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"Educating and equipping students to change the world for God's glory."

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2016-2017

THE SCHOOL

First Presbyterian Day School, established in 1970, is an independent Christ-centered college preparatory school whose purpose is to educate and equip students to change the world for God's glory. The school is located on 236 acres in the suburbs of Macon and serves 864 students from pre-kindergarten (age 3) through twelfth grade. Twelve of the current high school students are attending FPD as international students. Our school provides a demanding academic educational program from a Christian perspective for the college bound student in Macon and the surrounding area. This area, with a population of approximately 325,000, supports two private colleges, one state college, and several national and international businesses. There are 361 students in the high school, grades 9-12. The 2018 senior class has 93 students. FPD students support an Honor Code system and pledge not to cheat, lie or steal.

THE FACULTY

The school has a faculty and professional staff of 144; app. 69% have a master's degree or higher. All faculty hold degrees in their primary instructional area. Many faculty members are active in state and national organizations and all meet and regularly participate in professional growth activities. There is a compatible blend of youth and experience at First Presbyterian Day School.

ACCREDITATION

First Presbyterian Day School is accredited by AdvancEd, the Southern Association of Independent Schools, the Association of Christian Schools International, and is certified by the Council of Educational Standards and Accountability. In addition to College Board, GHSA, GISA, GSCA, and SACAC, our school holds membership in the National Association of College Admission Counselors and complies with their Statement of Principles of Good Practice. The school also holds membership in professional subject area organizations such as NCTM, NSTA, IRA, AAHPERD, ISTE, NCSS as well as the Educational Records Bureau.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

First Presbyterian Day School seeks to promote the development of the whole person through a variety of programs and activities. Opportunities for participation in the life of FPD outside the classroom include: Student Activities Council, Student Honor Council, National Honor Society, Art Club, Chess Club, Chorus, Pep Club, Praise Band, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Project LEAD, Robotics, Literary Team, Environmental Club, Reflections (yearbook), SAGA (newspaper), and Edda (literary magazine), Drama Club, National Junior Classical League (Latin Club), Le Cercle Français (French Club), Spanish Club, Environmental Club, Entrepreneurship Club, Mu Alpha Theta (Math Club), Math Team, Mock Trial Team, Theatre, Dance Teams, Marching, Pep, Jazz and Concert Bands.

Interscholastic athletics are also available. Students are given opportunities to develop specialized physical skills while learning life-long lessons in competition, teamwork, sportsmanship and self-discipline. Since 2010-11, FPD has competed athletically in the Georgia High School Association (GHSA). Interscholastic competition includes: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, competition cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, shooting team, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball and wrestling.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Beginning in 2010-11, FPD students were required to have a community service requirement for graduation. The Class of 2017 will be required to have 120 hours (30 per year) to graduate. The Class of 2017 accumulated 16,175 total hours and served over 200 different agencies. The program focuses on serving distressed populations.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

CEEB/ACT School Code – 111937

THE GRADING SYSTEM

First Presbyterian Day School operates on a two-semester calendar year. A semester consists of two-nine week grading periods, concluding with the semester examination, which constitutes one-fifth of the semester grade. The final grade for the year is determined by the average of the two semester grades. *Three points are added to the semester averages in the AP classes and 2 points are added to the semester averages in Honors classes.*

Grading Scale

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	74-79
D	70-73
F	below 70

1-TO-1 TECHNOLOGY

Students in grades 5-12 receive a HP Elite X2 convertible tablet PC and are experienced using a course management system, eTexts, and a wide range of productivity software and other technological tools in their education.

CLASS RANK

First Presbyterian Day School does not rank. Based on the high academic nature of the school and our use of a selective admissions policy, small differences in grade point averages can make significant differences in rank. We feel, therefore, that ranking does not indicate an accurate measure of a student's performance, nor does it provide a true distinction between members of an academically competitive class.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Our curriculum provides for two track options, either college-prep or accelerated, for graduation:

College-preparatory track: a student must complete a minimum of 24 units; 4 units in English, 4 units in math, 4 units in science, 3 units in social studies, 2 units in a foreign language, 7 semester Bible courses, ½ unit of Fine Art, 1 unit in PE/health and 2 general electives.

Accelerated track: a student must complete a minimum of 24 units and complete a minimum of 4 AP courses for a total of 10 Honors/AP courses. A student must complete the following: 4 units of English; 4 units of math (including Pre-calculus; 4 units of science (at least one advanced or AP); 3 units of social studies; at least 2 years of a single language during grades 9-12 including a 3rd level; 7 semester Bible courses; ½ unit of Fine Art; 1 unit of PE/health and 2 general electives.

STEM AND FINE ARTS ENDORSEMENTS

The Diploma Endorsements recognize students with strong interests in STEM or the Fine Arts who have a substantial extracurricular commitment to the areas. They support students as they explore continuing study, career, and lifetime involvement. Students must take designated coursework, make significant extracurricular commitment, participate in integrative practicum activities, and complete a culminating senior experience.

CLASS OF 2018 - AP CLASSES

1-2 APs **5%**

3-4 APs **17%**

5-6 APs **22%**

7-8 APs **17%**

9+ APs **9%**

COURSE OFFERINGS 2017-2018

Grades 7 - 12

English

English 7, 8, and 9*
World Literature 10*
American Literature 11
AP Language & Composition 11
British Literature 12
AP Literature & Composition 12

Social Studies

Civics / Georgia History
Geography & World Affairs
World History*
American Government
AP Government
Economics
U.S. History
AP U.S. History
AP European History
Psychology

*Honors and College Preparatory Offered

Mathematics

Math 7
Problem Solving
Pre-Algebra, Algebra I
Geometry*, Algebra II*
Algebra III/Trig
Statistics
Pre-Calculus*
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC

Bible

Bible 7 and 8
Comparative Religion
Family Life
Apologetics
Genesis and Romans
Christ & Culture
Christian Ethics
Old and New Testament Survey
Senior Seminar

Science

Earth Science
Environmental Science
Physical Science (Lab)
Biology (Lab)*
Advanced Biology* (Lab)
AP Biology (Lab)
Chemistry (Lab)*
AP Chemistry (Lab)
Anatomy & Physiology (Lab)
Advanced Chemistry (Lab)*
AP Physics 1 (Lab)
AP Physics 2 (Lab)

Foreign Language

Introduction to Foreign Language
Latin I, II, III*, IV*
French I, II, III*, IV*
Spanish, I, II, III*, IV*
AP Latin
AP French
AP Spanish

Physical Education

Health
Physical Education
Weight Training

Fine Arts

Art 1 and 2
AP Studio Art 2D, 3D, Drawing
Band
Chorus
Dance Team
Photography
Ceramics
Theatre

Electives

Intro. to Computer Programming
AP Computer Science
Journalism
Driver's Education
Book Club
Technology Assistant

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

First Presbyterian Day School's Elementary School was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2003 and 2015. In 2012, FPD's Middle School received this same prestigious honor from the US Department of Education.

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

First Presbyterian Day School has had 135 students receive recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation: 40 semi-finalists, 36 finalists, and 95 commended. In the past 10 years, FPD has had 10 Commended Scholars and 8 Finalists.

ACT SCORES

From the Class of 2017, 87% took the ACT and the middle 50% of scores were 21-26.

SAT SCORES

Test Results – Middle 50%

	Critical Reading/ERBW	Math	Writing
2017*	520-630	520-650	-
2016	470-620	490-630	450-570
2015	470-600	500-610	470-590
2014	500-620	520-610	480-600
2013	470-580	490-600	470-590

*Scores from this year forward reflect the Redesigned SAT.

Note: As a member of the National Association for College Admissions Counseling, we adhere to the NACAC Principles of Good Practice which requires schools to refrain from publishing mean or median college admission test scores.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Students eligible for the Georgia HOPE Scholarship must have achieved at least a 3.0 unweighted GPA in high school.

2017 – 82%	
2016 – 78%	2015 – 83%
2014 – 78%	2013 – 77%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

Tests Given

	AP Students	AP Exams
2017	154	353
2016	169	345
2015	163	319
2014	168	292
2013	168	282

AP SCORES

AP Students with Scores 3 or Higher

2017	53%
2016	57%
2015	56%
2014	60%
2013	62%

AP SCHOLAR AWARDS

See College Board website for descriptions of awards.

	Scholar	With Honor	With Distinction	National Scholar	Total
2017	39	6	6	2	51
2016	24	9	15	2	48
2015	26	12	11	1	49
2014	22	6	16	1	44
2013	23	16	6	-	45

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES OF FPD GRADUATES

Class of 2017 Acceptances in Bold | International Student Acceptances in Italics

Abraham Baldwin College	Elon University	Middle Tennessee State U.	Tuskegee University
Agnes Scott College	Embry-Riddle University	Mississippi State University	United States Military Acad.
Air Force Academy	Emmanuel College	Montreat-Anderson College	United States Naval Acad.
American University	Emory University	Morehouse College	University of Alabama
American University - Paris	Erskine College	Morris Brown College	University of Alaska Anchorage
Amer. Musical & Drama Acad.	Evergreen State College	New England Conservatory	University of Arkansas
Anderson College	Fashion Institute of Tech.	New York University	University of Colorado
Aoyama Gakuin University	Ferrum College	North Carolina School of Art	University of Florida
Appalachian State University	Florida State College	North Carolina State U.	University of Georgia
Armstrong State University	Florida State University	Northeastern University.	University of Indiana
Asbury College	Fort Valley State U.	Northwestern University	University of Iowa
Atlanta Christian College	Furman University	<i>Oberlin Conservatory</i>	University of Kentucky
Atlanta College of Art	Gainesville State College	Old Dominion University	<i>University of Maryland</i>
Auburn University	Gardner-Webb University	Oglethorpe University	<i>University of Massachusetts</i>
Augusta University	George Mason University	Oral Roberts University	University of Mass. Amherst
Ave Maria University	George Washington University	<i>Otis College of A & D</i>	University of Miami
<i>Bard College</i>	Georgia College & State U.	Oxford College	University of Michigan
Baylor University	Georgia Gwinnett College	Pace University	University of Minnesota
Belhaven College	Georgia Institute of Tech.	Palm Beach Atlantic U.	University of Mississippi
Belmont University	Georgia Military College	Piedmont College	University of Missouri
<i>Beloit College</i>	Georgia Southern University	Pellissippi State Tech. C.C.	University of North Carolina
Benedict College	Georgia Southwestern State U.	Pensacola Christian College	UNC Asheville
Berry College	Georgia State University	Pepperdine University	UNC Wilmington
Bethune-Cookman University	Gordon State College	Portland State University	University of North Georgia
Birmingham-Southern College	<i>Green River Community Coll.</i>	Presbyterian College	University of Oklahoma
Boston College	Hampden-Sydney College	Princeton University	University of Pennsylvania
Boston University	Harding University	Queens College	University of Pittsburgh
Brenau College	Harvard University	Reinhardt College	University of Rhode Island
Brevard College	Hendrix College	Rhodes College	<i>University of San Diego</i>
Brewton-Parker College	Hollins College	Roanoke College	University of the South
Brigham Young University	Houghton College	Rollins College	University of South Carolina
Brown University	Hosei University	Rutgers University	University of Southern Miss.
Bryan College	Illinois College	Saint Anselm College	University of Tennessee
Calvin College	Indiana State University	Samford University	U. of Tenn. at Chattanooga
Carson-Newman College	Indiana U. Bloomington	Savannah College of A & D	University of Texas
Central Georgia Tech. College	Indiana Wesleyan University	Shorter University	University of Vancouver
Charleston Southern U.	Jackson State University	Sophia University (Japan)	University of Vermont
Clark Atlanta University	Jacksonville University	South Georgia College	U. of Victoria (Canada)
Clemson University	Jacksonville State University	Southern Methodist University	University of Virginia
Coastal Carolina University	James Madison University	Southern Polytechnic State U.	University of West Georgia
College of Charleston	<i>Johnson & Wales University</i>	Southern Wesleyan University	University of Wisconsin
College of Coastal Georgia	Kennesaw State University	Southern Union Comm. Coll.	University of Wyoming
College of William & Mary	<i>Kent State University</i>	Spartanburg Methodist College	Utah Valley University
Colorado School of the Mines	LaGrange College	Spellman College	Valdosta State University
Colorado State University	Lawrence University	St. Andrews Presbyterian Coll.	Vanderbilt University
Columbia University	Lee University	Stetson University	Virginia Commonwealth U.
Columbus College of A & D	Liberty University	Suffolk University	Virginia Tech
Columbus State College	Lipscomb University	<i>Syracuse University</i>	Walsh University
Concordia College	Louisiana State University	Temple University	Wake Forest University
Concordia U. of Chicago	Marshall University	Tennessee State University	Waseda University
Converse College	Marquette University	Tennessee Tech. University	Washington & Lee University
Cornell University	Maryland Institute College Art	Texas A&M University	Washington State University
Covenant College	Maryville College	Texas Christian University	Wesleyan College
Dartmouth College	Mass. Institute of Technology	The Citadel	Western Carolina University
Darton College	Mass. Maritime Academy	<i>The Ohio State University</i>	Western Kentucky University
Davidson College	McGill University	Toccoa Falls College	Western Washington U.
Drexel University	Medical College of S. Carolina	Troy University	Wheaton College
Duke University	Mercer University	Trinity Western University	Wofford College
East Georgia College	<i>Michigan State University</i>	Truett-McConnell College	Young Harris College
East Tennessee State U.	Middle Georgia State U.	Tulane University	

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