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

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2023-2024

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 791 students from pre-kindergarten (age 3) through twelfth grade. Twenty-three 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 275 students in grades 9-12. The 2023 senior class has 74 students. FPD students support an Honor Code system and pledge not to cheat, lie, or steal.

THE FACULTY

The school has a faculty and staff of 143; 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 (SAIS), Council of Educational Standards and Accountability (CESA) and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI-Exemplary School). In addition to College Board, 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, Honor Council, National Honor Society, Art Club, Chess Club, Pickleball Club, Computer Science Club, Chorus, Pep Club, Praise Band, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Project LEAD, Robotics, Literary Team, Book Club, Reflections (yearbook), EDDA (literary magazine), Drama Club, National Junior Classical League (Latin Club), Spanish Club, History Club, Mu Alpha Theta (Math Club), Mock Trial Team, Theatre, Dance Teams, Marching, Pep, Jazz and Concert Bands.

Interscholastic athletics are also available. From the Fall of 2010 until Spring of 2022, FPD competed in the Georgia High School Association. Interscholastic competitions include: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, competition cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, shooting team, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball and wrestling. Entering Fall of 2022, FPD will compete in the Georgia Independent Athletic Association (GIAA).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Beginning in 2010-11, FPD students were required to have a community service requirement for graduation. The Class of 2024 will be required to have 120 hours (30 per year) to graduate. The Class of 2023 accumulated 10,000 total hours and served over 100 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 officially 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 2024 - AP CLASSES

1-3 APs **17%**

4-6 APs **24%**

7-9 APs **29%**

COURSE OFFERINGS 2022-2023

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 and 2 (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 & 8
Apologetics
Christian Ethic
Comparative Religion
Family Life
Old & 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 & 2
AP Studio Art 2D, 3D, Drawing
Band
Theatre Dance Styles
Photography
Ceramics
Theatre

Electives

Book Club
Technology Assistant
Yearbook
Current Events
Entrepreneurial
Design & Modeling
AP Computer Science

***Honors and College Preparatory Offered**

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 12 Commended Scholars and 4 Finalists.

ACT SCORES

From the Class of 2023, 37% took the ACT and the middle 50% of scores were 18-24.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

	AP Students	AP Exams
2023	117	250
2022	134	294
2021	115	260
2020	129	286
2019	141	290

SAT Scores Middle 50%

	Critical Reading/ERBW	Math
2023	520-630	500-620
2022*	510-610	510-610
2021*	520-620	490-620
2020*	500-640	510-630
2019	530-650	530-650

*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.

2023 – 85%	2020 – 80%
2022 – 84%	2019 – 81%
2021 – 81%	2018 – 80%

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.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES OF FPD GRADUATES

Class of 2023 Acceptances in Bold | International Student Acceptances in Italics

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