



FRIENDS ACADEMY



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Profile 2020-2021

The School

Established by Gideon Frost in 1876 for “the children of Friends and those similarly sentimented,” Friends Academy is today a co-educational college preparatory day school on the North Shore of Long Island. There are 374 students in the Upper School (grades 9 through 12), 190 in the Middle School (grades 5 through 8), and 142 children in the Lower School (Early Childhood through grade 4) from Nassau, Queens, and Suffolk counties.

The school is located on a 65-acre campus in the Glen Cove-Locust Valley area. In recent years, following a major capital campaign, nearly all buildings have been renovated and new facilities built, including an expanded Upper School and Middle School, a new center for the arts, and a new library. Physical facilities include a three-story, free standing library, modern science laboratories, computer education centers, a 400-seat theater, art studios, a gymnasium, field house, and extensive athletic fields.

The faculty is the school’s finest resource. It numbers 122 full-time and part-time teachers; 103 hold masters and 6 hold doctorates. To ensure a student body that reflects the larger community in which Friends is located, 19 percent of all families receive some form of financial aid; 35 percent of our students are students of color.

Friends Academy is a member of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors and is accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS).

Philosophy

The philosophy of Friends Academy arises from the Quaker belief in the unique worth and individuality of every person. The school program is guided by the traditional Quaker testimonies of:

- Simplicity
- Moderation
- Patience
- Caring service to others
- Integrity in thought and action
- Commitment to non-violent resolution of differences

These qualities underlie life at the school and the spontaneous sharing of thoughts at weekly Meeting for Worship. The silence and simple ministry of a “gathered Meeting” brings the sense that there is that of God in everyone.

Friends Academy seeks to create a vibrant, diverse community in which students work with caring teachers. The humanity of each teacher is vital if young people are to learn well, for human understanding creates a community of trust and acceptance. Friends also makes every effort to select students who share the school’s ideals as their own, who give their best efforts to the whole program of the school, and who will grow in the intelligent acceptance of their responsibility to serve others.

Upper School Program

Friends Academy limits the number of AP courses a student may take. In the senior year four APs are the maximum number in which a student may enroll. Occasionally, a student may take a fifth AP course in art after having completed a sequence of prerequisite courses. Gained entry into most AP classes is dependent upon prerequisite courses and grade minimums set by each department. These courses are introduced into the curriculum in the junior and senior years.

We believe that each student at Friends Academy should be exposed to a variety of academic experiences. For this reason the minimum requirements for a diploma include sixteen full-credit academic courses plus coursework in religion, health, physical education, community service, the fine and performing arts, and outdoor education.

- **English (four years):** English 9; English 10; full year of American Literature in grade 11; two semesters of English electives in grade 12 or AP English Literature.
- **History and Social Studies (three years):** Ancient Foundations of Human Civilization/World History in grade 9; Patterns of Global Interaction 10; American History or AP American History in grade 11; Electives are offered to seniors. Four years recommended.
- **Mathematics (three years):** Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or Algebra II/Trigonometry are required. For seniors not taking another math course, Topics in Precalculus is recommended. Four years are recommended.
- **Science (three years):** Three years of sciences are required; It is expected that students complete Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Four years of science are recommended.
- **Languages and Cultures (three years):** The completion of level three of one world language is required; four recommended.
- **Arts:** One full credit of courses in the arts is required. Two or more years are recommended.
- **Quaker Life Department:** Quakerism in grade 9, Community Service in grade 10, and Senior Reflections in grade 12 are required courses. YSOP, Work Program, Weekly Quaker Meeting, and Community Service are commitments required of students.
- **Technology:** All students are required to take either one Computer Science course or one Digital Arts course.
- **Physical Education (four years):** All students are required to take the Physical Education classes unless they are playing on an interscholastic team. All dance classes count toward Physical Education credit.
- **Health (two semesters):** Health courses in grades 9 and 11 are required.
- **Outdoor Education:** All ninth grade students are required to attend the 3-day outdoor education program.
- **Independent Service Project:** This service project is a graduation requirement of all seniors.
- **Cum Laude Society (grades 11 and 12):** Selection is based on academic excellence alone. Must be a student for three consecutive semesters prior to selection for induction.

Testing in the Upper School includes the ISEE and SSAT for admission, final examinations each year in English, mathematics, science, world languages, and history, the PSAT, SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement examinations.

Our off-campus Community Service program involves students from Lower School through senior year of Upper School, and progressively develops social awareness and sense of responsibility to the community.

LIST OF COURSES FOR 2020-21

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ENGLISH
English 9 & 10
American Literature
AP English Literature
Semester Electives
in Literature or Composition | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SCIENCE
Biology
AP Biology
Chemistry, Hon Chem, AP Chem
Organic Chemistry
Marine Biology
Physics
Forensics
AP Physics C
AP Physics I and II
AP Psychology
Research and Science Projects
Semester Electives in Science | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WORLD LANGUAGES
French I-AP plus Honors II-IV
Latin I-AP
Spanish I-AP plus Honors II-IV
Chinese I-AP plus Honors IV | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MUSIC
Women's Choir
Men's Choir
Chamber Choir
Music Theory
AP Music Theory
Wind Ensemble
Jazz Band
String Orchestra
Chamber Orchestra |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HISTORY
Ancient Foundations of Human
Civilizations (9th)
Patterns of Global Interaction (10th)
American History
AP U.S. History
AP European History
AP U.S. and Comparative Gov't
& Politics
Business/Econ/Finance
Modern Global Perspectives
Entrepreneurship
Screening America: American History
and Film
1968 - The Year that Changed Everything | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MATHEMATICS
Algebra I,II, Geometry, and Algebra II/
Trig plus honors
Pre-Calculus
Calculus
Multivariable Calculus
Linear Algebra
AP Calculus (AB)
AP Calculus Sequence I, II (BC)
AP Statistics
Topics in Precalculus | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• QUAKER LIFE CENTER
Quakerism (Grade 9)
Community Service (Grade 10)
Senior Reflections (Grade 12)
Weekly Quaker Meeting For Worship | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COMPUTER
Film Making 1,2,3
Music Recording Technology
Advanced Music Recording Technology
Graphic Design
Digital Arts I,II
Animation Technology
Computer Game Design
Robotics - Programming & Engineering
Digital Electronics
Creative Projects
Intro to Computer Science
AP Computer Science |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GLOBAL STUDIES SCHOLAR
GSS Honors International Relations
GSS Spanish LC 5
GSS French LC 5 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
Studio Art 1,2,3,4 and Adv 1,2,3,4
AP Studio Art Portfolio
Photography 1,2 & Adv Photo
Ceramics and Adv
Performing Arts
Theater Studies
Advanced Performance Studies
Honors Arts Seminar
Stagecraft & Apprenticeship
Dance I,II & Advanced Expressions
Yoga | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HEALTH
Physical Education
Health 9 & Health 11 |