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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 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 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.

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 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

Fine Arts

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

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%

	Critical Reading/ERBW	Math	Writing
2020*	500-640	510-630	
2019	530-650	530-650	-
2018	540-650	550-660	-
2017	520-630	520-650	-
2016	470-620	490-630	450-570

**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.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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

2020 – 80%	2017 – 82%
2019 – 81%	2016 – 78%
2018 – 80%	2015 – 83%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

	AP Students	AP Exams
2020	129	286
2019	141	290
2018	154	330
2017	154	353
2016	169	345

AP SCORES

AP Students with Scores 3 or Higher

2020	62%
2019	51%
2018	56%
2017	66%
2016	61%

AP SCHOLAR AWARDS

See College Board website for descriptions of awards.

	Scholar	With Honor	With Distinction	National Scholar	Total
2020	22	8	7	0	37
2019	27	6	5	0	38
2018	26	6	6	1	38
2017	39	6	6	2	51
2016	24	9	15	2	48

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES OF FPD GRADUATES

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

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