

School Profile 2020-2021

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Total Enrollment: 854

Upper School Details
Enrollment: 409

Financial Aid:

Students of Color: 30%

Teacher-to-Student
Ratio: 1:7

Average Class Size:
12-15

Friends School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS), and is approved by the Maryland State Board of Education.

Friends School of Baltimore

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MISSION

Founded in 1784 by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Friends School is the oldest school in Baltimore. The coeducational, college preparatory program is guided by Quaker values of truth, equality, simplicity, community, and peaceful resolution to conflict. By setting high standards and encouraging a spirit of inquiry, Friends seeks to develop in each student the intellectual, spiritual, and creative foundation to become learners for life. The community values its freedom to experiment and to enter fields of controversy, and believes that its intellectual environment should also foster the development of fulfilled and morally informed individuals. All members of the community strive to sustain an atmosphere that is inclusive, respectful, and supportive of all people. Friends School maintains its historic ties with Stony Run Friends Meeting, which is adjacent to campus.

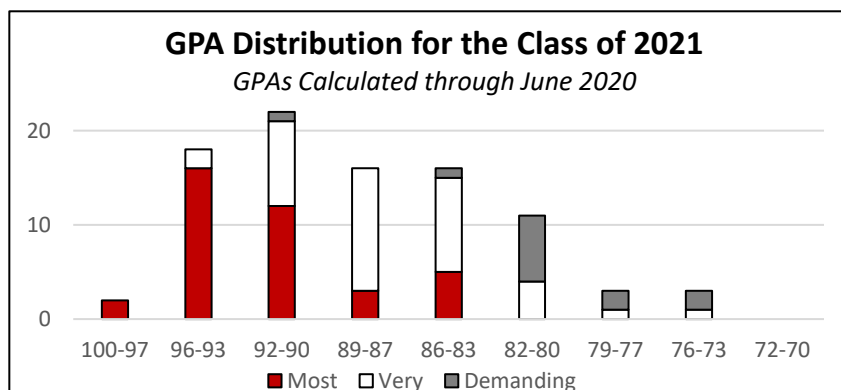
CURRICULUM

- All courses are taught at an advanced (**Honors**) level.
- Friends School of Baltimore does not designate any course Advanced Placement (AP).
- Friends School of Baltimore does not calculate class rank.
- All GPAs are **unweighted** and include **only academic course work** taken at Friends. Physical education, fine and performing arts, and most non-departmental electives are not factored into the GPA.
- Some students, by virtue of their placement as incoming ninth graders, are unable to advance to the highest-level courses in mathematics, science, and foreign language.
- Friends School of Baltimore is on a semester schedule. One-credit courses meet six times in a 10-day cycle for two semesters. Half-credit courses meet six times in a 10-day cycle for one semester.
- **COVID-19 Updates:** Distance learning began mid-March 2020. Friends was able to successfully shift fully remote and a numerical grade was given in all academic classes. Fall 2020 was all virtual until October 13 with a streamlined schedule of courses meeting 2x/week. Students chose to return to a hybrid schedule or remain virtual in October. Traditional grading rubrics are applied to Fall 2020 courses.

Our graduation requirements include the following:

Subject	Credits	Subject	Credits
English	4 credits	Physical Education	2 credits
Social Studies	2 credits	Elective credits	3 credits
Math & Science	6 credits	Students must also successfully complete community service, attend freshman-senior forum, and participate in athletics yearly.	
Foreign Language	2 credits		
Fine Arts	2 credits		

Class of 2021 Size: 91 Students



Class of 2021 GPA

High: 99
Mean: 88
Low: 74

**National Merit
Scholarship Recognition
in 2020:**
Semifinalist: 0
Commended: 4

Grade Conversion Chart

100-97	A+	4.0	89-87	B+	3.6-3.4	79-77	C+	2.6-2.4	69-67	D+	1.6-1.4	59-0	F	0.0
96-93	A	4.0	86-83	B	3.3-3.0	76-73	C	2.3-2.0	66-63	D	1.3-1.0			
92-90	A-	3.9-3.7	82-80	B-	2.9-2.7	72-70	C-	1.9-1.7	62-60	D-	0.9-0.7			

CURRICULUM: The following courses are available to the students in the Class of 2021.

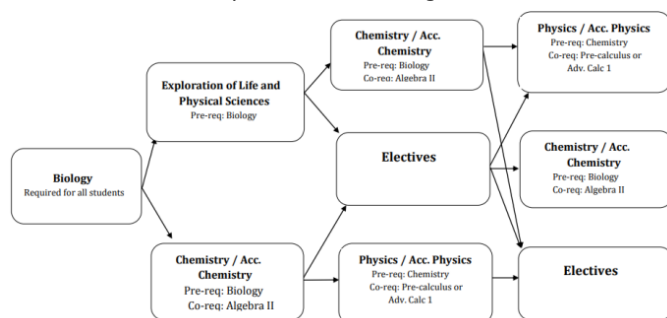
English – All students take English 9 and 10 as full year courses. Semester courses are combined classes of juniors and seniors. Courses marked with an * are cross-listed as history courses.

English 9 and 10	Creative Nonfiction	Literature of Tragedy	Seminar: Social Justice *
American Experience I and II	Fiction Writing	Modern Environmental Literature	The Short Story
Analysis & Crit. Contemp. Lit.	Film Analysis	The Narrative of Suspense	Social Science Fiction
British Novels	Gender Studies	Peace, Nonviolence, & Social Justice*	Theater of Revolt
The Caged Bird Sings	Journalistic Writing	Philosophy and Literature	Utopias & Dystopias
Children's Lit: Fantasy vs Imagination	Literature in Adaptation: Page to Frame	Practicing Poetry	Wise Readings
Community & Solitude*	Literature and Politics	Reading Reality	Writing for Podcasts & Radio
	Literature of the African Diaspora	Shakespeare	

Math –Below represent the most common Upper School math sequences. Semester Electives may be added to any sequence. Students who completed Algebra I in middle school will start in Geometry or Geometry Plus.

Algebra I (9)	Geometry (9)	Geometry Plus (9)	<u>Semester 1 Electives</u>	<u>Semester 2 Electives</u>
Geometry (10)	Algebra II (10)	Algebra and Trigonometry (10)	Descriptive Statistics	Inferential Statistics
Algebra II (11)	Precalculus (11)	Advanced Calculus I (11)	Discrete Mathematics	Mathematics of Finance
Functs, Trig, & Stats (12)	Calculus (12)	Calculus II (12)	Intro to Programming	Data Structures in Java
or Precalculus (12)			Advanced Computer Science	Tech. Incubation Design Ent'ship

Science – All are laboratory courses. Year-long and semester electives are typically reserved for seniors and occasionally juniors.



<u>Year-Long Science Electives</u>	
Advanced Biology	Advanced Chemistry
Special Topics in Physics	
<u>Semester 1 Electives</u>	<u>Semester 2 Electives</u>
Ecology	Evolution
Geology I	Geology II

History – The goal of the history curriculum is to examine the links among cultures and civilizations, rather than to study countries in isolation. Semester electives are offered for seniors. Courses with an * are cross-listed as English courses.

History of Great Civilizations (9)	Global Art History I/II	Modern Middle East
History of the Modern World (10)	International Conflict Resolution	Music History: Live From Baltimore
US and the World (11)	I Am Not Your Negro: Black Counter/Subculture	Topics in Psychology
Cold War	Introduction to Archival Work: Towson/Loyola	Unbreakable Baltimore
	Intro to Public Health: JHU, MSU, AU	

Foreign Languages – Placement into Level 2 language is made after successful completion of study in Middle School. Students are required to master up to Level 3 of modern languages or Level 2 of Latin.

French, Levels 1-5	Latin, Levels 1-4 (Prose or Poetry)	Russian, Levels 2-5	Spanish, Levels 1-5
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Fine Arts – Two Credits of Fine Arts (Art, Music, Theater, or Dance) are required for graduation. All courses are half-credit and semester long with the exception of Art Major and Music Major, which are full-year academic courses.

Art Major	Painting	Music Major	Broadway Musical Workshop
Animation (Blender)	Photo 1 - 3	Chamber Choir	Craft of Acting
Art and Politics	Photojournalism	Concert Chorale	Playwriting
Art, Technology, Media & Design	Printmaking	Digital Audio	Stagecraft
Design - Photoshop	Sculptural Forms	Jazz Ensemble	Theater Workshop
Drawing	Studio Art	Jazz Rhythm Lab	
Drawing - Experimental		Music Theory I & II	Dance Composition
Intro to Programming with Interactive Art		String Orchestra	Studio Dance 1, 2, 3
Industrial Design Meets Social Justice		Wind Ensemble	

Junior Year Grade Distribution – Class of 2021

Courses with enrollment of fewer than 3 members of the Class of 2021 are not represented in this grade distribution.

Course	100-97	96-93	92-90	89-87	86-83	82-80	79-77	76-73	72-70	69-67	66-63	62-60	≤ 59
English Semester Electives	7	60	46	12	25	21	7	2	1	-	-	-	-
U.S. & the World	3	17	27	18	11	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advanced Calculus I	4	6	8	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calculus I	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Precalculus	1	7	7	6	7	3	3	4	1	-	1	-	-
Functions, Trig, & Stats	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Algebra II	1	-	4	2	3	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Math Semester Electives	4	4	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
French III	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
French IV	1	4	1	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Latin III	-	3	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Latin III/IV	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russian IV	4	-	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spanish III	2	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spanish IV	-	6	13	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physics	2	11	6	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accelerated Physics	8	16	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accelerated Chemistry	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chemistry	-	2	2	1	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Applied Chemistry	-	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Science Semester electives	1	2	1	-	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-

UPPER SCHOOL SPECIAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Non-Departmental Courses: FSB is proud to offer courses that respond student interests, engage our alumni, faculty, and Greater Baltimore community, and offer more spaces for becoming lifelong learners. Courses with an * are academic major courses.

*Entrepreneurship & Social Innovation	Topics in Law	Diversity & Social Justice Practitioner Training
Conflict Resolution Strategies	STEM Speaker Series	*Student Assistant Teaching Program (SAT)
Understanding Whiteness and Ourselves	LGBTQ Studies	Sexuality Peer Educator Practitioner Training

Extracurricular Certificate Program (ECP): Begun in 2015, the ECP invites students to explore an area of academic interest beyond the bounds of any single course of study. Each certificate “bundles” learning experiences-- course work, club involvement, speaker series, independent study, internships, and/or other capstone project(s)--that are related by theme. Participation earns students a transcript designation for their sustained participation and effort.

<u>Current Certificate Offerings (Design Your Own also available)</u>			
STEAM	Renaissance Scholar	Sustainability	Social Justice, Diversity, and Equity
Global Studies	Artistic Expression	Quakerism	Baltimore Urban Immersion and Engagement
Public Health	Literary Scholar	Entrepreneurship	Pathway to Leadership

University Partnership Program (UPP): FSB actively seeks college and university partnerships that are mission-driven, experiential, and beneficial to both institutions. UPP began in 2011 with a collaboration with the Haiti Lab at Duke University. FSB has created over 85 projects and our intent is to build these offerings until every FSB student graduates having participated in at least one project or course.

<u>Partnering Universities</u>			
Johns Hopkins University	George Mason University	Stevenson University	Towson University
University of Maryland Baltimore County	University of Maryland	University of Virginia	University of Delaware
University of North Carolina Wilmington	Duke University	University of Baltimore	Morgan State University
Notre Dame of Maryland University	Stanford University	University of Michigan	Maryland Institute College of Art
Warren Wilson College	Goucher College	Loyola University Maryland	US Naval Academy

William Penn Fellows (WPF): WPF is a selected group of students with a special interest in social justice and direct service. Students engage in on-going learning and service projects. Fellows also create an atmosphere for students to become more invested in the practices of service and social justice.

Standardized Testing Results for the Class of 2021:

*All score data is calculated using the highest results for each section for each student

As of October 1, 2020, 61% of the Class of 2021 has received an SAT or ACT score

For Class of 2021 students **only**, Friends School of Baltimore offered a single on-campus administration of the ACT (September 12) and SAT (October 14). The College Counseling staff is very supportive of the increase in test-optional policies and elected to offer on-campus testing only to ensure those students who *need* testing for their applications are able to have it.

SAT Scores (through August 2020)	
Section	Middle 50%
Evidence Based Reading	600-680
Math	620-700
SAT Summary 1600	1220-1360

*28 students' results

ACT Scores (through September 2020)	
Section	Middle 50%
English	25 - 34
Math	25 - 30
Reading	28 - 35
Science	25 - 32
Composite	26 - 33

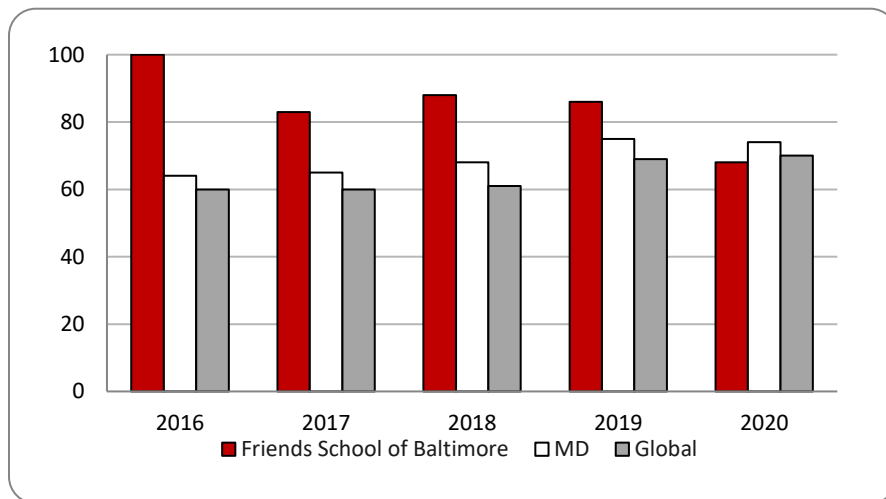
*36 students' results

Advanced Placement (AP)

Although Friends School does not offer an AP curriculum, many students choose to take the AP examinations every spring. From 2016-2020, 56% of scores were a 4 or a 5 on AP examinations and 85% of students scored a 3 or higher.

Friends School of Baltimore AP Test Scores					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total AP Students	23	30	32	35	28
# of Exams	44	38	45	45	32
AP Students with Scores of 3+	23	25	28	30	19

Percentage of AP Students Receiving Scores of 3+



*Until 2019, US averages were provided instead of Global

Considerations for the 2020 AP Score performance: College Board changed AP registration in the fall of 2019, requiring all registrations to be made by early November. Previously, students had until March to determine if they wished to take an exam.

In November 2019, 37 students registered for 42 exams.

With the advent of distance learning in the Spring of 2020, many students were unable to have the focused support of their teachers to prepare for the test. College Board waived cancellation fees and 25% of registrants elected not to take the exams.

Tests were overhauled to be 1/3 the duration and administered online on a new platform created in a few months. Tests were given at the same time globally, meaning international students who returned home tested in the middle of the night.

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2016-2020

The University of Alabama
Albright College
American Musical and Dramatic Academy
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Bard College
Barnard College
Barry University
Bates College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
University of British Columbia
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Institute of the Arts
University of California (Berkeley)
University of California (Los Angeles)
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Chapman University
University of Chicago
College of Charleston
University of Cincinnati
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
Colorado College
University of Colorado Boulder
Connecticut College
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science
and Art
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Dean College
University of Delaware
University of Denver
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
The University of Edinburgh
Elon University
Emory University
Flagler College
University of Florida
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington University
Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Guilford College
Hampton University
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Howard University
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Juniata College
Kalamazoo College
University of Kentucky
Kenyon College
La Salle University
Lewis & Clark College
LIM College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lycoming College
University of Lynchburg
Lynn University
University of Mary Washington
Maryland Institute College of Art
University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
University of Maryland (College Park)
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
McDaniel College
McGill University
Miami University (Oxford)
University of Miami
Michigan State University
University of Michigan
Middlebury College
Morehouse College
Morgan State University
Mount Saint Mary's College
Muhlenberg College
Nazareth College
New College of Florida
University of New England
University of New Haven
New York University
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina Wilmington
Northeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
Pitzer College
Pomona College

Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Randolph-Macon College
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
University of Richmond
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rochester
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Salisbury University
University of San Diego
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seattle University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Skidmore College
University of South Carolina
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
St Mary's College of Maryland
St. Norbert College
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Stevenson University
Suffolk University
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
The University of Tampa
Temple University
Towson University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Ursinus College
Vassar College
University of Vermont
Virginia Commonwealth University
University of Virginia
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington and Lee University
Washington College
Washington University in St Louis
University of Washington
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Virginia University
Whitman College
Whittier College
Widener University
William and Mary
Williams College
University of Wisconsin (Madison)
The College of Wooster
Yale University