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“Educating and equipping students to change the world for God’s glory.”

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2020-2021

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 775 students from pre-kindergarten (age 3) through twelfth grade. Ten 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 306 students in the high school, grades 9-12. The 2021 senior class has 78 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 125; app. 71% 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, and the Association of Christian Schools International (Exemplary School). 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. FPD is also a member of the Council of Educational Standards and Accountability (CESA).

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), and Edda (literary magazine), Drama Club, National Junior Classical League (Latin Club), Spanish 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 lifelong lessons in competition, teamwork, sportsmanship and self-discipline. Since 2010-11, FPD has competed athletically in the Georgia High School Association (GHSA). Interscholastic competition include: 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 2020 will be required to have 120 hours (30 per year) to graduate. The Class of 2020 accumulated 15,000 total hours and served over 200 different agencies. The program focuses on serving directly with distressed populations.
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 Dell Latitude 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, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FINE ARTS ENDORSEMENTS

The Diploma Endorsements recognize students with strong interests in STEM, Community Service, 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 2021 - AP CLASSES

1-3 APs 28%  
4-6 APs 26%  
7-9 APs 22%

COURSE OFFERINGS 2020-2021

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  
AP Latin I, II, III*, IV*  
Spanish, I, II, III*, IV*  
AP Spanish

Physical Education
Health  
Physical Education  
Weight Training  

Electives
Journalism  
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: 36 finalists, 40 semi-finalists, and 96 commended. In the past 10 years, FPD has had 11 Commended Scholars and 8 Finalists.

**ACT SCORES**
From the Class of 2020, 58% took the ACT and the middle 50% of scores were 19-26.

**SAT SCORES**
*Test Results – Middle 50%*

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*Due to COVID-19, some students were limited in their testing attempts.*

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.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS**

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<td>2016</td>
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**AP SCHOLAR AWARDS**
*See College Board website for descriptions of awards.*

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<td>9</td>
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**HOPE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY**
*Students eligible for the Georgia HOPE Scholarship must have achieved at least a 3.0 unweighted GPA in high school.*

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<td>2020 – 80%</td>
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<td>2019 – 81%</td>
<td>2016 – 78%</td>
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<td>2018 – 80%</td>
<td>2015 – 83%</td>
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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES OF FPD GRADUATES

Class of 2020 Acceptances in Bold | International Student Acceptances in Italic

Abraham Baldwin College
Agnes Scott College
Air Force Academy
American University
American University of Paris
Amer. Musical & Dramatic 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
Ball State University
Bard College
Baylor University
Belhaven University
Belmont University
Belmont Abbey College
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
Brigham Young U.-Idaho
Brown University
Bryan College
Calvin College
Carson-Newman College
Central Georgia Tech. College
Centre College
Charleston Southern University
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Cleveland Institute of Music
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 University of Chicago
Converse College
Cornell University
Covenant College
Dallas Baptist University
Dartmouth College
Darton College
Davidson College
DePaul University
DePauw University
Drexel University
Drew University
Duke University
Duquesne University
East Georgia State College
East Tennessee State University
Elon University
Emory & Riddle University
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Erskine College/Eckerd College
Evergreen State College
Fashion Institute of Technology
Ferrum College
Florida State College
Florida State University
Fort Valley State University
Furman University
Gainesville State College
Gardner-Webb University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgia College & State U.
Georgia Gwinnett College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Military College
Georgia Southern University
Georgia Southwestern State U.
Gordon State College
Grantsville State College
Green River Community College
Greensboro College
Greenville University
Guilford College
Hamden-Sydney College
Harding University
Harvard University
Hendrix College
Hollins College
Houghton College
Hosei University
Howard University
Huntingdon College
Illinois College
Indiana State University
Indiana University Bloomington
Indiana Wesleyan University
Jackson State University
Jacksonville State University
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
Kennesaw State University
Kent State University
LaGrange College
Lawrence University
Lee University
Lehigh University
Liberty University
Limestone College
Lipscomb University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount
Marshall University
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Maryville College
Massachusetts Institute of Tech.
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
McGill University
Medical College of South Carolina
Mercer University
Messiah College
Methodist College
Michigan State University
Middle Georgia State
Middle Tennessee State University
Mississippi State University
Moncton College
Morehouse College
Morris Brown College
New England Conservatory
New York University
North Carolina School of Art
North Carolina State University
North Greenville University
Northeastern University
Northern State University
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin Conservatory
Old Dominion University
Oglethorpe University
Oral Roberts University
Otis College of Art & Design
Oxford College
Pace University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pellissippi State Community Coll.
Pennsylvania State University
Pensacola Christian College
Piedmont College
Pepperdine University
Pitt State University
Presbyterian College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Queens College
Renhardt University
Rensselaer Polytechnic University
Rhodes College
Roanoke College
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Saint Anselm College
San Diego State
Samford University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of A & D
Savannah State University
Shorter University
Sophia University
South Carolina State College
South Georgia Technical College
Southern Methodist University
Southern Polytechnic State U.
Southern Wesleyan University
Southern Union Community Coll.
Spartanburg Methodist College
Spelman College
St. Andrews Presbyterian College
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
The Open University of Hong Kong
Toccoa Falls College
Troy University
Trinity Western University
Truett McConnell College
Tulane University
Tuskegee University
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Arkansas
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of Cal, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Colorado
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois
University of Indiana
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
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 Montana
University of North Alabama
University of North Carolina
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of North Georgia
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
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
University of the South
University of Texas at Chattanooga
University of Toronto
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of West Georgia
University of Wisconsin
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wyoming
Valdosta State University
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Virginia Wesleyan
Wake Forest University
Waseda University
Washington & Lee University
Washington State University
Wesleyan College
Western Carolina University
Western Kentucky University
Western Washington University
Wingate University
Wisconsin Lutheran
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic
Young Harris College