



SCHOOL PROFILE

2011-2012

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

George School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory Friends boarding and day school that enrolls 525 students in grades 9 through 12. Slightly over half (53%) are boarding students. This year's senior class size is 138 students. The school strives to be faithful to Quaker principles and to meet the intellectual, social, and developmental needs of all its students, educating them in mind, body, and spirit. Nearly 100% of graduates attend four-year colleges and universities in the United States and abroad. George School is one of the few U.S. boarding schools to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.

Located on 240 acres of land in a suburban area 30 miles north of downtown Philadelphia, George School was founded in 1893 by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and operates under the spiritual care of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. It is a purposeful community of students of diverse backgrounds, talents, and interests, committed to community and residential life. Demographic

highlights include:

- Students come from 18 states and 40 countries
- 19.2% are foreign citizens
- 2.3% are children of U.S. citizens living abroad
- 19.4% are U.S. students of color (including 7% African-American, 5.3% Asian/Pacific Islander, 3.4% Latino, .6% Middle Eastern, and 3% biracial/multiracial), 17.5% do not identify an ethnicity.
- 17% are Quaker
- Students come from high-, middle-, and low-income families
- 47% receive financial aid

FACULTY

The school employs 89 faculty members, 79 of them full-time employees. Nearly three-fourths hold advanced degrees. The average faculty member has 20 years of teaching experience. Two-thirds of faculty members live on campus; over one-third live in dormitories.

ACCREDITATION

Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools

SCHEDULE

The school year is divided into three terms (trimesters) of roughly eleven weeks each; the last week of each term is a final exam period. Each yearlong course meets four times (210 minutes) per week.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to take the equivalent of six yearlong courses (18 credits) each year. Each yearlong course carries three credits.

Typically, about one-third of sophomores and one-tenth of juniors and seniors carry an additional course.

Four-year students are required to take the following yearlong courses:

- **English:** 4
- **Foreign language:** 3, or demonstrated third-year proficiency. French, Spanish, Latin, and Chinese are offered. Students who enter George School already fluent in a language other than English may take courses from other subject areas in lieu of foreign language.
- **History:** 3, including U.S. History. All freshmen take Global Interdependence.
- **Laboratory science:** 3 (or the equivalent), which must include one physical science and one life science course.
- **Mathematics:** 3, including Algebra 2 and geometry.
- **Arts:** 3 (or the equivalent). Theater arts, stagecraft, painting and drawing, ceramics, woodworking, sculpture, video production, communication design, photography, instrumental music, choral music, music theory, and dance are offered.
- **Religion/Health/Theory of Knowledge:** 2 yearlong equivalents: 3 term courses in Spiritual Practices and Holistic Health in the sophomore year, followed by 3 term courses in Religion and/or Theory of Knowledge in the junior or senior year.

All students must also fulfill these requirements:

- **Physical education** each term (seniors may take one term off). A team sport fulfills the term's physical education requirement. Freshmen and new sophomores must play at least two team sports; juniors must play at least one team sport; seniors must complete at least one athletic or arts-related "team activity."
- **On-campus community service:** a minimum of 60 minutes per week doing kitchen work, classroom cleaning, clerical work, or a specialized assignment.
- **Off-campus community service:** a 65-hour project in the form of a school-sponsored domestic or international service program, or an independent project. Sites for recent school-sponsored service trips have included New Orleans, Washington, D.C., Mississippi, the Navajo Nation in Arizona, China, Cuba, Costa Rica, France, Ghana, South Korea, Nicaragua, and Vietnam.

RIGOR OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM

In representing to colleges the rigor of our students' academic programs, College Guidance designates each student's junior and senior year program as *demanding*, *very demanding*, or *most demanding*.

Demanding: A student whose program is designated as *demanding* typically completes the following during the junior and senior year:

- American Literature and IB SL World Literature
- U.S. History
- Foreign language through at least the third year
- At least one full-year biology or chemistry course
- Math courses that cover Algebra 2 as well as trigonometry and/or statistics
- Required art and religion courses

Very demanding: The student whose program is designated as *very demanding* typically completes all or most of the following during the junior and senior year:

- American Literature and IB SL or HL World Literature
- Accelerated U.S. History
- An "intensive" foreign language course through at least the third year
- Physics, or an IB or AP science course
- A precalculus course
- Required art and religion courses

Most demanding: A student whose program is designated as *most demanding* typically completes all or most of the following during the junior and senior year:

- IB HL Advanced American Literature and IB HL World Literature
- AP U.S. History and/or an IB history course
- A fourth-year IB (or IB/AP) foreign language course
- At least one AP or IB science course
- A calculus course
- Required art and religion courses

In addition, juniors and seniors taking our *most demanding* program typically complete *at least one* of the following:

- An academic course overload in the junior or senior year
- A fifth-year IB/AP Spanish, French, or Latin course
- An AP or IB arts course
- AP Statistics, AP Calculus, or IB HL Math 2: Calculus
- A second AP or IB science course

By senior year, most IB Diploma candidates are taking our *most demanding* program. Many IB diploma candidates complete their math or foreign language sequence in the junior year.

SPECIAL CURRICULA

International Baccalaureate The program was introduced in 1985. In May 2011, 140 students sat for a total of 455 IB examinations. All 45 diploma candidates in the Class of 2011 earned their IB Diplomas (including three bilingual diplomas), with an average point total of 32. Students' point totals ranged from 24 to 38. Currently about 40 seniors and 50 juniors are enrolled in the full IB Diploma Program.

Advanced Placement Juniors and seniors (and some sophomores) enroll in AP courses with departmental permission. Courses are offered in 2011-2012 (including some designated as IB) that prepare students for the following AP exams: Studio Art, Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, English Literature, English Language, French Language, Human Geography (open to sophomores and juniors only), Latin (Vergil), Physics C, Spanish Language, Statistics, and U.S. History. In May 2011, 146 students took 208 AP exams. Seventy-six percent of these exams (159 total) received scores of 3 or better:

- 36 exams (17%) received a score of 5
- 63 exams (30%) received a score of 4
- 60 exams (29%) received a score of 3

English as a Second Language Introduced in 1989, the program enrolls about 20 students each year. Students are expected to take a mainstream English class by senior year in order to graduate.

Please see www.georgeschool.org/Academics for course descriptions and for more detail about requirements, special curricula, and College Guidance.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Head of School's List Recognizes commitment to excellence (based on attitude, effort, initiative, and preparation) of students who have been nominated in a single term by at least five staff members (at least three must be classroom teachers).

Honor Roll Recognizes students with no grade below a B, or a B+ average with no grade below C.

GRADING AND RELATED PROCEDURES

Grading Scale Grades of A through F (including + and -) are given in all academic and arts courses. Physical education and community service are graded S (satisfactory), D (unsatisfactory), and F. An I denotes incomplete. D- is the lowest passing grade.

Grade Reporting First-term grades are reported at the end of November, second-term grades in mid-March, and final grades in June. Special midyear grades for seniors only are reported in early February. In yearlong courses, grades at the end of each term are cumulative for the year.

Rank in Class and GPA George School does not compute class rank or release GPA.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

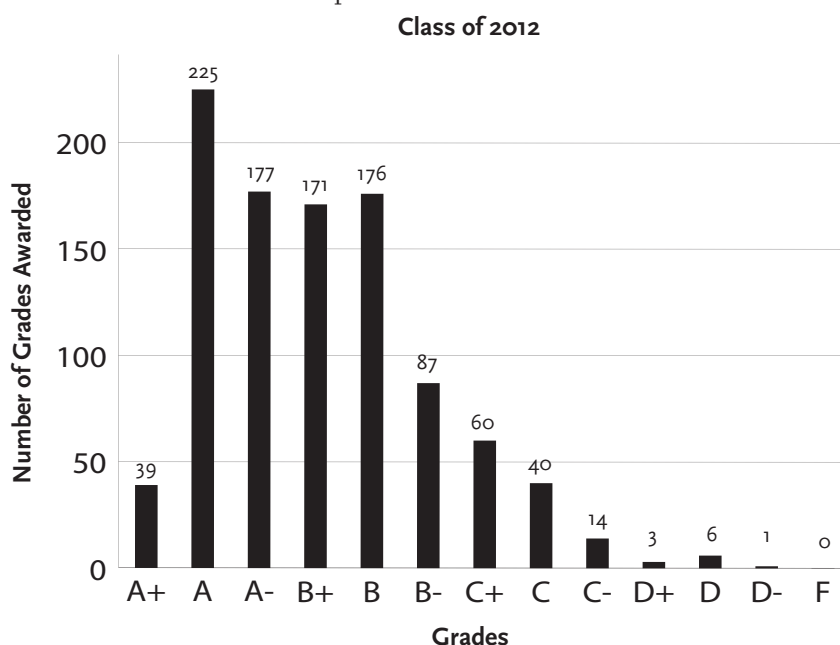
Nearly 100% of George School students take the SAT Reasoning Test. The middle 50% score ranges for the Class of 2011 were Critical Reading 550-690, Mathematics 550-690, and Writing 550-680. About one third of the Class of 2011 also took the ACT; the middle 50% range of their composite scores was 22-28. Approximately 18% of the students in the class are not native English speakers.

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

The Class of 2011 included ten National Merit Commended Students.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

The chart below summarizes the grades earned by the Class of 2012 in all courses taken junior year. For college admission staff, a detailed, course-by-course chart is enclosed with this profile.



COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AT WHICH THE CLASSES OF 2007-2011 MATRICULATED

Highlighted are those at which five or more students matriculated

Alfred University	Fordham University	Pennsylvania State University/ Abington	University of Denver
Allegheny College	Fort Lewis College	Pennsylvania State University/ Altoona	University of Edinburgh (Scotland)
American University	Franklin and Marshall College	Pennsylvania State University/ Berks College	University of Guelph (Canada)
American University of Paris (France)	Franklin Pierce University	Pennsylvania State University/ Schreyer Honors College	University of Hartford
Amherst College	George Washington University	Pennsylvania State University/ University Park	University of Illinois/ Urbana-Champaign
Arcadia University	Georgetown University	Polytechnic Institute of NYU	University of Massachusetts/ Amherst
Arizona State University	Gettysburg College	Pratt Institute	University of Massachusetts/ Boston
Babson College	Goucher College	Princeton University	University of Miami
Bard College	Green Mountain College	Purdue University	University of Michigan
Barry University	Guilford College	Reed College	University of Mississippi
Bates College	Hampshire College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Missouri/Columbia
Bennington College	Hampton University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of North Carolina/ Asheville
Bentley University	Hartwick College	Rice University	University of North Carolina/ Chapel Hill
Berklee College of Music	Harvard University	Rider University	University of North Carolina/ Wilmington
Bloomsburg University	Haverford College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Northern Colorado
Boston College	High Point University	Rutgers University/ New Brunswick	University of Notre Dame
Boston Conservatory	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Rutgers University/Newark	University of Ottawa (Canada)
Boston University	Hofstra University	Saint Augustine's College/ North Carolina	University of Oxford (England)
Brandeis University	Howard University	Saint Joseph's University	University of Pennsylvania
Bryn Mawr College	Hunter College of the CUNY	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Pittsburgh/ Pittsburgh
Bucknell University	Hunter College of the CUNY Pennsylvania	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Puget Sound
Bucks County Community College	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Redlands
Butler University	Indiana University/Bloomington	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Rhode Island
Cabrillo College	Ithaca College	Seattle University	University of Richmond
California College of the Arts	Johns Hopkins University	Seton Hall University	University of Rochester
California State University/ Northridge	Johnson & Wales University	Skidmore College	University of Southern California
Calvin College	Juniata College	Smith College	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Carnegie Mellon University	Kalamazoo College	Spelman College	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Case Western Reserve University	Kent State University	St. John's University/Queens	University of Toronto (Canada)
Champlain College	Knox College	Stanford University	University of Vermont
Chapman University	Landmark College	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Virginia
Clark University	Lehigh University	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	University of Washington
Coastal Carolina University	Lewis & Clark College	Susquehanna University	University of Wisconsin/Madison
Colby College	Loyola Marymount University	Swarthmore College	Ursinus College
College of New Jersey	Loyola University Maryland	Syracuse University	Vassar College
College of William and Mary	Loyola University New Orleans	Temple University	Villanova University
College of Wooster	Lynchburg College	Trinity College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Colorado College	Marlboro College	Tufts University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Columbia University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Tulane University	Wagner College
Connecticut College	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Union College	Wake Forest University
Cornell University	McGill University (Canada)	University College London (England)	Warren Wilson College
Dalhousie University (Canada)	McPherson College	University of Arizona	Wellesley College
Dartmouth College	Middlebury College	University of California/Berkeley	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Davidson College	Millersville University	University of California/ Los Angeles	Wesleyan University
Dickinson College	Mills College	University of California/ Santa Cruz	West Chester University
Drew University	Montgomery College (Maryland)	University of Central Florida	Western Washington University
Drexel University	Moravian College	University of Chicago	Wheelock College
Duke University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Colorado/Boulder	
Duquesne University	Muhlenberg College	University of Connecticut	
Earlham College	Neumann University	University of Delaware	
Eckerd College	New York University		
Elizabethtown College	Northeastern University		
Elon University	Northland College		
Emerson College	Northwestern University		
Emory University	Oberlin College		
Eugene Lang College	Old Dominion University		
Evergreen State College	Parsons, The New School for Design		
Fairfield University	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts		
Fairleigh Dickinson University/ Madison			