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

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2017-2018

THE SCHOOL

First Presbyterian Day School (FPD), 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 825 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 342 students in the high school, grades 9-12. The 2019 senior class has 94 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 133; 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 (Exemplary School), 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, SHAPE America, 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 2018 accumulated 18,100 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

College Preparatory Track

A student must complete a minimum of 24 units for graduation consisting of the following: 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, one semester in a fine art, 1 unit in physical education, 1 unit in health, and 2 general electives.

Accelerated Track

In addition to the requirements stated above, a student must complete a minimum of 4 AP courses for a total of 10 Honors/AP courses to be considered on the Accelerated Track. A student must also complete the following elevated course requirements: 4 units of math (including Pre-Calculus), 4 units of science (including at least one advanced or AP), and a third level of a foreign language.

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 2019 - AP CLASSES

1-2 APs **12%**

3-4 APs **13%**

5-6 APs **19%**

7-8 APs **19%**

9+ APs **1%**

COURSE OFFERINGS 2018-2019

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

Science

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

Mathematics

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

Bible

Bible 7 and 8
Apologetics
Christian Ethic
Comparative Religion
Family Life
Old and New Testament Survey
Understanding Scripture

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

Foreign Language

Intro. to Foreign Language
Latin I, II, III*, IV*
French I, II, III*, IV*
Spanish, I, II, III*, IV*
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
Journalism
Driver's Education
Book Club
Technology Assistant
Yearbook

***Honors and College Preparatory Offered**

First Presbyterian Day School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality and ethnic origin in administration policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

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 U.S. 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 2018, 73% took the ACT and the middle 50% of scores were 20-26.

SAT SCORES

Test Results – Middle 50%

	Critical Reading/ERBW	Math	Writing
2018*	540-650	550-660	-
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

*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.

2018 – 80%	2015 – 83%
2017 – 82%	2014 – 78%
2016 – 78%	2013 – 77%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

	AP Students	AP Exams
2018	154	330
2017	154	353
2016	169	345
2015	163	319
2014	168	292

AP SCORES

AP Students with Scores 3 or Higher

2018	45%
2017	53%
2016	57%
2015	56%
2014	60%

AP SCHOLAR AWARDS

See College Board website for descriptions of awards.

	Scholar	With Honor	With Distinction	National Scholar	Total
2018	26	6	6	1	38
2017	39	6	6	2	51
2016	24	9	15	2	48
2015	26	12	11	1	49
2014	22	6	16	1	44

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES OF FPD GRADUATES

Class of 2018 Acceptances in Bold | International Student Acceptances in Italics

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