



Germantown Academy 2025-26 School Profile

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Founded in 1759, Germantown Academy is a PreK through 12th Grade nonsectarian, independent day school located outside of Philadelphia.

School Mission

Germantown Academy inspires students to be...

- Independent in Thought
- Confident in Expression
- Compassionate in Spirit
- Collaborative in Action
- Honorable in Deed

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Accreditation: PAIS

Member: PACAC, NACAC, International ACAC, ACCIS, College Board, ABAFAOILSS

CHARACTERISTICS



ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Grading Scale	Course Rigor	Academic Year	AP Subjects Available (test required)
4.0 Weighted Letter grades A-F	College Prep, Honors, AP	Semesters	World Language, Math, and Science

CURRICULUM

AP and Honors courses have prerequisites and require faculty approval. Apart from AP Computer Science (10-12), AP courses are available to 11th and 12th Graders. Post-AP courses are available in math and computer science.

* English and History: Germantown Academy moved away from the AP curriculum in these subject areas in 2019-20, replacing courses with rigorous and creative honors level offerings.

MOST RIGOROUS CLASSES AVAILABLE

* ENGLISH—Honors (grades 11-12) no AP

- Betwixt and Between
- The End of the World as We Know It: Millennial Anxieties in America
- Monsters in Literature
- Literary Ethics
- Hamlet in Three Part Harmony
- Sympathy for the Devil: The Literature of Lucifer

MATHEMATICS—Honors and AP

- Algebra 2, Geometry, Precalculus/Differential Equations, Statistics
- AP AB Calculus
- AP BC Calculus
- Advanced Mathematics (beyond BC)

* HISTORY—Honors (grades 10-12) no AP

- World History (10)
- US History (11)
- China from Mao to Now
- Topics in Economics
- Power of Politics
- Topics in Art History
- Topics in Psychology
- Topics in Social Psychology
- Women and Gender in American History

SCIENCE—Honors and AP

- Physics (9), Chemistry (10), Biology (11)
- Engineering, Organic Chemistry, Computer Science
- AP Biology (12), AP Chemistry (11, 12), AP Physics (11, 12), AP Environmental Science (12), AP Computer Science (10-12)
- Advanced Topics in Computer Science (beyond AP)
- Independent Science Research (9-12)

WORLD LANGUAGES—Honors and AP

- Chinese, Levels 2-5
- French, Levels 2-5
AP Language and Culture
- Latin, Levels 2-5
- Spanish, Levels 2-5
AP Language and Culture

ARTS—One year is required in either Visual or Performing Arts

- Performing Arts - Music Theory, Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Acting, Audition and Performance, Technical Theater Production
- Visual Arts - Digital Music 1&2, Digital Songwriting and Audition, Production 1&2, Photography, 2D Drawing and Painting 1&2



Signature Programs

SENIOR PROJECT



During the month of May, seniors participate in a required capstone project that takes place off campus. Students find a sponsor, design their own projects, and identify an essential question that will drive their learning goals. Past projects include shadowing a neurosurgeon, working for an architecture and design firm, volunteering at a wildlife rehabilitation center, conducting research with a professor at a local university, and producing a variety show for young children.

ACADEMY SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Students with a passion for scholarship or the arts apply to participate in a three-year independent project, culminating in a presentation of original work in 12th Grade. Examples include examining Asian American womanhood through Japanese folklore and Chinese symbolism; writing a collection of short stories with a focus on mixed-race identities; and creating artworks that explore the concept of Black joy as a form of resistance and resilience.

GAXP



The GA Experience Program funds immersive learning experiences for students in the areas of service, outdoor education, and the arts. In recent years, students have canoed and camped in the backwoods of Maine, helped create mural artworks in Philadelphia, and helped rebuild homes in New Orleans and Birmingham, Alabama.

SCIENCE RESEARCH PROGRAM



Each year, about two dozen motivated students undertake year-long independent research projects and represent GA in regional and state science competitions. Under the direction of Upper School Science Chair and teacher, GA students have accrued numerous first-place finishes and thousands of dollars in scholarship money.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES



GA holds the distinction as the first Confucius Classroom in Pennsylvania, made possible through a partnership with Hanban, the Chinese National Office of Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, and Capital Normal University in Beijing. Students and faculty also travel to England, China, Japan, and Spain for cultural and educational exchanges through partnerships with specific high schools in those countries.

HOUSE SYSTEM AND PREFECTS



All students are placed in one of seven Houses which supports greater connection and individual relationship-building with adults and peers. Through a selective process, seniors are chosen to serve as prefects, a significant leadership role. Prefects partner with faculty House Heads to plan and lead activities, mentor younger students, and lead House competitions.

Class of 2026 Testing Profile

147 students. The test results reported below are through August of 2025 ACT and SAT administrations and do not include final tests results for many seniors.

SAT SCORES | 118 Students

Middle 50% Evidence-Based Reading & Writing590 – 690
 Middle 50% Mathematics570 – 710

ACT COMPOSITE SCORES Middle 50% for 22 students26 – 34

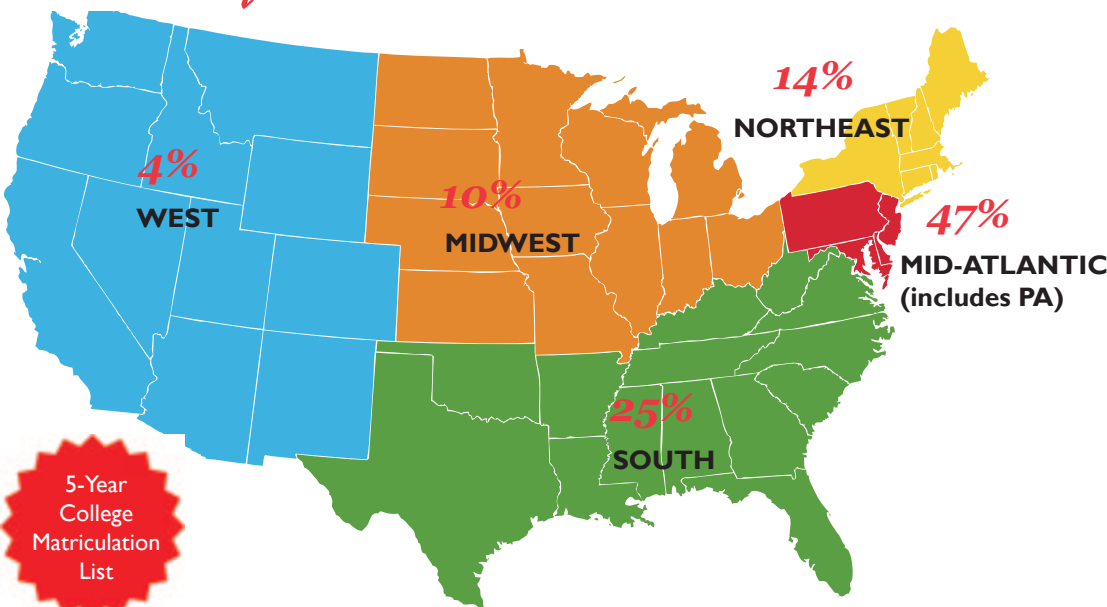
ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST SCORES

Calc AB/BC	World Languages	Biology, Chemistry & Physics
76% received a 3-5	83% received a 3-5	87% received a 3-5
55% — 4 or 5	53% — 4 or 5	72% — 4 or 5

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECOGNITION (Class of 2025)

8 Commended, 7 Semifinalists, 7 National Recognition

Class of 2025 Matriculations



Go
BIG
 or go
 small

One member of the Class of 2025 is among the 40,407 undergraduates at the University of Arizona and one is among the 1,424 undergrads at Haverford College.