



# Moorestown Friends School

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## **PROFILE 2011-2012**

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): 219

Middle School enrollment: (fifth – eighth): 203

Upper School enrollment: (ninth – twelfth): 289

**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 2010-2011, 30% of students in grades 1–12 received a total of \$2,370,050 in financial assistance. The average grant was \$12,217.

**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:** 102 full- and part-time faculty; 61 upper school teachers, 74% of whom hold advanced degrees; 9:1 student/faculty ratio (upper school).

**SIZE OF GRADUATING CLASS:** 2012: 74      2011: 75      2010: 71

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

World Language: through level III in one language

Mathematics: 3 years

History: 3 years, including a senior semester course or two minor electives in religion or philosophy

Science: 3 years

Arts: 2 electives in visual or performing arts

Community Service: 50 hours

In addition, students must complete courses in ethics, technology, and public speaking (see minor classes below). 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, 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, the moral and ethical underpinnings of intellectual inquiry and social action are stressed at every grade level.

**CURRICULUM – Major Classes (C – College Preparatory, H – Honors, AP – Advanced Placement)  
Courses with no designation are college preparatory only.**

<p><b><u>ENGLISH</u></b> – 4 Required            English 9            English 10            American Literature (C &amp; H)            AP English            Creative Writing            Mystery Fiction – Fall            Dramatic Literature, Aristotle to Shaw – Fall            Children's Lit for Adults – Spring            Short Fiction – Spring            Dramatic Literature, 1900- present – Spring            Form and Meaning: The Anatomy of Prose - Fall</p> <p><b><u>WORLD LANGUAGE</u></b> – Through Level 3 Required            French II            French III (C &amp; H)            French IV (C &amp; H)            French V (AP)            Spanish I            Spanish II (C &amp; H)            Spanish III (C &amp; H)            Spanish IV (C &amp; H)            Spanish V (C &amp; AP)            Chinese II            Chinese III            Chinese IV</p>	<p><b><u>MATHEMATICS</u></b> – 3 Required            Algebra I            Geometry (C &amp; H)            Algebra II (C &amp; H)            Precalculus (C &amp; H)            Calculus (H)            Calculus AB (AP)            Calculus BC (AP)            Statistics (H &amp; AP)            Finance</p> <p><b><u>HISTORY AND RELIGION</u></b> -3 Required, including. 1 Sr. semester            Modern World 9            United States 10            World History (C &amp; H)            United States (AP)            European (AP)            Mock Primary            Cold War &amp; Latin America - Fall            Modern Middle East - Fall            Cultural History - Spring            Modern Africa - Spring            Moral Exemplars: Prophets &amp; Social Entrepreneurs</p>	<p><b><u>SCIENCE</u></b> – 3 Required            Biology I (C &amp; H)            Biology II (H)            Biology (AP)            Bio Nutrition (C &amp; H)            Anatomy and Physiology (H)            Molecular Biology (H)            Chemistry I (C &amp; H)            Chemistry II (H)            Chemistry (AP)            Chemistry III (H)            Physics I (C &amp; H)            Physics B (AP)            Environmental Science (H &amp; AP)            Psychology (H &amp; AP)</p> <p><b><u>ARTS</u></b>            Art Studio I            Art Studio II (AP)            Music Theory (AP)</p> <p><b><u>COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY</u></b>            Media Arts with Adobe            Computer Science (H &amp; AP)</p>
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**MINOR CLASSES:** Minor classes, worth 1 or 2 credits each, are not incorporated into a student's GPA. The courses meet two times in six days and are offered in the arts, mathematics, technology, English, science, world/language/culture, history, service, and physical education. For most students two minor courses are required each semester. Seniors with two Honors or AP courses may elect to enroll in only one minor course. Students must take and pass the following minor courses for graduation: Computer Applications (new students only), Public Speaking, Examined Life Program (Grade 9), Ethics (Grade 10), two courses in visual or performing arts, one course in technology, two courses in religion or philosophy.

**THE HONORS PROGRAM:** Instituted in 2007, this program is designed to challenge and inspire students wishing to undertake the most rigorous and wide-ranging college-preparatory curriculum the school has to offer. Two years in duration (grades 11 and 12), its goal is to provide students with breadth and depth of learning, (i.e., accelerated, well-rounded mastery 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. Twelve members of the Class of 2012 are currently enrolled in the honors program.

**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 Costa Rica. The World Language students may participate in exchange programs in France, Canada, China, 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 2012 is 4.24.

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 2012 were so honored. In the spring of senior year, additional students are inducted to a combined maximum of 20% of the class.

*Advanced Placement Courses:* In most cases, our students are unable to take AP courses until their junior year. The maximum number of AP courses taken in the class of 2012 is eight.

<b>MEAN SAT SCORES:</b>	<b>Class of '11</b>	<b>Class of '10</b>	<b>Class of '09</b>
Critical Reading	628	621	626
Math	641	624	620
Writing	644	633	634
<b>Total</b>	<b>1913</b>	<b>1878</b>	<b>1880</b>

## COLLEGES CURRENTLY ATTENDED BY MOORESTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL GRADUATES

American University (3)	Howard University	Syracuse University (9)
Amherst College (2)	Ithaca College (7)	Temple University (3)
Barnard College (3)	James Madison University	Texas Christian University
Boston University (8)	Johns Hopkins University (2)	The College of New Jersey (2)
Brandeis University	Lafayette College (2)	The Ohio State University
Brown University (2)	Lehigh University (8)	The University of Alabama
Bryn Mawr College (4)	Loyola College in Maryland (2)	Tufts University
Bucknell University (3)	Maryland Institute College of Art	United States Coast Guard Academy
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	McDaniel College	University of:
Case Western Reserve (2)	Middlebury College	Colorado
Clark University	Moravian College	Miami
Clemson University (2)	Muhlenberg College (4)	Alabama
College of Charleston (2)	New Jersey Institute of Technology	California at Davis
College of New Jersey (5)	New York University (6)	California at Los Angeles
Columbia University	Northeastern University (3)	Delaware (5)
Connecticut College (2)	Northwestern University	Georgia
Cornell University (7)	Oberlin College	Maryland at College Park (3)
Dartmouth College (2)	Pennsylvania State University(3)	Massachusetts at Amherst
Dickinson College (7)	Pratt Institute	Miami (3)
Drexel University (14)	Prescott College	Mississippi
Drexel University (7 Year MD)	Princeton University (2)	North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Duke University	Purchase College	Notre Dame (2)
Elizabethtown College (2)	Quinnipiac University	Pennsylvania (8)
Elon University (2)	Randolph-Macon College	Pittsburgh (3)
Emerson College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Rochester (2)
Emory University (3)	Rochester Institute of Technology	St. Andrews (Scotland)
Fordham University	Roger Williams University (2)	Tampa
Franklin & Marshall College (2)	Rowan University (4)	the Sciences in Philadelphia
Franklin College (Switzerland)	Rutgers University (8)	Vermont (3)
Full Sail University (2)	Saint Joseph's University (4)	Ursinus College (2)
George Washington University (6)	Sarah Lawrence College	Vanderbilt University
Georgetown University (2)	Savannah College of Art and Design	Villanova University (4)
Georgia Institute of Technology	School of the Art Inst. of Chicago	Virginia Polytechnic University (2)
Gloucester County College	School of Visual Arts	Wake Forest University
Goucher College	Seton Hall University	Washington & Lee University
Hamilton College	Skidmore College	Washington College (3)
Hampshire College	Smith College (3)	Washington University in St. Louis
Harvard University	Springfield College	Wesleyan University
Haverford College (2)	Stanford University	Widener University
High Point University	Stevens Institute of Technology	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Swarthmore College (4)	Yale University (2)

