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

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2024-2025

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 782 students from pre-kindergarten (age 3) through twelfth grade. Twenty-seven 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 268 students in grades 9-12. The 2025 senior class has 67 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 144; app. 69% 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 Cognia, 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 CollegeBoard, 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 2025 will be required to have 120 hours (30 per year) to graduate. The Class of 2024 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 2025 - AP CLASSES

1-3 APs 16%	4-5 APs 15%	6-7 APs 37%
	8-9 APs 13%	

COURSE OFFERINGS 2024-2025

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 7 Commended Scholars and 1 Finalists.

ACT SCORES

From the Class of 2024, 55% took the ACT and the middle 50% of scores were 18-27.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

	AP Students	AP Exams
2024	128	252
2023	117	250
2022	134	294
2021	115	260
2020	129	286

SAT Scores Middle 50%

	Critical Reading/ERBW	Math
2024	520-660	500-630
2023	520-630	500-620
2022*	510-610	510-610
2021*	520-620	490-620
2020*	500-640	510-630

*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.

2024—84%	2021 – 81%
2023 – 85%	2020 – 80%
2022 – 84%	2019 – 81%

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 2024 Acceptances in Bold | International Student Acceptances in Italics

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