



School Profile

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 840 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.



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.”

– FPD Parent

ACCREDITATION

FPD is accredited by AdvancEd Regional Accrediting Body (formally Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). It is certified by the Council of Educational Standards and Accountability CESA. In 2018, FPD was one of a few select schools to be recognized as an Exemplary School by ASCI.

In addition, FPD holds membership in the GHSA, GISA, GSCA, SACAC, the College Board, and the National Association of College Admission Counselors, complying 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 840 students in 3K - 12th grade. The class of 2019 contains 94 students. FPD's faculty and staff is led by Head of School, Gregg Thompson, who has been at the helm for twenty-two years, along with Assistant Headmaster, Dr. Barry Shealy, who has been with the school for twenty-one 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 2018 accumulated 18,100 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.

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
2018	26	6	6	38
2017	39	6	6	51
2016	24	9	15	48

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.

2018	2017	2016	2015
80%	82%	78%	83%

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, TOME Literacy Society, *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 (GHSA) 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 2018 acceptances in bold.

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 State 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
Centre College
Charleston Southern U.
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Coastal Georgia College
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 University
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
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.
Gulf Coast State College
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
Ohio State University
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 State 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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