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Abington Friends School, founded in 1697, is an independent, Quaker, college-preparatory school for students age 3 through grade 12. The powerful academic program and community standards at AFS are guided by the Quaker belief that every student in our care is gifted with remarkable potential. Our students seek intellectual adventure, build strong analytical and creative thinking skills and form a sturdy sense of self.

Total enrollment (590) is divided among Early Childhood (3 year-old-4 year-old, 33)
 Lower School (K - 4, 131), Middle School (5 - 8, 133), and Upper School (9 - 12, 293).

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of history
- 3 years of mathematics
- 3 years of the same world language
- 3 years of laboratory science
- 3 courses in the visual and performing arts
- 1 course in 9th and 12th grade of health
- 1 course of 10th Grade Seminar
- 1 course of 11th College Guidance Seminar
- 3 courses of Experiential Learning (ExTerm or Global Travel)

Students are expected to go beyond minimum requirements in their areas of concentration. All students are expected to pass the equivalent of five courses each semester, with at least four core academic courses (English, history, math/computer science, world language, science, and art). Students are allowed to enroll in a maximum of seven classes each semester.

Qualified students may arrange for an independent study course, not, however, to fulfill core requirements. If deemed necessary and appropriate, it may be recommended by the Director of Studies, the Upper School Director and the corresponding department chair that a student take one course on a pass/fail basis. In order to receive a grade of pass, the student must achieve a C- or higher.

MARKING SYSTEM

- A Advanced achievement and originality
- B Highly competent work
- C Satisfactory performance
- D Unsatisfactory but passing; with credit
- P Pass with credit
- F Failure
- W Withdrawn

RANK IN CLASS

Abington Friends School does not determine or report class rank. Students' cumulative grade-point averages appear on their end-of-year reports and on their transcripts in June. All courses are college preparatory. Pass-fail courses do not affect a student's GPA.

DIVERSITY AT AFS

AFS' student population reflects the racial and socioeconomic diversity of the greater Philadelphia area. 53% of AFS students self-identify as students of color, and students attending AFS come from over 66 different local zip codes.

FINANCIAL AID

Distribution of AFS families receiving financial aid support
 0-25% financial aid→ 39% of families
 26-50% financial aid→ 23% of families
 51-75% financial aid→ 21% of families
 76-98% financial aid→17% of families

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Abington Friends School calculates a student's GPA including all courses except 10th Grade Seminar, College Guidance Seminar, Health, Physical Education and Exterm courses. A 4.0 scale is used for regular courses while Honors and Advanced Placement courses are weighted on a 5.0 scale.

		REGULAR	HONORS/AP
A	(93-100)	4.00	5.00
A-	(90-92)	3.70	4.63
B+	(87-89)	3.30	4.13
B	(83-86)	3.00	3.75
B-	(80-82)	2.70	3.38
C+	(77-79)	2.30	2.87
C	(73-76)	2.00	2.50
C-	(70-72)	1.70	2.13
D+	(67-69)	1.30	1.63
D	(63-66)	1.00	1.25
D-	(60-62)	.70	.88

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Below are the grades earned in the 2024-2025 academic year by the members of the Class of 2025 and 2026

STEM:	Humanities	Languages
% earning A: 55%	% earning A: 60%	% earning A: 58%
% earning B: 39%	% earning B: 35%	% earning B: 33%
% earning C: 5%	% earning C: 4%	% earning C: 7%
% earning D: 1%	% earning D: 1%	% earning D: 2%

Course descriptions are available in the Curriculum Guide on our website:

<https://www.abingtonfriends.net>

	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH
ENGLISH (4 years)	English 9: Intro to Literature & Writing Skills (No Honors Offered)	English 10 Honors English 10: Themes in World Literature	Semester-long English electives AP English Language AP English Literature	
HISTORY (3 years)	History I Honors History I: Industrialization in the Modern World	History II Honors History II: The 20th Century: Global Acceleration	Semester-long history electives AP U.S. History	
SCIENCE (3 years)	Physics w/ Linear Motion Physics w/ 2 Dimensions* *2D requires being in more advanced math course work	Chemistry Honors Chemistry	Biology Honors Biology	Semester-long science electives AP Physics AP Chemistry AP Biology
MATH (3 years)	Algebra I Geometry Honors Geometry Algebra II Honors Algebra II	Geometry Honors Geometry Algebra II Honors Algebra II Precalculus Honors Precalculus	Algebra II Honors Algebra II Precalculus Honors Precalculus AP Calculus AB AP Statistics Statistics A Statistics B	Precalculus Honors Precalculus Trigonometry & Advanced Topics Introductory Calculus Honors Multivariable AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics Statistics A Statistics B AP Comp Science*
LANGUAGE (through level III in the same language)	<div> <div> French I French II Honors French II French III Honors French III French Conversation & Culture AP French Conversation and Culture is a 2-year sequence. The curriculum allows for students to complete 1 or 2 consecutive years of study </div> <div> Spanish I Spanish II Honors Spanish II Spanish III Honors Spanish III Spanish Conversation and Culture AP Spanish </div> </div>			
ARTS (3 courses)	Music (semester and year-long courses)	Theatre (semester and year-long courses)	Visual Arts (semester and year-long courses)	
OTHER REQUIREMENTS (Students are required to take other courses to round out their curriculum at AFS)	9 th grade Health	10 th grade Seminar: Power & Identity	11 th grade College Guidance Seminar	12 th grade Health

The Experiential Learning Program at AFS is a critical part of the curriculum. Rooted in the Quaker belief that experience is a student's most powerful teacher, the program creates opportunities for intellectual, personal, and creative growth. Key programs include opportunities for global travel, service learning, Small Farms Experiential Learning, and two-week Ex Term Courses.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Girls: Soccer, Tennis, Basketball, Softball, Lacrosse / Boys: Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Tennis,
Co-Ed: Cross Country, Wrestling, Swimming, Indoor Track, Golf, Track and Field, Ultimate Frisbee

Of the members of the Classes of 2025 & 2026, 99% matriculated at four-year colleges or universities. Schools where our graduates were accepted in the last five years are listed below.

Actual matriculations for the classes of 2025 & 2026 appear in bold lettering; where there are more than one, an asterisk appears.

Alfred University Alvernia University American University* Amherst College Arcadia University Babson College Bard College Barnard College Bates College Bennington College Berklee College of Music Boston College Boston University* Bowdoin College Brown University Bryn Mawr College Bucknell University Bucks County Community College California Polytechnic State University Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve Centre College Clark Atlanta University Colby College Colgate University Colorado School of Mines Columbia University Commonwealth University Connecticut College Coppin State University Cornell University Culinary Institute of America Dartmouth College Davidson College Deep Springs College Denison University DePaul University Dickinson College Drew University Drexel University* Duke University Earlham College East Stroudsburg University Eckerd College Elon University* Emerson College Emory University Fordham University Franklin and Marshall College George Mason University George Washington University* Georgetown University* Goldey-Beacom College Grinnell College Guilford College Hamilton College Hampshire College Harvard University Haverford College High Point University Holy Family University Howard University	Illinois Institute of Technology Indiana University at Bloomington Ithaca College James Madison University Johns Hopkins University Kenyon College Lafayette College Lake Forest College LaSalle University Lehigh University* Louisiana State University Loyola University Chicago Loyola University Maryland Macalester College Manhattan University Maryland Institute College of Art Massachusetts Institute of Technology McDaniel College McGill University Middlebury College Michigan State University Millersville University* Moore College of Art and Design Morehouse College Mount Holyoke College Morgan State University Muhlenberg College* New York University North Carolina A&T State University Northeastern University* Northwestern University Oberlin College Occidental College Pace University Pennsylvania State University* Pomona College Pratt Institute Princeton University Purdue University Reed College Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rhode Island School of Design Rice University Rider University Rochester Institute of Technology Ross-Hulman Institute of Technology Rutgers University (New Brunswick) St. Joseph's University St. Olaf College San Bernardino Valley College Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art and Design School of the Art Institute of Chicago Skidmore College* Smith College Spelman College* Stanford University SUNY Buffalo SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology Swarthmore College Syracuse University*	Temple University* Texas State University The College of Wooster The University of Tampa The University of Texas at Austin Thomas Jefferson University Trinity College Dublin Towson University Tufts University Tulane University Tyler School of Art United States Military Academy University of British Columbia* University of California - Berkeley University of California - Los Angeles University of California - San Diego University of California - Santa Barbara University of Chicago University of Colorado at Boulder* University of Connecticut* University of Delaware* University of Hartford University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign University of Maryland - College Park* University of Maryland - Eastern Shore University of Massachusetts University of Miami University of Michigan University of Minnesota University of New Hampshire University of North Carolina Chapel Hill University of Pennsylvania* University of Pittsburgh* University of Richmond University of Rochester University of Saint Andrews University of San Francisco University of South Carolina University of Southern California* University of Tampa* University of Toronto University of Vermont* University of Virginia University of Washington Ursinus College Vanderbilt University Vassar College* Villanova University Virginia Polytechnic Institute and University Wake Forest University Washington College Washington University in St. Louis Wellesley College Wells College Wesleyan University West Chester University* West Virginia University Widener University Worcester Polytechnic Institute William and Mary Williams College Yale University
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