



Moorestown Friends School

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PROFILE 2016-2017

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

Lower School enrollment: (pre-school – fourth): 210

Middle School enrollment: (fifth – eighth): 211

Upper School enrollment: (ninth – twelfth): 302

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 2016-2017, 29% of students in grades 1-12 received a total of \$2,681,510 in financial assistance. The average grant was \$14,449.

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: 100 full- and part-time faculty; 46 upper school teachers, 74% of whom hold advanced degrees; 7:1 student/faculty ratio (upper school).

SIZE OF GRADUATING CLASS: 2017: 77 2016: 77 2015: 76

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, plus 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 Computer Applications (new students only), Public Speaking, Peer Leadership (Grade 9), Leadership (Grade 10), two courses in visual or performing arts, one course in technology, and two courses in religion. Participation in physical education or health classes is required each term, as is an annual week-long Intensive Learning program and a month-long Senior Project.

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.

HONORS/ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES: Placement in Honors/AP classes is made upon recommendation of the faculty and based on previous academic performance. In most cases, students are unable to take AP classes until the 11th grade. Students in 11th and 12th grade must be approved to enroll in more than 3 AP classes.

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

<p><u>ENGLISH – 4 Required</u> English 9 English 10 English 11 (C & H) Creative Writing English Literature (AP) <i>Semester courses:</i> Supernatural and Suppressed (H) - Fall Shakespeare - Fall Great Novellas - Fall Jewish Literature - Fall Lit. of the American South (H) - Fall Caribbean Literature - Fall Modern American Drama - Fall Literature and Sports - Fall Identity in American Lit. (H) - Spring LGBTQ American Literature - Spring Irish Literature - Spring Contemporary Literature - Spring Postmodern Literature (H) - Spring Lit. of Ancient World: Greek Drama - Spring Modern Poetry in a Global Context - Spring Short Stories - Spring</p> <p><u>WORLD LANGUAGE – Through Level 3 Required</u> French II (C & H) French III (C & H) French IV (C & H) French V (C & AP) Spanish I Spanish II (C & H) Spanish III (C & H) Spanish IV (C & H) Spanish V (C & AP) Chinese II (C & H) Chinese III (C & H) Chinese IV (C & H) Chinese V (C & AP)</p>	<p><u>MATHEMATICS – 3 Required</u> Algebra I Geometry (C & H) Algebra II (C & H) Precalculus (C & H) Calculus AB (H & AP) Calculus BC (AP) Statistics (AP) Finance</p> <p><u>HISTORY/ RELIGION - 3 Required</u> Modern World 9 United States 10 America & the World in the 20th Century (C & H) United States (AP) Comparative Government (H & AP) Economics (C & H) Modern Middle East – Fall Contemporary Africa – Spring Intro to Western Philosophy – Fall The Book of Exodus - Spring</p>	<p><u>SCIENCE – 3 Required</u> <u>ALL ARE LAB SCIENCES</u> Biology I (C & H) Biology II (H) Biology (AP) Bionutrition/Nutrition (C & H) Chemistry I (C & H) Chemistry II (H) Chemistry (AP) Physics 1 (C, H, & AP) Physics C - Electricity and Magnetism (AP) Physics II (H) Environmental Science (H & AP) Anatomy & Physiology (H)</p> <p><u>ARTS</u> Art Studio I Art Studio II (C & AP) Music Theory (AP)</p> <p><u>COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY</u> Computer Science (AP) Computer Sci. Principles (H & AP) Communication and Media Technology I (C & H) Communication and Media Technology II (H)</p>
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MINOR CLASSES: Minor classes, worth 1 or 2 credits each, are not calculated into a student’s GPA. The courses typically 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 AP courses may elect to enroll in only one minor course.

THE CAPSTONE PROGRAM: The MFS Capstone Program challenges and inspires students wishing to pursue advanced study in a particular field. Beginning in the spring semester of junior year and running through the middle of senior year, participants produce scholarly work by engaging in independent research and/or creative development under the guidance of a MFS teacher/advisor. All projects culminate in a public demonstration. Students receive a High Pass, Pass, or Fail each semester.

INTENSIVE LEARNING: Field studies conducted for a week in the spring engage students in hands-on educational activities and service learning projects. Projects range from homelessness studies in the city of Philadelphia to service learning in Costa Rica, New Mexico, or Virginia. Students may also participate in language programs in France, China, Cuba, or Spain.

SENIOR PROJECT: In May seniors pursue a month-long, full-time internship in local businesses, social service agencies, health or research institutions, or arts and cultural organizations.

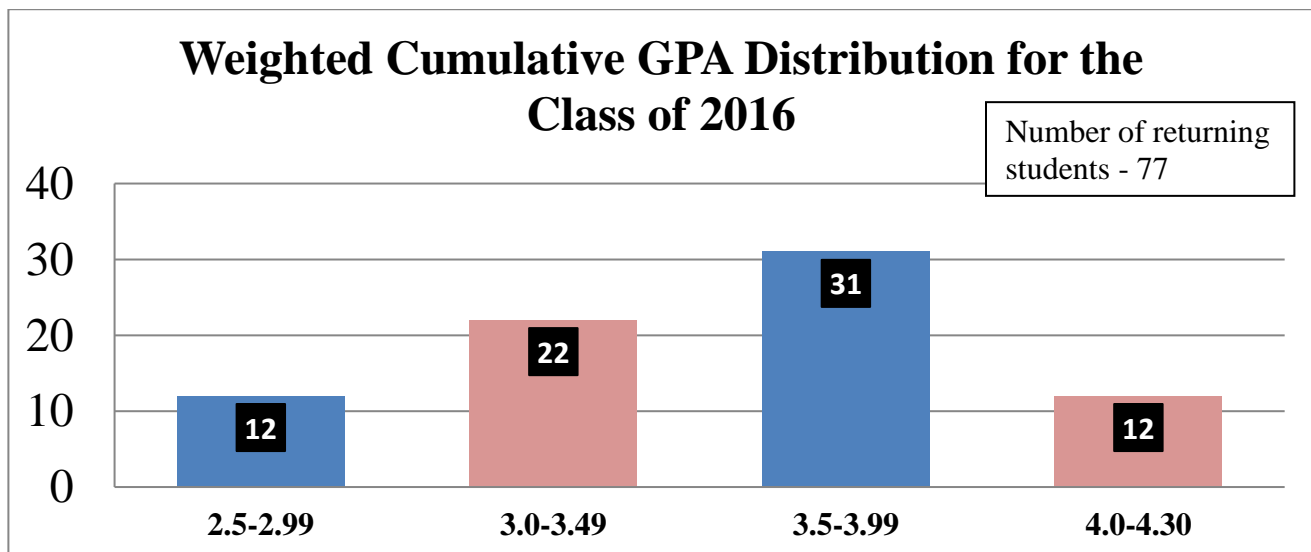
GRADING SYSTEM: Moorestown Friends School follows a semester calendar with grades reported quarterly. Cumulative grade point averages are calculated on a 4-point scale (A=4.0; A+=4.3) and include *major academic courses only*. AP and Honors courses are weighted +.3 points when GPAs are calculated.

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 2017 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 '16	Class of '15	Class of '14
Critical Reading	630	608	612
Math	628	623	634
Writing	628	617	616
Total	1886	1848	1862



COLLEGES CURRENTLY ATTENDED BY MOORESTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL GRADUATES

American University (2)	Ithaca College (5)	The College of New Jersey (3)
Arcadia University (5)	James Madison University (2)	The George Washington University (9)
Bates College (2)	Johns Hopkins University (5)	The University of Alabama
Belmont University	Lafayette College	The University of Scranton
Bentley University (3)	Lehigh University (9)	The University of Tampa (2)
Berklee College of Music	Marist College	Trinity College
Boston College (2)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Tufts University (2)
Boston University (6)	McGill University	Tulane University (4)
Bowdoin College	Millersville University of Pennsylvania	United States Coast Guard Academy
Brandeis University (2)	Montclair State University	University of Chicago (3)
Brown University	Moore College of Art and Design	University of Colorado at Boulder
Bryn Mawr College (3)	Muhlenberg College (5)	University of Connecticut
Bucknell University (5)	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Delaware (10)
Cairn University	New York Film Academy	University of Edinburgh
Case Western Reserve Univ.	New York University (11)	University of Maryland, College Park
Clark University	Northeastern University (3)	University of Mary Washington
Clemson University (2)	Northwestern University	University of Miami
Colby College (3)	Nova Southeastern University	University of Michigan (3)
College of Charleston (5)	Occidental College	University of Mississippi
Columbia University (2)	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of New Hampshire
Cornell University (7)	Parsons The New School for Design (2)	University of Notre Dame
Davidson College	Pennsylvania State University (7)	University of Ontario Inst. of Technology
Dickinson College (2)	Philadelphia University	University of Pennsylvania (2)
Drew University (4)	Princeton University (2)	University of Pittsburgh (5)
Drexel University (10)	Ramapo College of New Jersey	University of Rochester
Duquesne University	Rice University	University of San Francisco
East Carolina University	Rochester Institute of Technology (2)	University of St. Andrews
Elon University (6)	Rowan College at Gloucester County	University of Vermont (3)
Emerson College	Rowan University (4)	University of Virginia
Emory University	Rutgers University, New Brunswick (8)	University of Washington
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Saint Joseph's University (11)	Vanderbilt University
Florida Atlantic University	Salisbury University	Vassar College
Franklin and Marshall College (2)	Savannah College of Art and Design	Villanova University (3)
George Mason University (2)	Seton Hall University	Virginia Polytechnic University (3)
Georgetown University	Skidmore College	Wake Forest University
Gettysburg College	Smith College	Washington College
Goucher College (3)	Spelman College	Washington University in St. Louis
Hamilton College	St. Olaf College	Wesley College (2)
Harvard University	Stanford University	West Virginia University
Haverford College	Swarthmore College	Widener University (2)
High Point University	Syracuse University (3)	William Patterson Univ. of New Jersey
Howard University (4)	Temple University (2)	Xavier University of Louisiana
Indiana Univ. at Bloomington	The Catholic University of America	Yale University

