



Sidwell Friends School is a dynamic pre-K–12 educational community in Washington, DC grounded in Quaker pillars of ethical leadership, global citizenship, environmental stewardship, and service. We strive to discern deeper truths about ourselves and our common humanity, preparing students to “let their lives speak.”

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

20 Total Credits

English | 4 credits | History | 4 credits

English and history courses throughout the curriculum are highly demanding and emphasize textual interpretation, analytical writing, and active discussion. Junior and senior coursework is taught at the college level. Students in grades 9–11 undertake substantial independent research projects in history.

Mathematics | 3 credits

The comprehensive math program offers rigorous coursework that emphasizes the writing of mathematics and incorporates statistics and data analysis. Students are challenged to defend their work, to work carefully and deliberately, and to justify their reasoning. An ability to discuss mathematics in a logical and coherent way is a necessary skill that students develop in every math course. The curriculum in Math I and II are highly demanding and the content and level of problem solving required in Math III, IV, Linear Algebra, Calculus I, and Calculus II is comparable with college-level math coursework.

Science | 2 credits

Students in grades 10, 11, 12 followed a biology-first curriculum: biology 9th grade, chemistry 10th grade. Beginning in 2023-24, Sidwell adopted a physics-first approach. These tracks will allow students to choose among discipline-specific and interdisciplinary advanced or topic courses in their senior years. Accelerated introductory courses are offered in biology, chemistry, and physics.

Students in grades 11 and 12 were able to take advanced science courses (year-long) are in biology (AP and advanced); chemistry (AP and advanced); physics (AP and advanced); and environmental science (AP and advanced). Beginning in 2023-24, Sidwell Friends no longer offers AP courses, but continues to offer advanced courses. Junior and senior topic courses include Forensic Science; Astrophysics; and Molecular Techniques.

Modern and Classical Language | 2 credits

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages offers a rich and multi-faceted sequence of beginning, intermediate and advanced coursework in Chinese, French, Latin and Spanish.

Advanced Chinese and Spanish seminars are discussion-based classes that explore a variety of topics, including cultural identity, literature, religion, human rights, linguistics, philosophy, and history, and require a high level of meaningful participation.

Arts | 2 credits

The Arts program emphasizes hands-on experience in the performing (instrumental music, choral music, theater) and visual arts (painting, drawing, photography, ceramics, digital art). Additionally, many students choose to participate in curricular arts during their Sidwell career through theater productions and technical theater (crew). Arts faculty are active professionals in their respective disciplines.

Computer Science and Engineering | N/A

The Computer Science & Engineering program offers semester-long courses with a CS 1,2,3 track. CS 2 and 3 are taught at the college-level. Demanding elective coursework includes Engineering, Dynamic Web Design, AI & Game Development, and Advanced CS Topics.

UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS

Enrollment: **508**

Students of Color: **56%**

Total financial aid awarded to Upper School students: **\$4.7 million**

Upper School students receiving financial aid: **24%**

Residency:
Maryland: **245**
DC: **191**
Virginia: **72**

Student clubs: **95**

Annual arts performances: **30+**

Varsity athletic teams: **23**

UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY

Total members: **60**

Faculty with Advanced Degrees: **85%**

Faculty of Color: **40%**

STUDENT RANKING

Sidwell does not compute GPAs or assign class rankings.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

In accordance with our Quaker principles and our fundamental belief in equality, equity, and the unique and inherent value of each of our students, Sidwell Friends School does not grant academic awards or honors.

2023/24 ACADEMIC YEAR

Fall Semester Ends
January 14, 2024

Spring Semester Ends
June 6, 2024

Graduation is
June 7, 2024

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COLLEGE MATRICULATION CLASSES OF 2020 - 2023

American University	Johns Hopkins University	Trinity College Dublin
Amherst College	Lafayette College	Tufts University
Art Center College of Design	Lehigh University	Tulane University of Louisiana
Babson College	Loyola Marymount University	Union College
Barnard College	Loyola University Maryland	United States Military Academy at West Point
Bates College	Macalester College	United States Naval Academy
Berklee College of Music	Marshall University	University of British Columbia
Boston College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California (Berkeley)
Boston University	Mercyhurst University	University of California (Los Angeles)
Bowdoin College	Miami University (Oxford)	University of California (Santa Cruz)
Brown University	Middlebury College	University of Chicago
Bryn Mawr College	Millersville University of Pennsylvania	University of Colorado Boulder
Bucknell University	Morehouse College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Carleton College	Morgan State University	University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
Carnegie Mellon University	New York University	University of Maryland (College Park)
Case Western Reserve University	Northeastern University	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Chapman University	Northwestern University	University of Miami
Claremont McKenna College	Oberlin College	University of Michigan
Colby College	Occidental College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Colgate University	Penn State University (University Park)	University of Oregon
Columbia University	Pitzer College	University of Oxford
Connecticut College	Pomona College	University of Pennsylvania
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art	Pratt Institute	University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
Cornell University	Princeton University	University of Rochester
Dartmouth College	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of Southern California
Davidson College	Reed College	University of St Andrews
Deep Springs College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Toronto
Denison University	Rice University	University of Vermont
Dickinson College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Virginia (Main Campus)
Drexel University	Santa Clara University	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Duke University	Scripps College	Vanderbilt University
East Carolina University	Skidmore College	Villanova University
Emerson College	Spelman College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Emory University	St. John's University	Wake Forest University
Fordham University	St. Olaf College	Washington University in St. Louis
Franklin & Marshall College	Stanford University	Wellesley College
George Washington University	Stevens Institute of Technology	Wesleyan University
Georgetown University	Swarthmore College	William & Mary
Gettysburg College	Syracuse University	Williams College
Goucher College	Temple University	Yale University
Hamilton College	The American University of Paris	
Harvard University	The University of Alabama	
Haverford College	The University of Tampa	
James Madison University	The University of Texas at Austin	
	The University of the Arts	

*Bold indicates 4 or more students
enrolled during 2020-2023*