



PROFILE 2021-2022

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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 (600) is divided among Early Childhood (3 year-old-4 year-old, 45) Lower School (K - 4, 129), Middle School (5 - 8, 154), and Upper School (9 - 12, 272).

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
- Physical Education in 9th and 10th grades
- 1 course of 10th Grade Seminar

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, Java, language, math, philosophy, science, and advanced art). Students who schedule more than six courses in a semester must have their rosters reviewed and approved by the Director of Studies.

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
- 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- W Withdrawn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 grades do not affect a student's GPA/

DIVERSITY AT AFS

AFS' student population reflects the racial and socioeconomic diversity of the greater Philadelphia area. 48% of AFS students self-identify as students of color, and students attending AFS come from over 75 different local zip codes.

FINANCIAL AID

Distribution of AFS families receiving financial aid support
0-25% financial aid → 32% of families
26-50% financial aid → 12% of families
51-75% financial aid → 32% of families
76-98% financial aid → 21% of families

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Abington Friends School calculates a student's GPA including all courses except 10th Grade Seminar, Health and Physical Education. 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 2020-2021 academic year by the members of the Class of 2021 and 2022.

STEM:	Humanities	Languages
% earning A: 62%	% earning A: 79%	% earning A: 92%
% earning B: 26%	% earning B: 18%	% earning B: 8%
% earning C: 11%	% earning C: 3%	

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	English 11: American Voices AP English Literature	Senior Writing (Fall) Electives (Spring)
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	Precalculus Honors Precalculus Trigonometry & Advanced Topics Introductory Calculus AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC
LANGUAGE (through level III in the same language)	French I French II Honors French II French III Honors French III French Conversation & Culture AP French		Spanish I Spanish II Honors Spanish II Spanish III Honors Spanish III Spanish Conversation and Culture AP Spanish	
	Conversation and Culture is a 2-year sequence. The curriculum allows for students to complete 1 or 2 consecutive years of study			
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 (beginning with the class of 2023)	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 global travel opportunities, opportunities for service learning, full-year learning cohorts, and two-week Extern courses (which are denoted by EX on the transcript).

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Fall: (Girls) Soccer, Tennis, Cross Country
(Boys) Soccer, Cross Country

Winter: (Girls) Basketball, Swimming, Indoor Track
(Boys) Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming, Indoor Track

Spring: (Girls) Softball, Lacrosse, Track & Field
(Boys) Baseball, Tennis, Track & Field
(Co-Ed) Golf, Ultimate Frisbee

Of the members of the Classes of 2020 and 2021, 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 2020--2021 appear in bold lettering; where there are more than one, an asterisk appears.

Alvernia University	Haverford College	Stanford University
American University	High Point University	Stevenson University
Amherst College	Hobart and William Smith College	Stony Brook University
Arcadia University*	Hofstra University	Susquehanna University
Babson College	Howard University	Swarthmore College
Bard College	Illinois Institute of Technology	Syracuse University
Barnard College	Indiana University at Bloomington	Temple University*
Bates College	Ithaca College	Texas State University
Bennington College	James Madison University	The College of Wooster*
Bentley University	Johns Hopkins University	The New School
Berklee College of Music	Kenyon College	The University of Texas at Austin
Binghamton University	Lafayette College	Thomas Jefferson University
Boston College	Lake Forest College	Trinity College, CT
Boston University*	Lehigh University	Towson University
Bowdoin College	Lewis and Clark College	Tufts University
Brandeis University	Loyola University Chicago	Tulane University
Brevard College	Loyola University Maryland	Tyler School of Art
Brown University	Macalester College	Unites States Military Academy
Bryn Mawr College	Manhattan College	University of British Columbia
Bucknell University	Maryland Institute College of Art	University of California - Berkeley*
California Institute of Technology	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California - San Diego*
California Polytechnic State University	McDaniel College	University of Chicago
Carleton College	McGill University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Carnegie Mellon University	Middlebury College	University of Delaware
Case Western Reserve	Michigan State University	University of Hartford
Chapman University	Millersville University	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign*
Claremont McKenna College	Monmouth University	University of Miami
Clark Atlanta University	Montclair State University*	University of Michigan
Cleveland Institute of Music	Montgomery County Community College	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill*
Colburn School	Moore College of Art and Design	University of Pennsylvania
Colby College	Morehouse College	University of Pittsburgh*
Colgate University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Rochester
Colorado College	Muhlenberg College*	University of San Francisco
Colorado School of Mines	New York University*	University of Scranton
Columbia University	North Carolina A&T State University	University of the Sciences
Community College of Philadelphia	Northeastern University	University of Southern California
Connecticut College	North Vermont University-Johnson	University of Toronto
Cornell University	Northwestern University	University of Vermont
Dartmouth College	Oberlin College	University of Virginia
Davidson College	Pace University	University of Washington
Deep Springs College	Pennsylvania State University - Abington*	Ursinus College*
Denison University	Pomona College	Vanderbilt University
DeSales University	Pratt Institute	Vassar College
Dickinson College*	Princeton University	Villanova University
Drexel University*	Purdue University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and University
Duke University	Quinnipiac University	Wake Forest University
Earlham College	Reed College	Warren Wilson College
Elon University*	Regent University	Washington College
Emerson College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Washington University in St. Louis
Emory University	Rhode Island School of Design	Wellesley College
Fairfield University	Rice University	Wesleyan University
Fashion Institute of Technology	Rochester Institute of Technology	West Chester University*
Fordham University	Roger Williams University	Westminster Choir College of Rider University
Franklin and Marshall College*	St. Bonaventure University	West Virginia University
George Washington University	St. John's University	Western Kentucky University
Georgetown University	St. Joseph's University	Widener University
Gettysburg College	St. Olaf College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Goucher College	Santa Clara University	William and Mary
Grinnell College	Sarah Lawrence College*	Williams College
Guilford College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Xavier University
Hamilton College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Yale University
Hampshire College	Skidmore College	
Harvey Mudd College	Smith College	
Harvard University	Spelman College	