



Moorestown Friends School

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PROFILE 2009-2010

Founded in 1785 by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Moorestown Friends School is an independent, coeducational college preparatory day school for students in pre-school through twelfth grade, located in the center of historic Moorestown, New Jersey. Rooted in the Quaker principles of nonviolence, service, and respect for the individual, Moorestown Friends School is, in the words of its mission statement, “a community dedicated to educational excellence for a diverse student body, within an academically rigorous and balanced program emphasizing personal, ethical, and spiritual growth.”

ENROLLMENT: 711 students representing over 60 school districts within a 50-mile radius of campus:

Lower School enrollment: (pre-school – fourth):	223
Middle School enrollment: (fifth – eighth):	195
Upper School enrollment: (ninth – twelfth):	293

ADMISSIONS: A student’s ability to do college preparatory work is assessed through transcripts of prior work, teacher recommendations, and the Educational Records Bureau testing program. An interview with the student and family ensures compatibility with the principles and goals of Moorestown Friends School.

FINANCIAL AID: In 2009-2010, 27% of students in grades 1–12 received a total of \$1,908,766 in financial aid.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS: Charter School, Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the Friends Council on Education, and the College Board.

FACULTY: 98 full- and part-time faculty; 56 Upper School teachers, 71% of whom hold advanced degrees; 9:1 student/faculty ratio (Upper School).

SIZE OF GRADUATING CLASS: 2010: 71 2009: 68 2008: 67

Typically, 98-100% of Moorestown Friends School graduates matriculate at four-year colleges and universities.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Total units must include a *minimum* of:

English: 4 years
Social Studies: 3 years, including a senior semester course or two minor electives in religion or philosophy
Science: 3 years
Mathematics: 3 years
World Language: through level III in one language
Arts: two electives in visual or performing arts
Community Service: 50 hours

In addition, students must complete courses in ethics, technology, and public speaking. Participation in physical education or health classes is required each term, as is an annual week-long Intensive Learning program.

UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM

A RIGOROUS PROGRAM: Moorestown Friends School provides a challenging, varied program of study for every student. Emphasizing critical thinking and strong writing and quantitative reasoning skills, the curriculum offers students a broad array of honors and Advanced Placement courses supplemented by an extraordinarily rich selection of electives. In keeping with the school's Quaker tradition, attention to the moral and ethical underpinnings of intellectual inquiry and social action are stressed at every grade level.

The MFS Honors Program, instituted in 2007, is designed to challenge and inspire students wishing to undertake the most rigorous and wide-ranging curriculum the school has to offer. Extending over 11th and 12th grades, it aims to provide students with breadth of learning and depth of mastery--an accelerated, well-rounded exploration of the academic disciplines coupled with significant specialization in one area. Candidates for the Honors Program are evaluated on the basis of previous academic achievement and standardized test scores as well as such personal qualities as individual creativity, independence, intellectual curiosity, and initiative. Once admitted, students must complete at least four AP courses, take one world language through level four, and design and carry out a discipline concentration and capstone project requiring significant independent work. Throughout the program students must connect their learning to the wider world through active involvement in extracurricular activities. Ten members of the Class of 2010 are currently enrolled in the Honors Program.

ENGLISH: English 9 and 10 and American Literature 11 (Regular or Honors) are required year-long courses. In 12th grade, students take two semester courses focused on a particular theme, period, or genre, or they may pursue a year-long Advanced Placement course in English Literature. In addition, a major year-long course in creative writing is open to juniors and seniors with a serious interest in writing. Minor electives in creative writing, journalism, the yearbook, and *Images*, the school literary magazine, are open to any Upper School student. Senior courses offered in 2009-2010 include:

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Year-long</u>
Crafting the Essay	Children's Literature for Adults	AP English Literature
Literary 'Monsters': the Literature of Evil	Short Fiction	

WORLD LANGUAGE: French is available to Upper School students who have completed level I as eighth graders; Spanish is offered to students with no prior experience in the language as well as to those who have completed Spanish I in middle school. Honors courses are offered starting at level II in Spanish and level III in French. The Advanced Placement course in Language and Composition is offered in both French and Spanish at level V.

FRENCH

French II
French III (Regular/Honors)
French IV (Regular/Honors)
AP French V

SPANISH

Spanish I
Spanish II (Regular/Honors)
Spanish III (Regular/Honors)
Spanish IV (Regular/Honors)
AP Spanish V

MATHEMATICS: Following the completion of Algebra I in 8th or 9th grade, students take Geometry, Algebra II, and Precalculus at the regular or honors level. Students who wish to study Calculus may take it as an honors course or may select AP Calculus AB or BC. AP Statistics and a major course in Finance are also offered. A summer course in Precalculus is available for students who wish to accelerate their study of mathematics. Students in the summer course must pass the final exam with a grade of B or better to advance to Calculus Honors or AP Calculus.

SCIENCE: In 9th grade, students complete a Foundations course in the basic physical and life sciences. In 10th through 12th grades, they may choose among the following:

Biology: Biology I and II (Regular/Honors); Bio Nutrition (Regular/Honors); Anatomy and Physiology Honors; Molecular Biology Honors; AP Biology.

Chemistry: Chemistry I and II (Regular or Honors); AP Chemistry; Chemistry III Honors.

Physics: Physics I (Regular or Honors); AP Physics B.

Environmental Science: Environmental Science I (Regular/Honors); AP Environmental Science.

In addition, students may choose a broad array of minor electives in biology, chemistry, engineering, and environmental science. All students are required to prepare a project for the annual Science and Engineering Expo (SEE) held in the spring.

HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCES/RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY: Modern World History 9 and United States History 10 are required courses. Juniors may choose between 20th Century World History (Regular or Honors) or, with permission of the department, AP U.S. History. Students who wish to continue their study of history, social studies, religion or philosophy as seniors may choose among the following:

Fall

Cold War in Latin America
 Modern Middle East
 Western Philosophy I Honors
 World Religions and Current Issues

Spring

Cultural History: the Culture of Food and Drink
 Finding Meaning
 Modern African History
 Western Philosophy II Honors

Year-long: AP Comparative Government and Politics

THE ARTS: Art Studio I and II and AP Music Theory are offered as major subjects in grades 11 and 12. Students may also choose among a broad array of elective courses in visual art and theater and participate in vocal and instrumental music groups ranging from concert and a cappella choir to string, wind, guitar, and chamber ensembles.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY: The technology department offers a variety of semester electives in programming, desktop publishing, e-business, and computer applications. Students with particular interest in computers and technology may take a major course in Media Arts with Adobe Certification or AP Computer Science in 11th or 12th grade.

INTENSIVE LEARNING: Field studies conducted for a week in the spring engage students in hands-on educational activities and service learning projects. Students keep a daily journal and learn group decision-making on projects ranging from urban studies in the city of Philadelphia to service learning in New Orleans, Mexico, the Florida Everglades, and Nicaragua. The AP English class culminates its study of English literature with a theater trip to London, and World Language students may participate in exchange programs in France or Spain.

SENIOR PROJECT: Following the completion of courses in May, seniors pursue month-long, full-time internships in local businesses, social service agencies, health or research institutions, or arts and cultural organizations. Each senior must keep a daily journal throughout the project and deliver a speech to faculty and classmates in June. Successful completion of the Senior Project is required for graduation.

GRADING SYSTEM: Moorestown Friends School follows a semester calendar, with grades reported quarterly. Report cards are mailed home in early November, late January, late March, and mid-June. Cumulative grade point averages are calculated on a 4-point scale (A=4.0; A+=4.3) at the end of each semester and include *major academic courses only*. AP and Honors courses are weighted +.3 points when GPAs are calculated to reflect academic difficulty; the highest GPA in the class of 2010 is 4.36.

A+ = 98-100	B+ = 87-89	C+ = 77-79	D+ = 67-69	NC=below 60
A = 93-97	B = 83-86	C = 73-76	D = 63-66	
A- = 90-92	B- = 80-82	C- = 70-72	D- = 60-62	

ACADEMIC HONORS: *Honor Roll:* Although *we do not calculate class rank*, students with an average of A- or better each quarter, and with no quarter or final exam grade below a C are named to the year-end Honor Roll.

Cum Laude Society: The highest-achieving students, to a maximum of 10% of the class, may be inducted into the Cum Laude Society as juniors. Seven members of the Class of 2010 were so honored. In the spring of senior year, additional students are inducted to a combined maximum of 20% of the class.

MEAN SAT SCORES:	Class of '09	Class of '08	Class of '07
Critical Reading	626	629	622
Math	620	633	609
Writing	634	637	614
Total	1880	1899	1845

COLLEGES CURRENTLY ATTENDED BY MOORESTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL GRADUATES

American University (3)
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Barnard College (3)
Bates College
Berklee College of Music (2)
Boston College (3)
Boston University (7)
Brown University (5)
Bryn Mawr College (4)
Bucknell University (2)
Carnegie Mellon University (2)
Clark University (2)
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of New Jersey (6)
Connecticut College (2)
Cornell University (3)
Dartmouth College (2)
Dickinson College (5)
Drew University
Drexel University (11)
Elizabethtown College (2)
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College (2)
Full Sail University
George Washington University (2)
Georgetown University (3)
Georgia Institute of Technology (2)
Gettysburg College
Goucher College (3)
Guilford College
Hampshire College
Haverford College (5)
Hobart College
Howard University (3)
Ithaca College (7)
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University (3)
Loyola College in Maryland (2)
Maryland Institute College of Art
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlebury College
Monmouth University
Muhlenberg College (4)
New York University (4)
North Carolina State University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College (2)
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute

Princeton University
Quinnipiac University (2)
Randolph-Macon College
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)
Richard Stockton College
Rider University
Rochester Institute of Technology (5)
Rowan University (7)
Rutgers University (7)
Saint Joseph's University
Sarah Lawrence College
School of Visual Arts
Skidmore College
Smith College (2)
Stanford University (2)
Swarthmore College (2)
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University (6)
Temple University (4)
Texas A&M University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Coast Guard Academy
University of:
 Arizona
 the Arts
 California/Davis
 California/Los Angeles
 Delaware (9)
 Maryland
 Mary Washington
 Massachusetts
 Miami (3)
 Michigan
 North Carolina/Chapel Hill (2)
 Notre Dame
 Pennsylvania (12)
 Pittsburgh (3)
 Rhode Island
 Richmond
 Rochester (2)
 the Sciences in Philadelphia (2)
 Tampa
 Vermont (2)
 Virginia
Ursinus College (4)
Vassar College (2)
Villanova University (4)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Washington & Lee University
Washington College
Wellesley College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University (2)

