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"Educating and equipping students to change the world for God's glory."

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2014-2015

THE SCHOOL

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 school is located on 102 acres in the suburbs of Macon and serves 953 students from pre-kindergarten (age 3) through twelfth grade. Twelve 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 386 students in the high school, grades 9-12. The 2016 senior class has 97 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 134; app. 70% 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 (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), the Southern Association of Independent Schools, and is certified by the Council of Educational Standards and Accountability. 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, AAHPERD, 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, Student Honor Council, National Honor Society, Chorus, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Project LEAD, Robotics, Literary Team, Book Club, Reflections (yearbook), SAGA (newspaper), and Edda (literary magazine), Drama Club, National Junior Classical League (Latin Club), Le Cercle Français (French Club), Spanish Club, Environmental Club, Entrepreneurship 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 includes: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, competition cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, soccer, lacrosse, gymnastics, softball, tennis, swimming, 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 2016 will be required to have 120 hours (30 per year) to graduate. The Class of 2015 accumulated 15,497 total hours and served over 200 different agencies. The program focuses on serving 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

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

Our curriculum provides for two track options, either college-prep or accelerated, for graduation:

College-preparatory track: a student must complete a minimum of 24 units; 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, ½ unit of Fine Art, 1 unit in PE/health and 2 general electives.

Accelerated track: a student must complete a minimum of 24 units and complete a minimum of 4 AP courses for a total of 10 Honors/AP courses. A student must complete the following: 4 units of English; 4 units of math (including Pre-calculus; 4 units of science (at least one advanced or AP); 3 units of social studies; at least 2 years of a single language during grades 9-12 including a 3rd level; 7 semester Bible courses; ½ unit of Fine Art; 1 unit of PE/health and 2 general electives.

1-TO-1 TECHNOLOGY

Students in grades 5-12 receive a Lenovo X230 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 OF 2016 - AP CLASSES

8+ AP's 11% 7 AP's 9% 6 AP's 8% 5 AP's 14% 4 AP's 4% 3 AP's 7% 2 AP's 8% 1 AP 11%

COURSE OFFERINGS 2015-2016

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

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

Mathematics

Math 7
Problem Solving
Pre-Algebra, Algebra I
Geometry*, Algebra II*
Algebra III/Trig
Statistics
Pre-Calculus*
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC

Bible

Bible 7 and 8
Comparative Religion
Family Life
Genesis and Romans
Christ & Culture
Life of Christ
Old and New Testament Survey
Senior Seminar

Science

Earth Science
Environmental Science
Physical Science (Lab)
Biology (Lab)*
Advanced Biology* (Lab)
AP Biology (Lab)
Chemistry (Lab)*
AP Chemistry (Lab)
Anatomy & Physiology (Lab)
Advanced Chemistry (Lab)*
AP Physics 1 (Lab)
AP Physics 2 (Lab)

Foreign Language

Introduction to Foreign Language
Latin I, II, III*, IV*
French I, II, III*, IV*
Spanish, I, II, III*, IV*

***Honors and College
Preparatory Offered**

Physical Education

Health
Physical Education
Weight Training

Fine Arts

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

Electives

Intro. to Computer Programming
AP Computer Science
Journalism
Driver's Education
Book Club
Technology Assistant

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

First Presbyterian Day School's Elementary School was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2003. In 2012, FPD's Middle School received this same prestigious honor from the US Department of Education.

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

First Presbyterian Day School has had 123 students receive recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation: 37 semi-finalists, 32 finalists, and 95 commended. In the past 5 years, FPD has had 28 Commended Scholars and 7 Finalists.

ACT SCORES

From the Class of 2015, 74% took the ACT and the middle 50% of scores were 21-26.

SAT SCORES

Test Results – Middle 50%

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
2015	470-600	500-610	470-590
2014	500-620	520-610	480-600
2013	470-580	490-600	470-590
2012	500-620	510-640	490-610

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.

2015 - 83%

2014 - 78%

2013 - 77%

2012 - 80%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

Tests Given

	AP Students	AP Exams
2015	163	319
2014	168	292
2013	168	282
2012	150	253

AP SCORES

AP Students with Scores 3 or Higher

2015	56%
2014	60%
2013	62%
2012	77%

AP SCHOLARS

	Scholar	With Honor	With Distinction	National Scholar	Total
2015	26	12	11	1	49
2014	22	6	16	1	44
2013	23	16	6	-	45
2012	32	8	10	-	50

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES OF FPD GRADUATES

*Class of 2015 Acceptances in Bold
100% College Acceptance Rate in 2015*

Abraham Baldwin College	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U.	McGill University (Canada)	Troy University
Agnes Scott College	Emmanuel College	Medical College of Georgia	Trinity Western U.
Air Force Academy	Emory University	Medical College of S. Carolina	Truett-McConnell College
American University	Erskine College	Mercer University	Tulane University
Amer. Musical & Drama Acad.	Fashion Inst. of Tech.	Middle Georgia College	Tuskegee University
Armstrong Atlantic U.	Ferrum College	Middle Georgia State U.	United States Military Acad.
Appalachian State	Florida State College	Middle Tennessee State	United States Naval Acad.
Asbury College	Florida State University	Mississippi State University	University of Alabama
Atlanta Christian College	Fort Valley State U.	Montreat-Anderson College	University of Alaska Anchorage
Atlanta College of Art	Furman University	Morris Brown College	University of Colorado
Auburn University	Gainesville State College	New England Conservatory	University of Florida
Augusta State College	George Mason University	New York University	University of Georgia
Bard College	George Washington Univ.	North Carolina School of Art	University of Indiana
Baylor University	Georgia College & State U.	North Carolina State U.	University of Iowa
Belhaven College	Georgia Gwinnett College	Northeastern University	University of Kentucky
Belmont College	Georgia Institute of Tech.	North Ga. College & State U.	University of Massachusetts
Beloit College	Georgia Military College	Northwestern University	University of Michigan
Berry College	Georgia Regents University	Oberlin Conservatory	University of Minnesota
Bethune-Cookman University	Georgia Southern University	Old Dominion University	University of Mississippi
Birmingham-Southern College	Georgia Southwestern St.	Oglethorpe University	University of North Carolina
Boston University	Georgia State University	Oxford College	UNC-Wilmington
Brenau College	Gordon State College	Pace University	University of North Georgia
Brevard College	Green River C.C.	Piedmont College	University of Oklahoma
Brewton-Parker College	Hampden-Sydney College	Pensacola Christian College	University of Pennsylvania
Brigham Young University	Harding University	Presbyterian College	University of Pittsburgh
Brown University	Harvard University	Princeton University	University of Rhode Island
Bryan College	Hendrix College	Queens College	University of the South
Carson-Newman College	Hollins College	Reinhardt College	University of South Carolina
Central Ga. Tech. College	Houghton College	Rhodes College	University of Tennessee
Charleston Southern U.	Illinois College	Roanoke College	University of Texas
Clark Atlanta University	Indiana State University	Rollins College	University of Vancouver
Clemson University	Indiana U. Bloomington	Rutgers University	University of Vermont
Coastal Carolina	Indiana Wesleyan University	Samford University	U. of Victoria (Canada)
College of Charleston	Jackson State University	Savannah Coll. of Art & Design	University of Virginia
College of Coastal Georgia	Jacksonville University	Shorter University	University of West Georgia
Colorado School of the Mines	Jacksonville State University	Sophia University (Japan)	University of Wisconsin
Colorado State University	James Madison University	South Georgia College	University of Wyoming
College of William & Mary	Johnson & Wales U.	Southern Methodist University	Utah Valley University
Columbus State College	Kennesaw State University	Southern Polytechnic State U.	Valdosta State College
Concordia College	LaGrange College	Southern Wesleyan University	Vanderbilt University
Concordia U. of Chicago	Lee University	Southern Union Comm. Coll.	Virginia Commonwealth U.
Converse College	Liberty University	Spartanburg Methodist College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Cornell University	Lipscomb University	Spellman College	Wake Forest University
Covenant College	Louisiana State University	St. Andrews Presbyterian Coll.	Washington & Lee U.
Dartmouth College	Macon State College	Stetson University	Wesleyan College
Davidson College	Marquette University	Tennessee Tech. U.	Western Carolina University
Drexel University	Maryland Inst. College Art	Texas A&M University	Wheaton College
Duke University	Maryville College	The Citadel	Wofford College
East Georgia College	Mass. Institute of Technology	Toccoa Falls College	Young Harris College
East Tennessee State U.	Mass. Maritime Academy		

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, national and ethnic origin in administration policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.