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.

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)
- Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS)
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

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2019-2022

5 Scholars
17 Finalists
27 Semi-Finalists

CLASS OF 2022
• SAT Score Average: 1340
• Middle 50%: 1200-1480
• ACT Score Average: 32
• Middle 50%: 30-35

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