



## Moorestown Friends School

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### Profile 2018-2019

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 preschool 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:** 709 students representing over 60 school districts within a 50-mile radius of campus:

Lower School enrollment: (preschool – fourth): 189

Middle School enrollment: (fifth – eighth): 205

Upper School enrollment: (ninth – twelfth): 315

**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 2018-2019, 29% of students in grades 1-12 received a total of \$3,100,000 in financial assistance. The average grant was \$16,300.

**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; 45 upper school teachers, 76% of whom hold advanced degrees; 7:1 student/faculty ratio (upper school).

**SIZE OF GRADUATING CLASS:**                      2019: 70                      2018: 77                      2017: 77

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

Science: 3 years

Arts: 2 electives in visual or performing arts

Technology: 1 elective or major course

Community Service: 50 hours

In addition, students must complete courses in Computer Applications (new students only), Quakerism, Owing Up, Public Speaking, Peer Leadership (Grade 9), Leadership (Grade 10), World Religions (Grade 11), two courses in visual or performing arts, and one course in technology. 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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><b><u>ENGLISH – 4 Required</u></b>  English 9  English 10  English 11 (C &amp; H)  Creative Writing  English Literature (AP)  <i>Semester courses:</i>  Identity in American Lit (H) - Fall  Literature and Sports - Fall  21<sup>st</sup> Century Literature - Fall  Jewish Literature - Fall  The Supernatural in Lit (H) - Fall  Literature of Immigration – Fall  Great Novellas – Fall  Contemporary Drama - Fall  Postmodern Literature (H) - Spring  Shakespeare and Society - Spring  Short Stories - Spring  Global Poetry (H) - Spring  Mythology in Literature - Spring  Lit of the American South - Spring  Irish Literature - Spring  LGBTQ Literature – Spring</p> <p><b><u>WORLD LANGUAGE –  Through Level 3 Required</u></b>  French I/II Accelerated  French II (C &amp; H)  French III (C &amp; H)  French IV (C &amp; H)  French V (C &amp; AP)  Spanish I  Spanish II (C &amp; H)  Spanish III (C &amp; H)  Spanish IV (C &amp; H)  Spanish V (C &amp; AP)  Chinese I/II Accelerated  Chinese II (C &amp; H)  Chinese III (C &amp; H)  Chinese IV (C &amp; H)  Chinese V (C &amp; AP)</p>	<p><b><u>MATHEMATICS – 3 Required</u></b>  Geometry (C &amp; H)  Algebra II (C &amp; H)  Precalculus (C &amp; H)  Intro to Calculus  Calculus AB (H &amp; AP)  Calculus BC (AP)  Statistics (H &amp; AP)  Finance</p> <p><b><u>HISTORY - 3 Required</u></b>  19<sup>th</sup> Century World History 9  US History 10  20<sup>th</sup> Century World History (C &amp; H)  US History (AP)  Comparative Government (H &amp; AP)  Economics (C &amp; H)</p>	<p><b><u>SCIENCE AND  ENGINEERING – 3 Required</u></b>  <b><u>ALL ARE LAB SCIENCES</u></b>  Biology I (C &amp; H)  Biology II (H)  Biology (AP)  Nutrition  Chemistry I (C &amp; H)  Chemistry II (H)  Chemistry (AP)  Physics 1 (C, H, &amp; AP)  Physics C - Electricity and Magnetism (AP)  Physics II (H)  Environmental Science (H &amp; AP)  Anatomy &amp; Physiology (C &amp; H)</p> <p><b><u>ARTS</u></b>  Art Studio I  Art Studio II (C &amp; AP)  Music Theory (AP)</p> <p><b><u>COMPUTERS AND  TECHNOLOGY</u></b>  Computer Science (AP)  Computer Sci. Principles (H &amp; AP)  Communication and Media  Technology I  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 three times in six days and are offered in the arts, mathematics, technology, English, religion, 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 Puerto Rico, Cuba, or Arizona. Students may also participate in language programs in France, Martinique, China, 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.

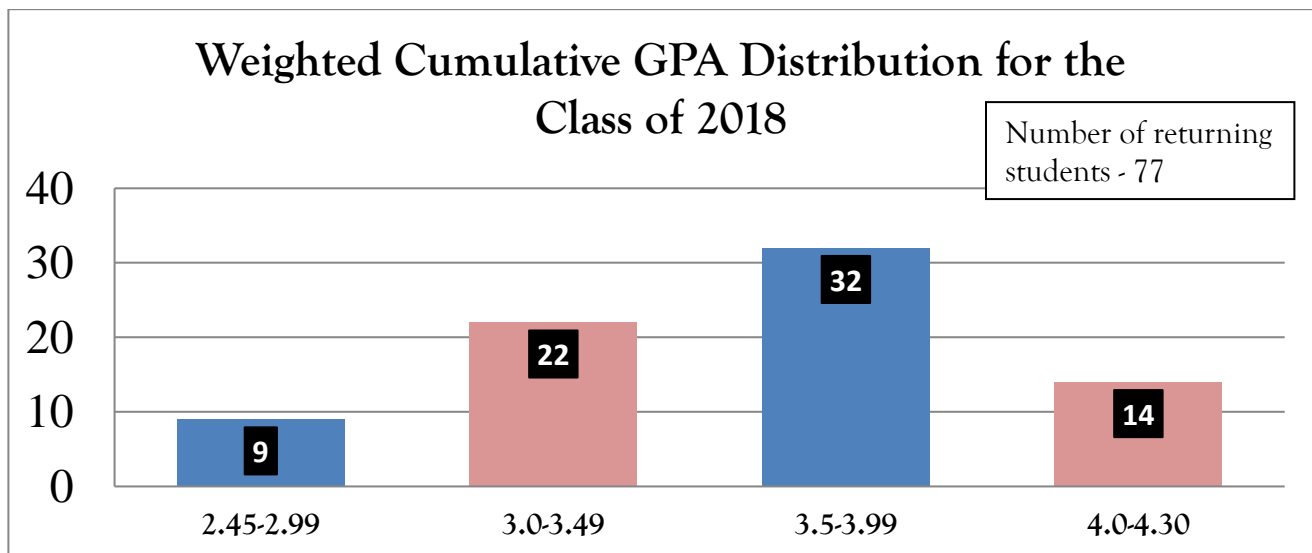
**GRADING SYSTEM:** Moorestown Friends School follows a semester calendar with grades reported quarterly. Cumulative grade point averages are calculated on a 4-point scale (A = 4.0; A+ = 4.3) and include *major academic courses only*. AP and Honors courses are weighted +.3 points when GPAs are calculated.

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. Eight members of the Class of 2018 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 '18	Class of '17	Class of '16
Critical Reading	654	637	630
Math	649	631	628
Total	1303	1268	1258



COLLEGES CURRENTLY ATTENDED BY MOORESTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL GRADUATES

American University	Haverford College (3)	The Catholic University of America
Arcadia University (3)	High Point University	The College of New Jersey (5)
Barnard College (2)	Howard University (4)	The George Washington University (9)
Bates College (2)	Indiana Univ. at Bloomington (2)	The Ohio State University
Bentley University (3)	Ithaca College (5)	The University of Alabama
Boston College (2)	James Madison University (4)	The University of Scranton (2)
Boston University (3)	Johns Hopkins University (6)	Tulane University (5)
Bowdoin College	Lafayette College (4)	United States Coast Guard Academy
Brown University	Lehigh University (5)	University of California, Davis
Bryn Mawr College (2)	Loyola University Maryland (3)	University of California, Irvine
Bucknell University (3)	Lynchburg College	University of Chicago (3)
Cabrini University	McDaniel College	University of Colorado at Boulder
Cairn University	Miami University, Oxford	University of Connecticut
Case Western Reserve Univ.	Muhlenberg College (5)	University of Dayton
Clark Atlanta University	New York Film Academy	University of Delaware (7)
Clemson University	New York University (9)	University of Edinburgh
Colby College	Northeastern University (7)	University of Maryland, College Park (4)
College of Charleston (5)	Nova Southeastern University	University of Mary Washington
College of William & Mary	Occidental College	University of Michigan (2)
Columbia University (2)	Pennsylvania State University (4)	University of Pennsylvania (3)
Cornell University (5)	Princeton University (2)	University of Pittsburgh (5)
Delaware Valley University	Purdue University	University of Rochester (2)
Delta State University	Queen's University	University of San Francisco
Dickinson College	Quinnipiac University	University of the Sciences in Pennsylvania
DigiPen Institute of Technology	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Vermont (5)
Drew University (4)	Rice University	University of Virginia
Drexel University (16)	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Washington
Duquesne University	Rowan College at Burlington County	Ursinus College (2)
Elon University (5)	Rowan College at Gloucester County	Vanderbilt University (2)
Emerson College	Rowan University (3)	Vassar College
Emory University	Rutgers University, Camden (3)	Villanova University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Rutgers University, New Brunswick (11)	Virginia Polytechnic University (3)
Flagler College	Saint Joseph's University (10)	Wagner College
Florida Atlantic University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Wake Forest University
Florida Institute of Technology	Seattle University	Washington College
Fordham University (2)	Seton Hall University (2)	Washington University in St. Louis
Franklin and Marshall College (2)	Smith College	Wesleyan University
Georgetown University	Spelman College	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Georgian Court University	Stevens Institute of Technology	West Virginia University
Gettysburg College	Stockton University (2)	Widener University (2)
Hamilton College (2)	Swarthmore College	William Patterson Univ. of New Jersey
Hampton University	Syracuse University (4)	Xavier University of Louisiana
Harvard University	Temple University (3)	Yale University (3)