

2024/25 School Profile



Sidwell Friends School is a dynamic preK–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 currently in grades 11 and 12 follow a biology-first curriculum: biology in 9th grade, and chemistry in 10th grade. This program features accelerated science courses (yearlong) in biology, chemistry, and physics, along with advanced courses in those disciplines, plus environmental science. Junior and senior topics courses include forensic science, ecology, astrophysics, and molecular techniques.

Beginning with the class of 2027, Sidwell Friends adopted a physics-first approach. Accelerated introductory courses are offered in physics (9th grade), chemistry (10th grade), and biology (11th grade). This new program also allows students to choose among discipline-specific and interdisciplinary, advanced, or topics courses in their senior year.

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 co-curricular arts during their Sidwell Friends 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: **503**

Student diversity*:

White: **56%**

Multiracial: **19%**

Asian: **18%**

Black: **15%**

Hispanic/Latinx: **10%**

Unsure: **8%**

Total financial aid awarded to Upper School students: **\$5.1 million**

Upper School students receiving financial aid: **25%**

Student clubs: **95**

Varsity athletic teams: **23**

UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY

Total members: **61**

Faculty with advanced degrees: **85%**

Faculty of color: **40%**

*Numbers do not equal 100% and do reflect every racial or ethnic identity provided. Some students identify in more than one category. For example, a Hispanic/Latinx student might also identify as white or Black.

STUDENT RANKING

Sidwell Friends 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 student, Sidwell Friends School does not grant academic awards or honors.

2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR

Fall Semester Ends
January 17, 2025

Spring Semester Ends
June 5, 2025

Graduation is
June 6, 2025

LEADERSHIP

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College Matriculation

Bold indicates four or more students enrolled during 2021–2024.

CLASSES OF 2021–2024

American University
Amherst College
Art Center College of Design

Babson College

Barnard College

Bates College

Berklee College of Music

Boston College

Boston University

Bowdoin College

Brown University

Bucknell University

Carleton College

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Chapman University

Claremont McKenna College

Colby College

Colgate University

Columbia University

Connecticut College

Cooper Union for the
Advancement of Science and Art

Cornell University

Dartmouth College

Davidson College

Deep Springs College

Denison University

Dickinson College

Drexel University

Duke University

East Carolina University

Emerson College

Emory University

Franklin & Marshall College

George Washington University

Georgetown University

Goucher College

Hamilton College

Harvard University

Haverford College

Jacksonville University

James Madison University

Johns Hopkins University

Kenyon College

Lafayette College

Lehigh University

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University Maryland

Macalester College

Marshall University

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Mercyhurst University

Miami University (Oxford)

Middlebury College

Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Morehouse College

Morgan State University

New York University

Northeastern University

Northwestern University

Oberlin College

Occidental College

Penn State University (University Park)

Pitzer College

Pomona College

Pratt Institute

Princeton University

Purdue University (Main Campus)

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rice University

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rutgers University (New Brunswick)

Santa Clara University

Scripps College

Skidmore College

Smith College

Southern Methodist University

Spelman College

St. John's University

St. Olaf College

Stanford University

Stevens Institute of Technology

Swarthmore College

Syracuse University

Temple University

The American University of Paris

The University of Alabama

The University of Tampa

The University of Texas at Austin

The University of the Arts

Towson University

Trinity College

Trinity College Dublin

Tufts University

Tulane University of Louisiana

Union College

United States Military Academy
at West Point

United States Naval Academy

University of British Columbia

University of California (Berkeley)

University of California (Los Angeles)

University of California (San Diego)

University of California (Santa Cruz)

University of Chicago

University of Colorado Boulder

University of Connecticut

University of East Anglia

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Kansas

University of Maryland (Baltimore County)

University of Maryland (College Park)

University of Massachusetts (Amherst)

University of Miami

University of Michigan

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of Oregon

University of Oxford

University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)

University of Rochester

University of Southern California

University of St Andrews

University of Toronto

University of Vermont

University of Virginia (Main Campus)

University of Wisconsin (Madison)

Vanderbilt University

Villanova University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute
and State University

Wake Forest University

Washington University in St. Louis

Wellesley College

Wesleyan University

William & Mary

Williams College

Yale University