

2026/27 School Profile



Sidwell Friends School is a dynamic preK-12 independent school in Washington DC. Through our curriculum and our values as a Quaker community, we emphasize intellectual growth, the fostering of ethical and empathetic leadership, and a commitment to engaging with the world to discern deeper truths about ourselves and our common humanity.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

20 Total Credits

English | 4 credits | History | 3 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, Math IV, Linear Algebra, Calculus I, and Calculus II is comparable with college-level math coursework.

Science | 3 credits

The Science Department follows a physics-first approach. Accelerated introductory courses are offered in physics (9th grade), chemistry (10th grade), and biology (11th grade) with a three-credit requirement. This program also allows students to choose among discipline-specific and interdisciplinary, advanced, or topics courses in their senior year.

Languages | 2 credits

The Language Department 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). 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: **508**

Student diversity*:

White: **38%**

Multiracial: **18%**

Asian: **17%**

Black: **16%**

Hispanic: **10%**

Middle Eastern: **4%**

Unsure: **8%**

Total financial aid awarded to Upper School students: **\$5.5 million**

Upper School students receiving financial aid: **26%**

Student clubs: **90**

Varsity athletic teams: **24**

UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY

Total members: **60**

Average tenure: **10 years**

Faculty with advanced degrees: **85%**

**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 keeping with our Quaker principles, Sidwell Friends School does not grant academic awards or honors.

2026/27 ACADEMIC YEAR

Fall Semester Begins **September 8, 2026**

Fall Semester Ends **January 15, 2027**

Spring Semester Ends **June 9, 2027**

Graduation Day **June 10, 2027**

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College Matriculation

Bold indicates four or more students enrolled during 2023-2026.

American University	Loyola University Maryland	United States Naval Academy
Barnard College	Macalester College	University College London
Bates College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California (Berkeley)
Bocconi University	McGill University	University of California (Los Angeles)
Boston College	Middlebury College	University of California (San Diego)
Boston University	Mississippi State University	University of California (Santa Cruz)
Bowdoin College	Morehouse College	University of Chicago
Brown University	New York University	University of Colorado (Boulder)
Bryn Mawr College	Northeastern University	University of Connecticut
Bucknell University	Northwestern University	University of East Anglia
Campbell University	Occidental College	University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign)
Carleton College	Old Dominion University	University of Kansas
Carnegie Mellon University	Penn State University	University of Maryland
Case Western Reserve University	Pitzer College	University of Miami
Chapman University	Pomona College	University of Michigan
Claremont McKenna College	Pratt Institute	University of Michigan
Colby College	Princeton University	University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
Colgate University	Purdue University	University of Oxford
Columbia University	Queen's University	University of Pennsylvania
Connecticut College	Reed College	University of Pittsburgh
Cornell University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Rochester
Dartmouth College	Rice University	University of Southern California
Davidson College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of St Andrews
Delft University of Technology	Rutgers University	University of Toronto
Drexel University	Santa Clara University	University of Utah
Duke University	Scripps College	University of Vermont
East Carolina University	Skidmore College	University of Virginia
Emerson College	Smith College	University of Washington
Emory University	Southern Methodist University	University of Wisconsin
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Spelman College	Ursinus College
George Washington University	St. John's University (New York)	Vanderbilt University
Georgetown University	Stanford University	Vassar College
Gettysburg College	Swarthmore College	Villanova University
Grinnell College	Syracuse University	Virginia Tech
Hamilton College	Temple University	Wake Forest University
Harvard University	The American University of Paris	Washington University in St. Louis
Haverford College	Towson University	Wellesley College
Indiana University (Bloomington)	Trinity College	Wesleyan University
Jacksonville University	Trinity College Dublin	William & Mary
Kenyon College	Tufts University	Williams College
Lafayette College	Tulane University	Yale University
Lehigh University	Union College	
	United States Air Force Academy	