



# Friends School

OF BALTIMORE

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## DID YOU KNOW?

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### College Choice

Over the last three years, **91% of our graduates** were accepted at one of their first-choice colleges. See the full listing of Class of 2011 College Matriculations at: [friendsbalt.org/upper/collegguidance](http://friendsbalt.org/upper/collegguidance).

### National Merit Scholars

Each year, approximately **20% of Friends School seniors** are recognized in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

### SATs

The Friends School **average SAT score** over the last three years was **1925**. The average score for the State of Maryland in that period was 1502. Currently, the national average SAT score is 1509.

### AP Exams

Of seniors taking the AP Exams over the last two years, **89% scored a 3 or better**, and **66% scored 4-5**, qualifying them for intermediate- or advanced-level college placement.

### Science and Math

On average in the Upper School, **86% of students take four years** of Science and Math, although only three years of each are required for graduation.

### 'Math Counts'

Our Middle School "Math Counts" team has consistently **qualified for the Maryland State Competition since 1985**, finishing as high as second place and sending four students on to the National Competition.

### Foreign Language

Of our Upper School students, **30% receive top awards** in State, National and International competitions in French, Spanish and Russian.

### Award-Winning Newspaper

The Friends Upper School student newspaper, *The Quaker Quill*, has been recognized for several years by the Columbia University Press as a **premier high school newspaper**.

### Mock Trial

The Upper School Mock Trial team **won the 2011 Baltimore City Circuit Championship** in April, earning a slot in the "elite eight" State District round.

### College Preparation

In annual surveys, our graduates comment about the high **quality of the teaching** they received at Friends, the **effective college counseling**, and the excellent preparation for demanding college courses and routines.

### Interscholastic Sports

This year we offer **19 different interscholastic sports** for Upper School students and 12 for Middle School students. In addition we also offer some non-interscholastic sports (see reverse).

### Multi-Sport Athletes

All of our Middle and Upper School students (100%) participate in athletics, and **greater than 50% participate** in more than the one required After-School Sport per year.

### Music and Art

Among our Middle and Upper School students, **100% take Music and/or Art elective courses** in their time at Friends. All students in Grades 4 and 5 perform in band or orchestra. Music and Art courses are scheduled during the school day so they do not conflict with After-School Sports.

### Lower School 'Specials'

Coursework for students in Pre-K through Grade 5 includes instruction in **science, physical education, music, art, library and computer technology** taught by specialists in their fields.

### Financial Aid

**Over 27% of Friends students** in Pre-K through Grade 12 received financial aid this year.

### Students of Color

**About 25% of Friends students** are students of color.

### Quaker Philosophy

Quakers quietly try to "Let their life speak" and believe "There is that of God in everyone." It is the basis for our school's philosophy. The Quaker religion has no doctrine, so Friends School is very **comfortable for students from different religious backgrounds**, or from no religious background.

► **Interscholastic Athletics\***

	<b>Upper School JV/Varsity Teams</b>	<b>Middle School A/B/C</b>
<b>FALL</b>	Boys Cross Country Girls Cross Country Field Hockey Football Boys Soccer Girls Soccer Girls Tennis Girls Volleyball	Field Hockey Football Boys Soccer Girls Soccer
<b>WINTER</b>	Boys Basketball Girls Basketball Girls Indoor Soccer Squash Wrestling	Boys Basketball Girls Basketball Girls Indoor Soccer Squash Wrestling
<b>SPRING</b>	Girls Badminton Baseball Coed Golf Boys Lacrosse Girls Lacrosse Softball Boys Tennis	Baseball Boys Lacrosse Girls Lacrosse Softball

► **Art Electives**

<b>Upper School</b>	<b>Middle School*</b>
Studio Art <i>(4 Course Levels)</i>	6th grade Fine Arts Activities
Art Major <i>(3 course levels)</i>	7th/8th Fine Arts Activities
Computer Graphics <i>(2 course levels)</i>	
Photography <i>(3 course levels)</i>	
Art Theory <i>(2 Course Levels)</i>	
Digital Photography	
Animation	
Audio/Visual Production	

\* Studio Art is offered twice a week in the Middle School curriculum.

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► **Non-Interscholastic Athletics**

	<b>Upper School</b>	<b>Middle School*</b>
<b>FALL</b>	Dance Weight Training/Fitness	Dance Cross Country Tennis Indoor Soccer Flag Football
<b>WINTER</b>	Dance Weight Training/Fitness	Dance
<b>SPRING</b>	Boys Badminton Dance Weight Training/Fitness	Dance Tennis

\* Boys Interscholastic teams are members of the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA).

\* Girls Interscholastic teams are members of the Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland (IAAM).

\* Physical Education is offered twice a week in the Middle and Upper schools.

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► **Music Electives**

<b>Upper School</b>	<b>Middle School*</b>
Wind Ensemble	6th Grade Band
Jazz Ensemble	6th Grade Orchestra
Orchestra	6th Grade Chorus
Concert Chorale	7th/8th Grade Band
Chamber Choir	7th/8th Grade Orchestra
Music Major	7th/8th Grade Chorus
Music Theory	7th/8th Grade Select Chorus
Broadway Theater Workshop	A Cappella Group

\* General Music is offered twice a week in the Middle School curriculum.