

Mission

At San Francisco Friends School, students learn in a community grounded in the Quaker values of reflection, integrity, peaceful problem-solving and stewardship.

Our teachers challenge students with a dynamic curriculum that inspires curiosity, cooperation and hard work.

We teach children to listen to all voices and to trust their own.

We engage with the world around us with kindness and conviction, working toward the Quaker ideal of a caring and just society.

At-A-Glance

2023-24

Grades

Lower School: K-4
Middle School: 5-8

Affiliation

Quaker

Students

- 434 students total:
 - 208 Lower School
 - 226 Middle School
- 56% students of color
- 26% students with Adjustable Tuition
- 32 zip codes represented

Faculty & Staff

- 84 faculty & staff:
 - 58 faculty
 - 26 administration/staff

Operating Budget

- \$17.6M operating budget 2023-24
- 21% of budget designated for Adjustable Tuition and Friends Community Scholars

Development

- Annual Fund raised \$1M in 2022-23
- 48 Hours for Friends raised nearly \$300,000 for Adjustable Tuition
- Two endowments totaling over \$6M

Neighborhood & Facility

- Located in San Francisco's Mission neighborhood
- 82,000 square feet: 28 classrooms, science labs, STEAM lab, library, middle school learning commons, gymnasium, music rooms, art studios, black box theater, Quaker Meeting Room, rooftop solar panels
- 10,000 square feet: outdoor play yard, school garden

Memberships

- Friends Council on Education (FCE)
- California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS)
- People of Color in Independent Schools (POCIS)
- Bay Area Teacher Training Institute (BATTI)
- California Teacher Development Collaborative (CATDC)
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- National Network for Schools in Partnership (NNSP)

Year Founded

2002



Program

K-8

- Weekly Quaker Meeting for Worship
- Quaker decision-making
- Leadership development
- Lower School/Middle School buddy program
- Spanish for all students, including Spanish for native speakers
- Service learning partnerships and projects, including Mission Neighborhood Resource Center, Refuse Refuse, Gubbio Project, Marshall Elementary School, and more.
- Portfolios and student-led conferences
- Developmental support services
- Integrated technology program, tailored to grade level
- Off campus day and overnight field studies including museums, parks, Slide Ranch, Pillar Point, Eastern Sierras, and Savannah, GA.

Lower School

- Specialist courses include: Art, Music, Drama, Library, Spanish, Physical Education
- 3rd and 4th grade affinity groups
- Social/emotional learning
- Classroom, school and community stewardship responsibilities
- Local and overnight field studies program

Middle School

- Arts exploration courses in 5th and 6th grades: Art, Music, Drama
- Elective courses in 7th and 8th grades: Visual Arts, Maker Lab, Coding, Band, Improv, Shakespeare
- Advisory program
- Affinity, Alliance and Justice groups
- High school transition counseling
- Local and overnight field studies program
- Athletic program
 - Member of the San Francisco Athletic League
 - 25 teams in four sports: cross country, volleyball, basketball, and futsal
 - Nearly 90% participation in Middle School athletic program each year

Extended Day and After3

- Morning care available at 7:45 a.m. After school care is available until 6:00 p.m.
- After school enrichment classes, instrument lessons
- Tutoring, study hall



High Schools Attended

SFFS Classes of 2019-2023

- Archbishop Riordan High School
- American School of Barcelona
- Brightworks School
- Carmel High School
- Cate School
- Choate Rosemary Hall
- City Arts and Leadership High School
- Convent of the Sacred Heart
- Drew School
- Galileo Academy of Science and Technology
- George Washington High School
- Groton School
- Head-Royce School
- International High School
- Lick-Wilmerding High School
- Loomis Chaffee School
- Lowell High School
- Marin Academy
- Maybeck School
- Miss Porter's School
- Mission High School
- Phoenix Country Day School
- Ruth Asawa San Francisco School for the Arts
- Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory
- San Domenico School
- San Francisco University High School
- SF Waldorf High School
- St. Ignatius College Preparatory
- Santa Catalina School
- Sonoma Academy
- Stevenson School
- Stuart Hall High School
- Tamalpais High School
- The Bay School of San Francisco
- The Branson School
- The College Preparatory School
- The Marin School
- The Nueva School
- The Urban School of San Francisco
- United Lisbon School
- Westtown School
- Woodside High School

Universities Attended

SFFS alumni attend or graduated from the following colleges, among others:

- Art Institute of Chicago
- Bard College
- Boston College
- Brown University
- California Institute of the Arts
- California Polytechnic State University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Colby College
- Colorado School of Mines
- Columbia University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Grinnell College
- Haverford College
- Kenyon College
- Loyola University Chicago
- McGill University
- Middlebury College
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Oberlin College
- Ohio State University
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Scripps College
- Smith College
- Spelman College
- Stanford University
- Swarthmore College
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- University of California at Berkeley, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz
- University of Chicago
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of Virginia
- Vassar College
- Washington University
- Wesleyan University
- Yale University