



# GFS GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2022-2023

### OUR SCHOOL

- Quaker, independent, coed day school for preschool through grade 12
- Founded in 1845 under the care of the Germantown Monthly Meeting and governed by the School Committee
- Located in historic Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia
- Committed to diversity, as is reflected in our school community
- **Our Mission:** Germantown Friends School is dedicated to reaching that of God in every person. Our mission is to seek truth, challenge the intellect, honor differences, embrace the city, and nurture each student's mind, body, and spirit.



**SIMPLICITY | PEACE | INTEGRITY | COMMUNITY  
EQUALITY | STEWARDSHIP**

Our educational philosophy is rooted in Quaker testimonies or SPICES.

<b>1,129</b> Students preschool through 12th grade	<b>418</b> Upper School Students	<b>95</b> Students in Class of 2023	<b>41%</b> Students of Color	<b>5:1</b> Student/ Faculty Ratio	<b>100%</b> Senior Class Accepted to 4-Year Colleges or Universities
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### OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The intellectual climate at GFS is enhanced by decreased competition, and we strive to teach students to seek knowledge for its own sake. Therefore, we do not provide class rank, an official GPA, or academic awards.

- Grading Scale: A - F | Pass / Fail
- Schedules run on an 8-day cycle

### REQUIREMENTS

- Grades 9-11: Must carry 5 major courses per year
- Grade 12: Must carry 4 major courses, but may elect to carry 5

**English:** 4 years

**History:** 3 years

**Math:** 3 years

**Science:** 3 years

**Classical/Modern Language:** 3 levels

**Art/Theatre:** 1 year

**Music:** 1 year

**Health: Grade 10:** 1 semester,

**Grade 12:** 1 year

**Athletics/Physical Education:**

**Grade 9:** 2 seasons athletics, 1 semester of PE

**Grade 10:** 3 seasons athletics or PE  
(1 must be athletics)

**Grade 11:** 3 seasons athletics or PE

**Grade 12:** 2 seasons athletics or PE

**January Term:**

**Grades 9, 10, 12**

Program of "mini courses" designed to provide for exploration of learning opportunities outside of the regular curriculum.

**Junior Project:**

**Grade 11**

Self-designed independent study completed under the guidance of a faculty liaison. Used to gain insight into a potential career, to pursue a passion, or do humanitarian work. A final paper and presentation complete the project.

### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

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### COVID-19 & TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

GFS welcomed students back to campus in September 2020 with modified on-campus learning experiences and remote options for the 2020-21 school year.

Transcripts for the 2019-20 school year include a year-end grade for each course that is the higher of the two grades received in either semester.

### ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools (ADVIS)

Friends Council on Education

Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools (MSACSS)

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)

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## ADVANCED COURSEWORK

GFS offers advanced coursework which prepares students for upper-level college courses. We do not offer AP curriculum. However, students may choose to take AP exams.

### ENGLISH

- Literature & Composition Part I: Advanced
- Literature & Composition Part II: Advanced

### CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

- Ancient Greek IV: Advanced
- Ancient Greek V: Advanced
- Latin IV: Advanced
- Latin V: Advanced

### HISTORY

- United States History: Advanced
- Advanced History Electives (semester)
- African-American Studies
- Europe: World War II & Beyond
- Genocide & Human Rights
- History of Science: Biology from Darwin to DNA
- History of Science: Origins of Modern Science
- Modern US Political Ideologies & Issues
- The Making of the Modern World
- The Patriot Woman
- US Government & Civics
- War & Peace: The Modern Middle East
- World Revolutions

### MATHEMATICS (see chart)

### MODERN LANGUAGE

- French IV: Advanced
- French V: Advanced
- Mandarin IV: Advanced
- Mandarin V: Advanced
- Spanish IV: Advanced
- Spanish V: Advanced



### SCIENCE

- Advanced Biology
- Advanced Chemistry
- Principles of Engineering: Advanced
- Advanced Physics

### ART

- Senior Studio: Advanced

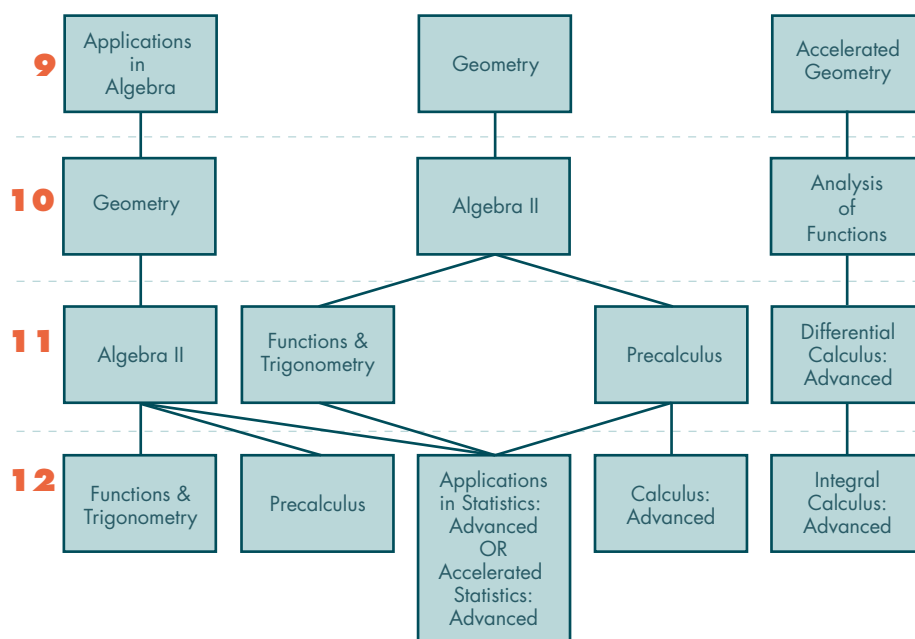
### MUSIC

- Music Composition I: Advanced
- Music Composition II: Advanced
- Music Theory II: Advanced

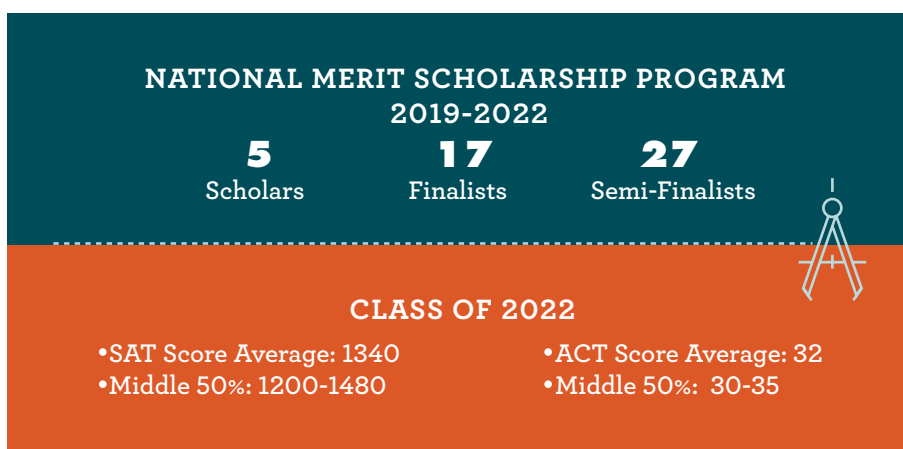
### THEATRE

- Filmmaking: The Picture Is the Thing: Advanced

## MATHEMATICS PROGRESSION



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Directed Independent Study (DIS), Grades 9-12

Self-designed courses to pursue interests outside the regular curriculum, individually or in groups, under the direction of a faculty member. Students must spend a minimum of 2.5 hours per 8-day cycle meeting with their faculty advisor, and otherwise work independently. Requires a formal proposal and approval by DIS director and grade dean. This course is not graded.

### Essentially English, Grades 10-12

In the fourth quarter of spring term, students choose from a varied set of courses taught by GFS faculty and scholars from the local community. The program includes opportunities to examine particular authors and genres, consider how literature reflects ideological and cultural patterns, or develop creative and non-fiction writing. Courses are open to parents and alumni alongside students.

### Global Online Academy (GOA), Grades 9-12

Consortium of 70 leading independent schools offering online coursework. The mission is to replicate in online classrooms the programs and teaching that are hallmarks of member schools; to foster new, effective ways for students to learn; and to promote students' global awareness by creating diverse, worldwide, online communities.

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## COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2020-2022

*Three-year List (Classes of 2020, 2021, 2022)*

American University (4)	Kenyon College (2)	University of California, Berkeley (2)
Amherst College	Lehigh University (3)	University of California, Davis (2)
Arcadia University	Loyola Marymount University (2)	University of Chicago (4)
Babson College	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Delaware
Bard College (4)	Maastricht University	University of Georgia
Barnard College (7)	Macalester College (4)	University of London-
Bates College (3)	Manhattan School of Music	Courtauld Institute of Art
Bennington College	McDaniel College	University of Maryland (3)
Boston College	McGill University	University of Miami
Boston University (4)	Michigan State University	University of Michigan (3)
Bowdoin College (2)	Middlebury College (6)	University of North Carolina,
Brandeis University	MIT	Chapel Hill (3)
Brown University (2)	Morehouse College	University of North Carolina,
Bryn Mawr College (2)	Mount Holyoke College	Charlotte
Bucknell University (2)	Mount Saint Mary's University	University of Pennsylvania (29)
California Institute of Technology	Northeastern University	University of Pittsburgh (5)
Carnegie Mellon University (5)	Northwestern University (6)	University of Southern California
Case Western Reserve University (2)	NYU (8)	University of St. Andrews (2)
Chapman University	Oberlin College (3)	University of Vermont (3)
Claremont McKenna College	Pennsylvania State University (3)	University of Virginia (4)
Clarkson University	Pomona College (3)	University of Wisconsin (2)
College of William & Mary (2)	Pratt Institute (3)	Vanderbilt University
Columbia University (6)	Princeton University (3)	Vassar College (5)
Connecticut College (2)	Reed College (3)	Virginia Tech
Cornell University (4)	Ringling College of Art & Design	Wesleyan University (9)
Dartmouth College (3)	Rhode Island School of Design	Widener University
Davidson College	Rochester Institute of Technology (3)	Williams College (2)
DePaul University (2)	Santa Clara University	
Drexel University (8)	Sarah Lawrence College (2)	
Drexel University -	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	
Combined Med Program	Scripps College	
Duke University (2)	Skidmore College	
Duquesne University	St. Joseph's University	
Eindhoven University of Technology	Stanford University (3)	
Elon University	Stony Brook University	
Emerson College	Swarthmore College	
Emory University	Syracuse University (3)	
Fordham University (4)	Temple University (5)	
Franklin & Marshall College (5)	Texas State University	
Georgetown University (4)	The Cooper Union	
Georgia Tech	The George Washington University (6)	
Grinnell College (2)	The New School (2)	
Guilford College	Towson University	
Hamilton College	Trinity College Dublin	
Harvard University (3)	Tufts University (7)	
Haverford College (6)	Tufts University/	
High Point University	New England Conservatory	
Hofstra University	Tuskegee University	
Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Los Angeles (2)	

