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

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2015-2016

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 920 students from pre-kindergarten (age 3) through twelfth grade. Sixteen 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 388 students in the high school, grades 9-12. The 2017 senior class has 90 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, AASPERD, 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, 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 2017 will be required to have 120 hours (30 per year) to graduate. The Class of 2016 accumulated 20,410 total hours and served over 200 different agencies. The program focuses on serving distressed populations.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

CEE/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 HP Elite X2 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

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.

STEM AND FINE ARTS ENDORSEMENTS

The Diploma Endorsements recognize students with strong interests in STEM 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 2017 - AP CLASSES

1-2 APs **18%**

3-4 APs **11%**

5-6 APs **21%**

7-8 APs **19%**

9+ APs **8%**

COURSE OFFERINGS 2016-2017

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

Honors and College Preparatory Offered*Mathematics**

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

Bible

Bible 7 and 8
 Comparative Religion
 Family Life
 Apologetics
 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*
AP Latin
AP Spanish

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 and 2015. 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 126 students receive recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation: 38 semi-finalists, 33 finalists, and 97 commended. In the past 10 years, FPD has had 26 Commended Scholars and 8 Finalists.

ACT SCORES

From the Class of 2016, 81% took the ACT and the middle 50% of scores were 21-27.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

Tests Given

	AP Students	AP Exams
2016	169	345
2015	163	319
2014	168	292
2013	168	282
2012	150	253

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES OF FPD GRADUATES

Class of 2016 Acceptances in Bold | International Student Acceptances in Italics

SAT SCORES

Test Results – Middle 50%

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
2016	470-620	490-630	450-570
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.

AP SCORES

AP Students with Scores 3 or Higher

2016	57%
2015	56%
2014	60%
2013	62%
2012	77%

AP SCHOLAR AWARDS

See College Board website for descriptions of awards

	Scholar	With Honor	With Distinction	National Scholar	Total
2016	24	9	15	2	48
2015	26	12	11	1	49
2014	22	6	16	1	44
2013	23	16	6	-	45
2012	32	8	10	-	50

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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

2016 – 78%	
2015 – 83%	2014 – 78%
2013 – 77%	2012 – 80%

Abraham Baldwin College
 Agnes Scott College
 Air Force Academy
 American University
American Musical & Drama Academy
Appalachian State
Armstrong Atlantic U.
 Asbury College
 Atlanta Christian College
 Atlanta College of Art
Auburn University
 Augusta State College
Ave Maria University
Bard College
 Baylor University
 Belhaven College
Belmont College
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
 Carson-Newman College
 Central Ga. Tech. College
 Charleston Southern U.
 Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
 Coastal Carolina
College of Charleston
 College of Coastal Georgia
 College of William & Mary
 Colorado School of the Mines
 Colorado State University
Columbus College of A & D
 Columbus State College
 Concordia College
 Concordia U. of Chicago
 Converse College
 Cornell University
 Covenant College
 Darton College
 Davidson College
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 East Georgia College
 East Tennessee State U.

Embry-Riddle U.
 Emmanuel College
Emory University
 Erskine College
Evergreen State College
 Fashion Inst. of Tech.
 Ferrum College
 Florida State College
Florida State University
 Fort Valley State U.
Furman University
 Gainesville State College
Gardner-Webb U.
 George Mason University
 George Washington U.
Georgia College & State U.
 Georgia Gwinnett College
Georgia Institute of Tech.
Georgia Military College
 Georgia Regents University
Georgia Southern University
Georgia Southwestern St.
Georgia State University
 Gordon State College
Green River C.C.
 Hampden-Sydney College
 Harding University
 Harvard University
 Hendrix College
 Hollins College
 Houghton College
 Illinois College
 Indiana State University
 Indiana U. Bloomington
 Indiana Wesleyan University
 Jackson State University
 Jacksonville University
 Jacksonville State University
 James Madison University
Johnson & Wales U.
Kennesaw State University
Kent State University
 LaGrange College
Lawrence University
 Lee University
 Liberty University
 Lipscomb University
Louisiana State University
Marshall University
 Marquette University
 Maryland Inst. College Art
 Maryville College
 Mass. Institute of Technology
 Mass. Maritime Academy
 McGill University (Canada)
 Medical College of Georgia

Medical College of S. Carolina
Mercer University
Michigan State University
Middle Georgia State U.
 Middle Tennessee State U.
 Mississippi State University
 Montreat-Anderson College
 Morris Brown College
 New England Conservatory
 New York University
 North Carolina School of Art
 North Carolina State U.
 Northeastern University
 North Ga. College & State U.
 Northwestern University
Oberlin Conservatory
 Old Dominion University
Oglethorpe University
Oral Roberts University
Otis College of A & D
 Oxford College
 Pace University
 Piedmont College
Pellissippi State Tech. C.C.
 Pensacola Christian College
Portland State University
Presbyterian College
 Princeton University
 Queens College
 Reinhardt College
Rhodes College
 Roanoke College
 Rollins College
 Rutgers University
Samford University
Savannah College of A & D
Shorter University
 Sophia University (Japan)
 South Georgia 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
Syracuse University
 Tennessee Tech. U.
 Texas A&M University
The Citadel
The Ohio State University
 Toccoa Falls College
Troy University
 Trinity Western U.
 Truett-McConnell College

Tulane University
 Tuskegee University
 United States Military Acad.
 United States Naval Acad.
University of Alabama
 University of Alaska Anchorage
 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 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
 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
 Washington & Lee U.
Washington State U.
 Wesleyan College
Western Carolina University
Western Kentucky University
Western Washington U.
 Wheaton College
Wofford College
 Young Harris College

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