



GFS GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-25

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 the 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.

1,133

Students
Preschool
through
Grade 12

441

Upper School
students

110

Students in
Class
of 2025

41%

Students
of Color

100%

Senior Class
Accepted to
4-Year Colleges
or Universities

OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The intellectual climate at GFS is enhanced by decreased competition. 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

REQUIREMENTS

- Grades 9-11: Must carry 5 major courses per year
- Grade 12: Must carry 4 major courses
- Schedules run on an 8-day cycle

English: 4 years

History: 3 years

Math: 3 years

Science: 3 years

Classical/Modern Language: 3 levels

Art: 1 year

Music: 1 year

Theatre: 0.5 years

Health: 1 year

Athletics/Physical Education: 3.5 years

Grade 9-11: full year

Grade 12: 2 seasons



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-designated 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.

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ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools (ADVIS)

Friends Council on Education

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.

**Denotes required courses; all other advanced courses are elective in nature.*

ENGLISH

- Juniors and Seniors choose from full-year major seminars that fulfill their English requirement with offerings and titles varying year over year.*

HISTORY

- United States History: Adv.*
- Capitalism & Its Discontents: Adv. (not offered 2024-25)
- Applied Economics: Adv.
- Juniors and Seniors may choose from either one yearlong or two semester-long, advanced-level History electives, with offerings and titles varying year over year.

LANGUAGES—CLASSICAL

- Ancient Greek IV: Adv.
- Ancient Greek V: Adv.
- Latin IV Cicero: Adv.
- Latin IV Natural Sciences: Adv.
- Latin V Cicero: Adv.
- Latin V Natural Sciences: Adv.
- Latin VI Cicero: Adv.
- Beginning in 2024-25, the following advanced Latin courses are no longer offered: Latin IV: Adv., Latin V: Adv.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

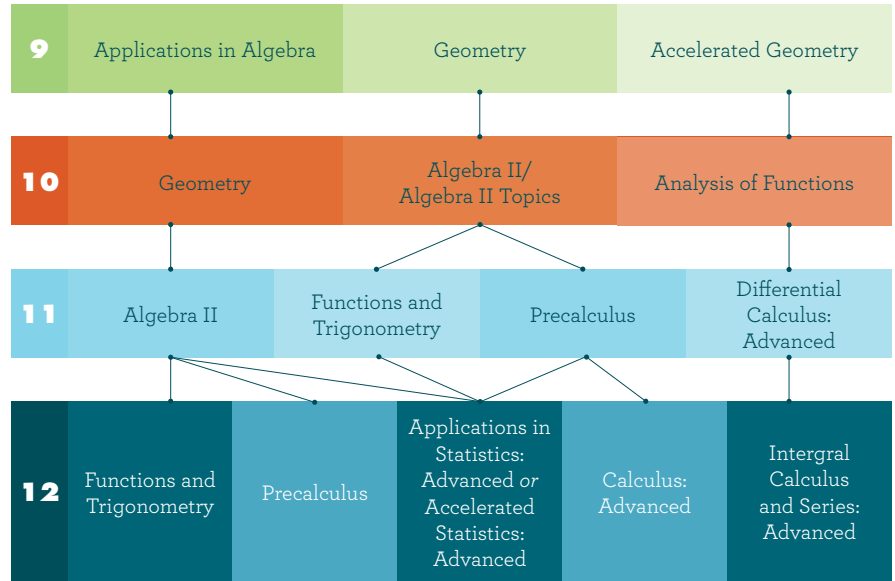
DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY (DIS), Grades 9-12

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.

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.

MATH PROGRESSION



LANGUAGES—MODERN

- French IV: Adv.
- French V: Adv.
- Mandarin IV: Adv.
- Mandarin V: Adv.
- Spanish IV: Adv.
- Spanish V: Adv.

MATHEMATICS

- See chart for progression.

SCIENCE

- Human Anatomy & Physiology: Adv.
- Organic Chemistry: Adv.
- Principles of Engineering: Adv.
- Advanced Chemistry
- Advanced Biology
- Advanced Physics

ART

- Senior Studio: Adv.

MUSIC

- Music Theory II: Adv.
- Music Composition I: Adv.
- Music Composition II: Adv.
- Music Lab: Adv.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- CS Programming Capstone: Adv.

TESTING

Classes of 2022-2024

SAT

Median 1410

Mid-50% range 1260-1500

ACT

Median 33

Mid-50% range 30-34



GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2022-24

American University (4)	Howard University (3)	University of California, Berkeley
Amherst College (3)	Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Davis (3)
Arcadia University	Kenyon College	University of California, Los Angeles (4)
Arizona State University	Lehigh University (3)	University of Chicago (2)
Bard College (2)	Loyola Marymount University	University of Delaware
Barnard College (2)	Maastricht University	University of Georgia
Bates College (2)	Macalester College	University of Kentucky
Bennington College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Maryland
Berklee College of Music	McGill University	University of Miami (3)
Binghamton University	Middlebury College (7)	University of Michigan Ann Arbor
Boston College (2)	Morehouse College (5)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2)
Boston University (4)	New York University (4)	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Bowdoin College (3)	Northeastern University	University of Pennsylvania (32)
Brandeis University (2)	Northwestern University (6)	University of Pittsburgh (4)
Brown University (3)	Oberlin College (6)	University of Redlands
Bryn Mawr College	Occidental College	University of Rochester
California Institute of Technology	Pennsylvania State University -Abington	University of St Andrews
Carnegie Mellon University (4)	Pennsylvania State University -Behrend	University of The Arts
Case Western Reserve University (4)	Pennsylvania State University -University Park	University of Toronto
Colby College	Pomona College (3)	University of Vermont (3)
College of the Holy Cross	Pratt Institute	University of Virginia (5)
College of William & Mary (2)	Princeton University (5)	University of Wisconsin, Madison (3)
Columbia University	Purdue University	Ursinus College (2)
Connecticut College	Reed College	Vassar College (7)
Cooper Union	Rhode Island School of Design	Villanova University (2)
Cornell University (5)	Rice University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Dartmouth College (3)	Ringling College of Art and Design	Washington University in St. Louis (3)
Davidson College	Rochester Institute of Technology (2)	Wesleyan University (5)
DePaul University	Santa Clara University	Widener University
Dickinson College	Sarah Lawrence College	Williams College (2)
Drexel University (8)	Skidmore College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Duke University (2)	Smith College (2)	Yale University
Duquesne University	St. Lawrence University	
Eckerd College	Stanford University	
Emerson College	Swarthmore College	
Emory University	Syracuse University (3)	
Fordham University (2)	Temple University	
Franklin & Marshall College (6)	The New School (3)	
George Washington University (9)	The University of Texas at Austin	
Georgetown University (2)	Trinity College	
Gettysburg College	Tufts University (8)	
Grinnell College (3)	Tulane University	
Guilford College	Tuskegee University	
Hamilton College (3)	Union College-New York	
Harvard University (4)		
Haverford College (4)		
Hofstra University		

SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

Morehead-Cain

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Bonner Scholar Program

Morehouse College

Karsh STEM Scholars

Howard University

Questbridge Scholar

University of Pennsylvania