

**School Profile
2021-2022**

Friends School of Baltimore



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Total Enrollment: 835

Upper School Details
Enrollment: 387

Students Receiving
Financial Aid: 44%

Students of Color: 36%

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.

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.

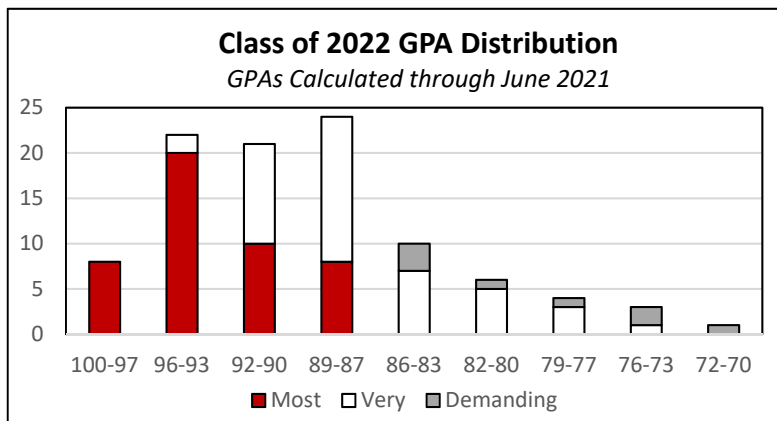
CURRICULUM

- 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 four times in a 6-day cycle for two semesters. Half-credit courses meet four times in a 6-day cycle for one semester.
- **COVID-19 Updates:** Distance learning began mid-March 2020. Friends successfully shifted 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. **By May 2021, 95% of students were on campus for 4 day/week in-person.** Traditional grading rubrics were applied to all 2020-2021 course.

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 2022 Size: 102 Students



Class of 2022 GPA

High: 98
Mean: 89
Low: 72

**National Merit
Scholarship Recognition
in 2022:**

Semifinalist: 0
Commended: 8

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 (21-22 Course Guide): The following courses are available to the students in the Class of 2022.

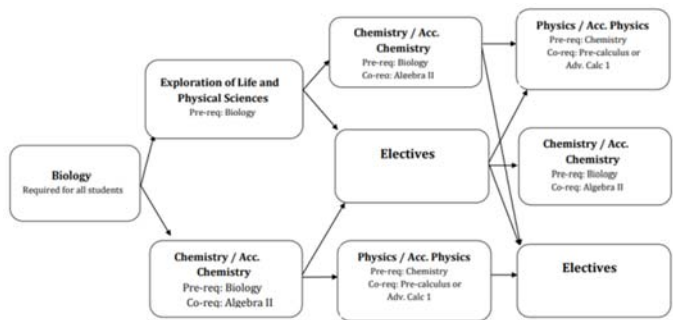
English – All students take English 9 and 10 as full year courses. Semester courses are combined classes of juniors and seniors. Courses marked with an * are cross-listed as history courses.

English 9 and 10	Fiction Writing	Literature of Tragedy	Shakespeare
American Experience I and II	Film Analysis	Modern Environmental Literature	The Short Story
Analysis & Crit. in Contemp. Lit.	Frankenstein & Its Monstrous Progeny	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
Creative Nonfiction	Literature of the African Diaspora	Seminar: Social Justice *	

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
Genetics	Anatomy & Physiology

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)	Constitutional Issues & the Supreme Court	Intro to American Indian History
History of the Modern World (10)	Global Art History	Intro to Public Health: JHU, MSU, AU
US and the World (11)	History of Disease	Modern Middle East
American Government	I Am Not Your Negro: Black Counter/Subculture	Music History: Live From Baltimore
African-American History	International Conflict Resolution	Topics in Psychology
Artifactual History	Introduction to Archival Work: Towson/Loyola	Unbreakable Baltimore

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	Photo 1 - 3	Music Major	Broadway Musical Workshop
Art and Politics	Photojournalism	Chamber Choir	Craft of Acting
Art, Technology, Media & Design	Printmaking	Concert Chorale	Playwriting
Design - Photoshop	Sculptural Forms	Digital Audio	Stagecraft
Drawing	Studio Art	Jazz Ensemble	Theater Workshop
Drawing - Experimental	Web Design & Development	Jazz Rhythm Lab	
Intro to Prog. w/ Interactive Art (Creative Coding)		Music Theory I & II	Dance Composition
Indust. Design Meets Soc. Justice (Adapt. Design)		String Orchestra	Studio Dance 1, 2, 3
Painting		Wind Ensemble	

Junior Year Grade Distribution – Class of 2022

Courses with enrollment of fewer than 2 members of the Class of 2022 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	15	61	57	14	24	19	9	6	3	1	3	1	-
U.S. & the World	11	27	27	13	11	5	5	3	-	-	1	-	-
History Semester Electives	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calculus II	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advanced Calculus I	10	12	5	2	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calculus I	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Precalculus	1	8	5	5	3	2	-	1	2	1	1	2	-
Algebra II	4	3	2	5	2	1	2	1	-	2	-	-	-
Math Semester Electives	4	5	3	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
French IV	1	6	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Latin III	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Latin III/IV	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russian IV	3	3	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Spanish II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Spanish III	1	2	4	1	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Spanish IV	3	11	6	3	11	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Physics	16	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accelerated Physics	34	9	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accelerated Chemistry	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chemistry	10	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Science Semester electives	5	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	-	1	2	-
Art Major	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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)
African Drumming & Storytelling	LGBTQ Studies	Sexuality Peer Educator Practitioner Training

Scholars Certificate Program (SCP): Begun in 2015, the SCP 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	Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice
Finance	Artistic Expression	Quakerism	Baltimore Urban Immersion and Engagement
Public Health	Global Scholars	Entrepreneurship	Pathway to Leadership
Creative Writing	International Relations	Criminal Justice	Environmental Studies Ecojustice

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 2022:

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

As of October 20, 2021, 80% of the Class of 2021 has received an SAT or ACT score

Friends School of Baltimore **does not offer** on-campus administration of the ACT or SAT. The College Counseling staff is very supportive of the increase in test-optional policies and does not promote an over-reliance on high-stakes standardized testing.

SAT Scores (through October 2021)		ACT Scores (through September 2021)	
Section	Middle 50%	Section	Middle 50%
Evidence Based Reading	620-730	English	25 - 35
Math	580-720	Math	22 - 31
SAT Summary 1600	1230-1440	Reading	25 - 33
		Science	24 - 31
		Composite	24 - 32

*65 students' results

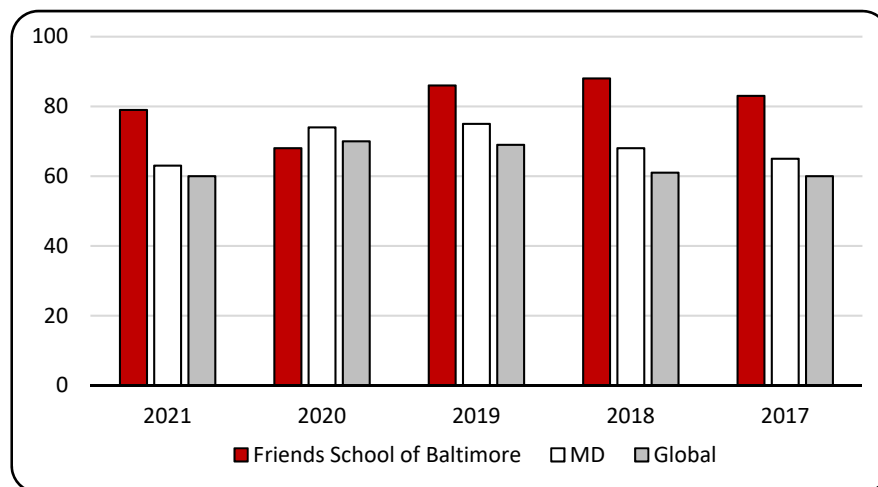
*25 students' results

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					
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total AP Students	40	27	35	32	30
# of Exams	49	31	45	45	38
AP Students with Scores of 3+	29	19	28	28	25

Percentage of AP Students Receiving Scores of 3+



*Until 2019, US averages were provided instead of Global

Considerations for the 2021 AP Exams: 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 2020, 49 students registered for 71 exams.

In late winter, College Board announced its testing schedule with 3 rounds of exams and online options for some courses. College Board also waived cancellation fees. In consideration of major space limitations due to COVID protocols, Friends School pushed as many exams as possible to the online administrations.

Both in-person and online tests were standard duration. Those administered online were given at the same time globally, meaning some students did not begin testing until 4pm local time. Students with accommodations could end up testing as late as 10pm.

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2018-2021

University of Alabama
Albright College
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Bard College
Barry University
Bates College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
University of California (Los Angeles)
California Institute of the Arts
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
Clemson University
Colby College
College of Charleston
College of William and Mary
University of Colorado Boulder
Colorado College
Connecticut College
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
Davidson College
University of Delaware
Denison University
University of Denver
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emory University
Flagler College
University of Florida
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Goucher College

Guilford College
Hamilton College (NY)
Hamilton University
Haverford College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Howard University
Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
The Juilliard School
Juniata College
Kalamazoo College
Kenyon College
La Salle University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lycoming College
University of Lynchburg
Lynn University
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland Baltimore County
University of Maryland College Park
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Maryland Institute College of Art
McDaniel College
McGill University
University of Miami
Miami University (OH)
University of Michigan
Middlebury College
University of Mississippi
Morgan State University
Muhlenberg College
University of New England
New York University
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Northeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Parsons School of Design at The New School
University of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
Pitzer College
Pomona College

Princeton University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Randolph-Macon College
Reed College
Rhodes College
University of Richmond
Ringling College of Art and Design
University of Rochester
Rochester Institute of Technology
Salisbury University
University of San Francisco
Scripps College
Sewanee: The University of the South
Skidmore College
University of South Carolina
University of St Andrews (Scotland)
St Mary's College of Maryland
St. Norbert College
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Stevenson University
Suffolk University
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
University of Tampa
Temple University
Towson University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
University of Washington Tacoma
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Virginia University
Whitman College
Widener University
Williams College
University of Wisconsin Madison
The College of Wooster
Yale University