



# *School Profile*

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

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# About FPD

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 campus is located on 246 acres in the suburbs of Macon and serves over 860 students from pre-kindergarten (age 3) through twelfth grade. First Presbyterian Day School's Elementary School was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2015 and 2003 by the US Department of Education. In 2012, FPD's Middle School received this same prestigious honor.

The goal of the FPD educational process is to impact the world by preparing our students for our nation's finest colleges and universities. Achieving this goal requires a curriculum that exposes students to a thoughtful sequence of study, building a foundation of knowledge in each discipline and encouraging thoughtful analysis and application. As a Christ-centered, college preparatory school, we offer an academically challenging curriculum underpinned by sound biblical principles. These same principles guide the administration of the school.

At First Presbyterian Day School, we seek not only to develop the mind of each student but to mold character as well. We partner with parents in their efforts to challenge their children to take responsibility for independent learning, develop godly discernment, make tough decisions for what is right and good, and grow in maturity. We believe that tomorrow's leaders will possess not only bright minds but also sound character.

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*It is such a blessing to have administration, teachers, coaches and fellow parents and friends who are partnering with you, trying to grow the same end result – godly kids who can truly go out and change the world.*”

## ACCREDITATION

FPD is accredited by AdvancEd Regional Accrediting Body (formally Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), the Southern Association of Independent Schools and ACSI. FPD is certified by the Council of Educational Standards and Accountability. In addition to College Board, GHSA, GISA, ACSI, 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.

## STUDENTS & FACULTY

FPD has a student body of over 860 students in 3K - 12th grade. The class of 2018 contains 93 students. FPD's faculty and staff is led by Headmaster Gregg Thompson, who has been at the helm for twenty-one years, along with Assistant Headmaster, Dr. Barry Shealy, who has been with the school for twenty years. More than 70% of faculty have a master's degree or higher. Many faculty members are active in state and national organizations and all are invested in ongoing professional growth activities.

## TECHNOLOGY

In 2013, FPD introduced our 1-to-1 Technology Initiative. Beginning in 3K, students are introduced to digital platforms that enhance FPD's curriculum. In the lower grades, students use iPads to supplement their lessons while students in grades 5-12 use school-supplied convertible tablet PCs to perform their classwork, homework, and note taking. The 1-to-1 Technology Initiative promotes critically engaged learning, meaningful and creative expression, connection to the teacher, and refinement of technology skills and abilities. It also allows greater access to educational content and opportunities to instruct students on 21st century issues.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

FPD believes that the school's vision to "educate and equip students to change the world for God's glory" is supported by student service to directly assist and contribute to positive change through serving others. FPD believes that meeting real community needs and having face-to-face time with an underserved population will greatly enhance students' understanding of the world. FPD requires students to have 120 hours of community service in ninth through twelfth grade for graduation. FPD fosters a love for service as early as elementary and middle school grades through volunteerism. In high school, the service projects are student-led, student-motivated, and student-generated. We encourage our students to discover their gifts and passions and to use them to serve others. The class of 2017 accumulated 20,410 total hours of community service and served 100 different agencies.

## COLLEGE LEVEL STUDIES

In addition to a strong college-preparation, FPD provides many opportunities for students to participate in college-level studies while still in high school.

### College Board Advanced Placement Courses

FPD offers 20 AP courses. Our exam passing rate is consistently higher than national and state averages.

#### AP Courses

Language & Composition 11	Physics I
Literature & Composition 12	Physics II
U.S. Government & Politics	Latin
U.S. History	Spanish
European History	French
Calculus AB	Music Theory
Calculus BC	Studio Art 2D, 3D, Drawing
Biology	Computer Science
Chemistry	Statistics

#### Dual Credit through Colorado Christian University

As an enhancement to our AP program, FPD offers a college credit option through CCU that can be transferred to any college that accepts dual enrollment credit. The approved courses are AP Calculus BC, AP Chemistry, AP English Language, AP Studio Art, and AP US Government.

#### Dual Enrollment through Middle Georgia State University and the "Move On When Ready Program"

During the summer, qualified FPD students may take select college courses not offered at FPD.

## HONORS COURSES

English 9	Advanced Biology
World Literature 10	Chemistry
World History	Advanced Chemistry
Geometry	Latin III, IV
Algebra II	French III, IV
Pre-Calculus	Spanish III, IV
Biology	

## DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENTS

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

## AP SCHOLARS

	Scholars	With Honor	With Distinction	Total
2017	39	6	6	51
2016	24	9	15	48
2015	26	12	11	49

## 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.

## HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

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

#### Eligibility by Year

2017	2016	2015	2014
82%	78%	83%	78%

## ACADEMIC AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Opportunities for participation in the life of FPD outside the classroom include: Student Activities Council, Student Honor Council, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Project LEAD, Middle and High School Robotics, Book Club, *Reflections* (yearbook), *SAGA* (newspaper), National Junior Classical, League (Latin Club), Le Cercle Francais (French Club), Spanish Club, Environmental Club, Mu Alpha Theta (Math Club), Entrepreneurial Club, Math Team, and Mock Trial Team.

## VARSITY SPORTS

FPD is a member of the Georgia High School Association (GHS) Class A. Sports offered include: Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Shooting Sports (GISA), Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, and Wrestling.

## FINE ARTS

In addition to fine arts curriculum, First Presbyterian Day School seeks to promote artistic interests outside the classroom through a variety of programs which include: Chorus, Literary Team, Drama Club, Art Club, Theatre, Dance Teams, the *Edda* (literary magazine), and Marching, Pep, Jazz, and Concert Bands.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Class of 2017 acceptances in Bold.  
International Student Acceptances  
in Italics.

Abraham Baldwin College  
Agnes Scott College  
Air Force Academy  
American University  
**American University - Paris**  
Amer. Musical & Drama Acad.  
**Anderson College**  
**Aoyama Gakuin University**  
**Appalachian State University**  
Armstrong State University  
Asbury College  
Atlanta Christian College  
Atlanta College of Art  
**Auburn University**  
Augusta University  
Ave Maria University  
*Bard College*  
Baylor University  
Belhaven College  
**Belmont University**  
*Beloit College*  
Benedict College  
Berry College  
Bethune-Cookman University  
**Birmingham-Southern College**  
**Boston College**  
Boston University  
Brenau College  
Brevard College  
Brewton-Parker College  
Brigham Young University  
Brown University  
Bryan College  
**Calvin College**  
Carson-Newman College  
Central Georgia Tech. College  
Charleston Southern U.  
Clark Atlanta University  
**Clemson University**  
Coastal Carolina University  
College of Charleston  
College of Coastal Georgia  
College of William & Mary  
Colorado School of the Mines  
Colorado State University  
**Columbia University**  
Columbus College of A & D  
Columbus State College  
Concordia College  
Concordia U. of Chicago  
Converse College  
**Cornell University**  
**Covenant College**  
**Dartmouth College**  
Darton College

Davidson College  
Drexel University  
**Duke University**  
East Georgia College  
East Tennessee State U.  
**Elon University**  
Embry-Riddle University  
Emmanuel College  
**Emory University**  
Erskine College  
Evergreen State College  
Fashion Institute of Tech.  
Ferrum College  
Florida State College  
**Florida State University**  
Fort Valley State U.  
**Furman University**  
Gainesville State College  
**Gardner-Webb University**  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
**Georgia College & State U.**  
Georgia Gwinnett College  
*Georgia Institute of Tech.*  
**Georgia Military College**  
**Georgia Southern University**  
Georgia Southwestern State U.  
**Georgia State University**  
Gordon State College  
*Green River Community Coll.*  
Hampden-Sydney College  
Harding University  
Harvard University  
Hendrix College  
Hollins College  
Houghton College  
**Hosei University**  
Illinois College  
Indiana State University  
Indiana U. Bloomington  
Indiana Wesleyan University  
Jackson State University  
Jacksonville University  
Jacksonville State University  
James Madison University  
*Johnson & Wales University*  
**Kennesaw State University**  
Kent State University  
**LaGrange College**  
Lawrence University  
Lee University  
Liberty University  
Lipscomb University  
**Louisiana State University**  
Marshall University  
Marquette University  
Maryland Institute College Art  
Maryville College  
Mass. Institute of Technology  
Mass. Maritime Academy  
McGill University  
Medical College of S. Carolina

**Mercer University**  
*Michigan State University*  
Middle Georgia State U.  
Middle Tennessee State U.  
**Mississippi State University**  
Montreat-Anderson College  
**Morehouse College**  
Morris Brown College  
New England Conservatory  
New York University  
North Carolina School of Art  
**North Carolina State U.**  
Northeastern University.  
Northwestern University  
*Oberlin Conservatory*  
Old Dominion University  
**Oglethorpe University**  
Oral Roberts University  
*Otis College of A & D*  
Oxford College  
Pace University  
**Palm Beach Atlantic U.**  
**Piedmont College**  
Pellissippi State Tech. C.C.  
Pensacola Christian College  
**Pepperdine University**  
Portland State University  
Presbyterian College  
Princeton University  
Queens College  
**Reinhardt College**  
Rhodes College  
Roanoke College  
Rollins College  
Rutgers University  
**Saint Anselm College**  
**Samford University**  
*Savannah College of A & D*  
**Shorter University**  
**Sophia University (Japan)**  
South Georgia College  
Southern Methodist University  
Southern Polytechnic State U.  
Southern Wesleyan University  
Southern Union Comm. Coll.  
Spartanburg Methodist College  
Spellman College  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Coll.  
Stetson University  
**Suffolk University**  
*Syracuse University*  
**Temple University**  
**Tennessee State University**  
Tennessee Tech. University  
Texas A&M University  
*Texas Christian University*  
The Citadel  
*The Ohio State University*  
Toccoa Falls College  
Troy University  
Trinity Western University  
Truett-McConnell College

Tulane University  
Tuskegee University  
United States Military Acad.  
United States Naval Acad.  
**University of Alabama**  
University of Alaska Anchorage  
**University of Arkansas**  
University of Colorado  
**University of Florida**  
**University of Georgia**  
**University of Indiana**  
University of Iowa  
University of Kentucky  
University of Maryland  
*University of Massachusetts*  
**University of Mass. Amherst**  
University of Miami  
**University of Michigan**  
University of Minnesota  
**University of Mississippi**  
**University of Missouri**  
**University of North Carolina**  
UNC Asheville  
UNC Wilmington  
**University of North Georgia**  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rhode Island  
*University of San Diego*  
University of the South  
**University of South Carolina**  
University of Southern Miss.  
**University of Tennessee**  
**U. of Tenn. at Chattanooga**  
University of Texas  
University of Vancouver  
University of Vermont  
U. of Victoria (Canada)  
**University of Virginia**  
**University of West Georgia**  
University of Wisconsin  
University of Wyoming  
Utah Valley University  
**Valdosta State University**  
Vanderbilt University  
Virginia Commonwealth U.  
**Virginia Tech**  
Walsh University  
**Wake Forest University**  
**Waseda University**  
Washington & Lee University  
Washington State University  
Wesleyan College  
Western Carolina University  
Western Kentucky University  
Western Washington U.  
Wheaton College  
Wofford College  
Young Harris College

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