anatomy and Physiology
Language	Mandarin Chinese II/III/IV/V/VI, Advanced Mandarin for Native Speakers			
	Spanish I/II/III/IV/V			
	Latin I/II/III/IV/V			
			French I, Italian I	Italian I
Religious Thought	Quakerism and Comparative Religion	Peace and Social Justice: Beliefs into Action		
Fine Arts	Performing Arts: Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Drama I and II, Music Theory, Small Ensemble, Technically Theater			
	Visual Arts: Art Foundations, Advanced Metals/Glass, Advanced 2D Studies, Animation and Digital Story- telling, Digital Art, Drawing and Painting I and II, Photography, Sculpture, Sculpture and Materials, Studio 1, Advanced Studio, Metalsmithing/Glass, Portfolio Preparation, Video Production			

**COVID-19 Statement:** Due the abrupt adjustment to distance learning in the spring due to COVID-19, Friends Select chose to continue evaluating students with letter grades, but decided that students should not be negatively impacted by these adjustments. Therefore, as long as students were engaged with their school work and remained connected and productive in their courses, their fourth quarter grade was no lower than the average of their first three quarter grades.

For 2020-21, Friends Select elected to open school in a staggered way. Upper school students started school on September 8 remotely. Starting the week of September 28, upper school resumed with in-person instruction using a hybrid model, where upper school students receive in-person instruction two days a week and virtual instruction three days a week. Grading resumed as it was pre-COVID-19.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Graduation year	Number of Students tested SAT	Mid 50% SAT Critical Reading	Mid 50% SAT Math	Mid 50% SAT Writing	Number of Students tested ACT	Mid 50% ACT Composite
2020	39	620 - 740	600 - 790	31 - 38 (optional)	20	23 - 32
2019	34	600 - 710	540 - 730	30 - 37 (optional)	15	23 - 29
2018	40	580 - 670	560 - 770	30 - 35 (optional)	19	24 - 31

\*Evidence Based Reading and Writing

**College and University Acceptances and Matriculation for the Classes of 2018, 2019, and 2020**

(Colleges in bold are those enrolled in by the Classes of 2018, 2019, and/or 2020)

- Adelphi University
- Albright College
- American University**
- The American Musical & Dramatic Academy
- Amherst College**
- Arcadia University**
- Arizona State University
- Bard College**
- Bates College**
- Belmont University**
- Benedict College
- Bennington College
- Binghamton University (SUNY)
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brandeis University**
- Bryn Mawr College**
- Bucknell University**
- Bucks County Community College
- Cabrini University
- California College of the Arts**
- Carnegie Mellon University**
- Case Western Reserve University
- College of Charleston
- Chestnut Hill College**
- Clark University (MA)**
- Coastal Carolina University
- Colby College**
- College of the Holy Cross
- College of William and Mary
- Colorado State University
- Community College of Philadelphia**
- Concordia University (Canada)
- Connecticut College
- Cooper Union
- Davidson College
- Delaware State University**
- Delaware Valley University
- DePaul University
- Dickinson University**
- Drew University
- Drexel University**
- Duquesne University
- Earlham College
- Eckerd College
- Emerson College**
- Emory University**
- Ferrum College
- Fordham University
- Franklin & Marshall College**
- Furman University
- George Washington University**
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gettysburg College**
- Goucher College**
- Greensboro College**
- Grinnell College**
- Guilford College**
- Hamilton College
- Hampton University**
- Haverford College**
- Hofstra University**
- Howard University**
- Indiana University-Bloomington
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Ithaca College
- Jefferson University
- Johns Hopkins University**
- Juniata College
- Kean University
- Kentucky Wesleyan College
- Kenyon College
- La Salle University**
- Lafayette College
- Lawrence University**
- Lebanon Valley College
- Leigh University**
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University Maryland
- Loyola University New Orleans**
- Macalester College**
- Manhattan College
- Marietta College
- McDaniel College
- McGill University
- Miami University (OH)
- Michigan State University
- Millersville University of Pennsylvania
- Mills College**
- Mitchell College
- Monmouth University
- Moravian College**
- Morehouse College**
- Morgan State University**
- Mount Holyoke College
- Muhlenberg College
- Neumann University
- The New School**
- New York University**
- North Carolina State University
- Northeastern University**
- Nova Scotia College of Art & Design
- Oberlin College**
- Occidental College
- The Ohio State University**
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Oregon State University
- Otis College of Art & Design
- Pace University
- Pennsylvania State University**
- Pitzer College**
- Pratt Institute**
- Princeton University**
- Queen's University (Canada)
- Quinnipiac University
- Reed College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**
- Rider University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rollins College
- Rosemont College**
- Rowan University
- Rutgers University
- St. Joseph's University
- Salisbury University**
- San Francisco Art Institute
- Sarah Lawrence College
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- School of Visual Arts
- Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
- Skidmore College**
- Smith College**
- Southern Maine Community College**
- Spelman College
- St. John's College
- St. John's University**
- St. Olaf College
- State University of New York (SUNY) New Paltz
- State University of New York (SUNY) Potsdam
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Swarthmore College**
- Syracuse University**
- Temple University**
- Texas Christian University
- Trinity College**
- Tufts University**
- Tulane University**
- United States Military Academy**
- University of Advancing Technology**
- University of Alabama
- University of Arizona
- University of British Columbia
- University at Buffalo (SUNY)
- University of California-Berkeley**
- University of California-Davis**
- University of California-Irvine
- University of California-Los Angeles
- University of California-Riverside
- University of California-San Diego
- University of California-Santa Barbara
- University of California-Santa Cruz
- University of Colorado-Boulder
- University of Connecticut
- University of Dayton
- University of Delaware**
- University of Denver
- University of Edinburgh (Scotland)**
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Maryland-College Park**
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- University of Massachusetts-Boston
- University of Miami**
- University of Michigan-Ann Arbor**
- University of Mississippi
- University of New Hampshire
- University of Oregon
- University of Pennsylvania**
- University of Pittsburgh**
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Rochester**
- University of Scranton
- University of South Carolina-Columbia
- University of Southern California**
- University of Texas at Austin**
- University of Toronto**
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia**
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- University of Wyoming
- Ursinus College
- Utica College
- Vassar College**
- Villanova University
- Virginia State University
- Wagner College
- Washington & Jefferson College
- Washington State University
- Washington University in St. Louis**
- Wellesley College**
- Wesleyan University**
- West Chester University of PA
- Wheaton College (MA)
- Whitman College
- Widener University
- Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada)
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Yale University