



## FRIENDS SELECT SCHOOL

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# COLLEGE PLANNING PROFILE 2023 - 2024

## The School

Friends Select School is a college preparatory, coed, Quaker day school serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.



- Traces its beginnings to 1689
- Total enrollment: 645
- Upper school enrollment: 200
- Senior class enrollment: 52
- Total upper school faculty: 26
- Upper school students receiving financial assistance: 40%
- Students of color in the upper school: 41%

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### Academic Achievements

- 82% of students who sat for AP exams in 2019 - 2023 received a score of 3, 4, or 5 on one or more exams (no AP courses offered at FSS)
- Independent Explorations:
  - *Nutrition and Dietetics*
  - *Water and Treatment Studies*
- Independent study program is offered in any subject. Recent offerings include:
  - *World Literature Mandarin*
  - *Biophysics*
  - *Play Analysis and Dramaturgy*
- New STEAM Building that extends Friends Select's footprint in the city of Philadelphia and meets upper school students' growing interests in the integration of science, math, and art disciplines.
- Nationally-ranked Quizbowl team
- Multiple artistic awards including National Scholastic Awards, Philadelphia Young Playwrights, and Cappies

### English Language Learner (ELL) Support

Friends Select offers ELL Support classes for all non-native English-speaking students to build competency in all communicative forms of the English language. Students take ELL Support concurrent with our required English courses.

### Social Justice Week

Each winter, Friends Select upper school students engage in a week-long investigation of local, national, and international social issues that focus on topics such as immigration reform, community and police relations, environmental justice, and healthcare.

### City Curriculum

- The only Quaker school in Center City Phila.
- Nearly all academic courses incorporate the city into the curriculum
- Upper school courses with city components:
  - Advanced Biology - partners with the UPenn Translational Research Lab.
  - Anatomy and Physiology - partnership with the Mütter Museum, part of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia
  - World History - students conduct research at the Philadelphia Museum of Art that culminates in a public docent presentation
  - Drama I and II - participates in the Philadelphia Young Playwrights competition
- Examples of local social justice initiatives:
  - Social Justice Week - four days of in-depth study of a social justice issue including site visits and interviews with local activists and advocates planned by faculty and student teams
  - Martin Luther King Teach-In - a student-planned experience for all upper school students to promote King's legacy.
  - DICE (Day of Inclusivity, Community, and Equity) - a day-long, student-planned upper school experience. Student leaders offer workshops and host discussion groups.
- Required senior internship for graduation - nearly all seniors spend their time in the city

# Course Offerings for the Class of 2023

While courses are not normally designated as Honors, Accelerated, or Advanced Placement, it is the practice of the faculty to assign rigorous coursework that prepares students to meet the demands of a college curriculum.

Subject and Graduation Requirements	9 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	10 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	11 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
English	English 9 Explorations of Genre	English 10 World Literature	English 11 American Literature	Required Semester Electives: Journalism, Introduction to Magical Realism, African American Literature, Monstrous Imaginings: The Unmaking of Humanity, Global Voices, Speculative Fiction: From Gothic Literature to Science Fiction, Shakespeare, and Language of Film
	ELL Support	ELL Support	ELL Support	
History/Social Studies	Modern World History	Modern World History II	United States History and Civics	Semester Electives: Global Environmental Politics, Race and Society, U.S. History through Current Events, Introduction to Philosophy, Citizen Justice, Introduction to Psychology, U.S. History through Music, Introduction to Ethics
Mathematics	Algebra I or Geometry	Algebra II or Geometry	Precalculus, Discrete Math, Statistics, Calculus, Advanced Calculus, Multivariable Calculus, and Linear Algebra	
Science	Physics	Chemistry	Biology	Yearlong Courses: Advanced Physics, Advanced Chemistry, Advanced Biology, STEAM Advanced Projects
				Semester Electives: Computer Science, Astronomy and Cosmology, Anatomy and Physiology I, Engineering, Environmental Science, Computer Science II
Language	Mandarin Chinese I/II, Spanish I/II Latin I/II	Mandarin Chinese II/III, Spanish II/III/IV Latin II/III	Mandarin Chinese III/IV, Spanish III/IV/V	Mandarin Chinese IV/V, Spanish IV/V/VI Latin IV/V/VI
				One Schoolhouse: American Sign Language One Schoolhouse: French I
Religious Thought	Quakerism and Comparative Religion	Peace and Social Justice: Beliefs into Action		
Fine Arts	<p><b>Music:</b> Choir, Orchestra, Lab Band, Percussion Ensemble, Modern Music Theory</p> <p><b>Drama:</b> Advanced Acting &amp; Directing, Pragmatic Woodworking, Technically Theater, Language of Film</p> <p><b>Visual Arts:</b> Drawing and Painting, Metalsmithing and Glass I, Digital Art &amp; Design, Advanced Metals and Glass, Advanced Drawing and Painting, Fiber Arts, Digital Photography, Portfolio Preparation, Print-making, Making Art History, Video Production, Senior Studio</p>			
Physical Education	1/2 credit each year		Waiver option (two after-school sports or physical education)	
Other	After School Activity: Sports or Drama			
				Senior Internship/Independent Project

**COVID-19 Statement:** For 2020-21, Friends Select upper school resumed with in-person instruction using a hybrid model, where upper school students receive in-person instruction two days a week and virtual instruction three days a week. Grading resumed as it was pre-COVID-19. After the 2020-21 school year, Friends Select returned to in-person instruction.



## College and University Acceptances and Matriculation for the Classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023

(Colleges in bold are those enrolled in by the Classes of 2021, 2022, and/or 2023)

Adelphi University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	<b>Rhode Island School of Design</b>	<b>University of Rochester</b>
Albright College	<b>Hofstra University</b>	<b>Rochester Institute of Technology</b>	University of South Carolina
<b>American University</b>	Holy Family University	St. Joseph's University	University of Southern California
<b>Arcadia University</b>	<b>Howard University</b>	Saint Michael's College	<b>University of Tampa</b>
Arizona State University	Immaculata University	<b>Sarah Lawrence College</b>	University of Vermont
<b>Bard College</b>	Ithaca College	<b>Savannah College of Art &amp; Design</b>	University of Virginia
Bates College	James Madison University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	<b>University of Wisconsin-Madison</b>
Belmont University	<b>Jefferson University</b>	Seton Hall University	Ursinus College
Bennington College	<b>Johns Hopkins University</b>	<b>Skidmore College</b>	<b>Vassar College</b>
Bentley University	<b>Johnson and Wales University</b>	Southwestern University	<b>Villanova University</b>
Boston College	Juniata College	Spelman College	Virginia Commonwealth University
<b>Boston University</b>	Kenyon College	St. John's University	Washington College
Bowling Green State University	La Salle University	St. Lawrence University	<b>Washington University in St. Louis</b>
<b>Brandeis University</b>	Lafayette College	Stevens Institute of Technology	Wesleyan University
<b>Brown University</b>	<b>Lehigh University</b>	Susquehanna University	West Chester University of PA
Bryn Mawr College	<b>Lincoln University</b>	<b>Swarthmore College</b>	West Virginia University
Bucknell University	Louisiana State University	<b>Syracuse University</b>	Western Michigan University
Cabrini University	Loyola Marymount University	<b>Temple University</b>	Widener University
<b>Carleton College</b>	Loyola University Maryland	<b>The American Musical &amp; Dramatic Academy</b>	<b>Willamette University</b>
Case Western Reserve University	<b>Macalester College</b>	The American University of Paris (France)	<b>Williams College</b>
Champlain College	<b>Maryland Institute College of Art</b>	<b>The New School</b>	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Claremont McKenna College	Marymount Manhattan College	The Ohio State University	Xavier University
<b>Clark University</b>	McDaniel College	<b>Toronto Metropolitan University (Canada)</b>	<b>Xavier University of Louisiana</b>
Clarkson University	Michigan State University	Towson University	
Clemson University	Millersville University	<b>Tufts University</b>	
Coastal Carolina University	Moravian College	Union College	
<b>Colgate University</b>	<b>Morehouse College</b>	University of Arizona	
College of William & Mary	Muhlenberg College	<b>University of Colorado Boulder</b>	
Colorado State University	Neumann University	University of Connecticut	
<b>Columbia University</b>	<b>New York University</b>	University of Delaware	
Connecticut College	<b>Northeastern University</b>	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign	
<b>Cooper Union</b>	<b>Oberlin College</b>	University of Kansas	
<b>Cornell University</b>	Occidental College	University of Maine	
<b>Dartmouth College</b>	Ohio University	University of Maryland	
<b>Delaware Valley University</b>	Oregon State University	<b>University of Miami</b>	
DePaul University	Otis College of Art and Design	<b>University of Michigan- Ann Arbor</b>	
Dickinson College	<b>Pace University</b>	University of New Haven	
<b>Drexel University</b>	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
Duke University	<b>Penn State University</b>	<b>University of North Carolina Wilmington</b>	
Eckerd College	Pepperdine University	<b>University of Oregon</b>	
Elon University	<b>Pitzer College</b>	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>	
<b>Emerson College</b>	Pomona College	<b>University of Pittsburgh</b>	
<b>Emory University</b>	Pratt Institute	University of Puget Sound	
Florida International University	<b>Princeton University</b>	<b>University of Rhode Island</b>	
Fordham University	Purdue University		
<b>Franklin and Marshall College</b>	Queen's University (Canada)		
George Mason University	Quinnipiac University		
<b>George Washington University</b>	Randolph College		
Georgia State University	Reed College		
Grinnell College	<b>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</b>		
<b>Hamilton College</b>			
<b>Hampton University</b>			
<b>Harvard University</b>			
Haverford College			