

SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL

2008 - 2009 School Profile

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THE SCHOOL

Sandy Spring Friends School was founded in 1961 by S. Brook Moore, a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) to teach his version of the three R's: respect, responsibility, and reverence. An independent, co-educational, college preparatory school for students of diverse cultural, ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds, the School is situated on 144 acres in the historic Sandy Spring area of Montgomery County, Maryland, 20 miles north of Washington, D.C. The School offers classes from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12, with five and seven-day boarding available in Grades 9 through 12.

Sandy Spring Friends School develops the trained mind, the skilled hand, and the healthy body within a nurturing community centered in the Life of the Spirit. The School provides a challenging academic program combined with stimulating opportunities in the arts, athletics, and community service. All features of school life are strongly influenced by the Quaker values of simplicity, equality, honesty, stewardship of the environment, and peaceful resolution of conflict.

Sandy Spring Friends School prepares its students for college, to enjoy learning throughout life, and to become useful, constructive, and caring citizens of the world. Our mission is most clearly stated in our motto, words taken from George Fox, the founder of the Society of Friends: "Let Your Lives Speak."

2008-2009 Enrollment Information

Total School Enrollment (Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 12): 571

Upper School Enrollment (Grades 9 - 12): 251

Class of 2009 Enrollment: 67

Upper School Students of Color: 50 (20% of Upper School Enrollment)

Upper School International Students: 41 (16% of Upper School Enrollment. Countries of Origin - Bhutan, China, Ethiopia, India, Iraq, Korea, Sierra Leone, Taiwan, and Vietnam)

ACCREDITATION

The School is approved by the Maryland State Board of Education and accredited by the Association of Independent Maryland Schools, and holds membership in the following:

* National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) * Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS) * Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington (AISGW) * Friends Council on Education (FCE) * Secondary School Admission Test Board (SSAT) * Education Records Bureau (ERB) * National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC) * Potomac and Chesapeake Association of College Admissions Counselors (PCACAC) * Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools * The College Board * Black Student Fund * Friends School of Maryland and the District of Columbia

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Academic Calendar follows a semester system. Those courses, which meet 45 minutes daily for a semester, receive one-half credit, with a full year course receiving one credit. A student must successfully meet the following graduation requirements in order to receive a Sandy Spring Friends School diploma:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of History (including U.S. History)
- 3 years of Mathematics
- 3 years of Science
- 3 years of a Foreign Language
- 3 years of Arts
- 1 semester of Quakerism
- 2 Athletic activities each year
- Community Service and Stewardship Hours (50 hours of each)
- Intersession (one- to two-week experiential learning program held each spring)

Please refer to the opposite page for a full listing of courses taught at Sandy Spring Friends School.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE SCALE

H = 5.00*	A+ = 4.33	A = 4.00	A- = 3.66	B+ = 3.33	B = 3.00
B- = 2.66	C+ = 2.33	C = 2.00	C- = 1.66	D+ = 1.33	D = 1.00
D- = 0.66	F = 0.00				

*An honors grade (H) is reserved for singular work that not only exceeds highest expectation but also reveals deep and possibly new insight into the subject matter. Because of this, it transcends the superior understanding required of A level work.

RANK IN CLASS

Sandy Spring Friends School has a policy of not ranking students. We do, however, compute Grade Point Averages using the above unweighted scale. All students take a rigorous college preparatory curriculum with emphasis on the liberal arts. All graduating seniors are candidates for selective college admission.

CLASS OF 2009 SAT I and ACT RESULTS *(Through June, 2008)*

SAT I	Mid-50% Range	Median	ACT	Mid-50% Range	Median
Critical Rdg.	560-660	600	Composite	24 – 27	26
Math	570-670	630	National	76-90%	86%
Writing	540-650	620	Percentile		

UPPER SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS *(as of July, 2008)*

A total of 97 Upper School students (80% of 11th & 12th graders) took 171 AP exams in May, 2008. 65% of the exams resulted in a score of three (3) or higher. AP exams were given in the following subjects: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, English Literature/Composition, Environmental Science, French Language, Music Theory, Spanish Language, Statistics, and U.S. History. Additionally, 12 students were named AP Scholars, 2 students were named AP Scholars with Honor, and 4 students were named AP Scholars with Distinction.

English courses include:

Ninth Grade English	Tenth Grade English	Topics in American Literature I&II
Modern Dystopian Novels	Expository Writing I & II	American Literature I & II
Dramatic Literature I & II *	Russian Literature I & II *	Philosophy & Literature I & II
ESL Tutorial	English as a Second Language	Comedy and Humor
Beginning and Advanced Levels (ESL)	Composition &	Literary Influences in Text & Film
Advanced Composition &	Literature (ESL)	British Literature I & II *
Literature (ESL)	African American Literature	The Short Story
Satire	Poetry	African Literature

History courses include:

Ninth Grade Cultural Geography	U.S. History and Government*	Tenth Grade Western Civilization
Soviet and Modern Russian History	Imperial Russian History	African American History
Native American History	World and U.S. History (ESL)	Modern China
Islam in the Modern World	History and Cinema	African American History & Thought
Globalization: Progress or Imperialism?	Introduction to Psychology	Africa in the 21st Century
Italia-Sicilia		

Mathematics courses include:

Algebra I	Pre-Calculus	Multivariable Calculus
Algebra II	Statistics *	Advanced Topics in Mathematics I & II
Geometry A or Geometry B	Calculus AB	Calculus BC

Science courses include:

Foundations of Science	Geology of Natural Hazards	Bioethics
Biology	Advanced Biology	Science (ESL)
Chemistry	Global Climate Change	Advanced Chemistry *
Environmental Science *	Physics	

Foreign Language courses include:

French I II III IV & AP*	Spanish I II III IV & AP*
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Arts courses include:

Arts and Ideas I & II +	Operetta	Instrumental Music
Drawing and Painting	Chorus	Music Theory *
Weaving and Fibers	Handbells	Drama Production
Woodworking	Ceramics	Advanced Drama
Desktop Publishing/Yearbook	Printshop	Video Production/One Acts
Modern Dance	Choreography	Art History *

+ This required, writing-intensive survey course explores the development of music, fine art, architecture, literature and dance in Western civilization from the fall of Rome to the present.

Elective courses include:

Quakerism	American Culture I & II (ESL)
Newspaper I & II	Grammar Writing Workshop (ESL)

Interscholastic Sports and Physical Activities

Soccer	Basketball	Lacrosse
Cross Country	Track & Field	Golf
Baseball	Softball	Tennis
Volleyball	Yoga	Athletic Conditioning
Modern Dance	Ultimate Frisbee	Field Games

* Indicates Advanced Placement level courses

**COLLEGES ACCEPTING
SSFS STUDENTS 2003-2008**
* indicates one or more students
matriculated

Allegheny College
American University*
Bard College
Barnard College*
Bates College*
Beloit College*
Bennington College*
Berklee College of Music*
Boston College*
Boston Conservatory*
Boston University*
Bowdoin College
Brevard College*
Brigham Young University*
Brown University*
Bryn Mawr College*
Bucknell University
Carleton College
Carlton University, Canada*
Carnegie Mellon University*
Case Western Reserve University*
Catholic University*
Central St. Martin's London*
Chicago Art Institute*
Clark University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University*
College of Charleston
College of Santa Fe
College of William & Mary*
College of Wooster*
Colorado College*
Columbia College*
Columbia University
Concordia University, Canada
Connecticut College*
Cornell University*
Dartmouth College*
Davidson University
Davis & Elkins University
DePaul University
Dickinson College*
Drew University*
Drexel University*
Duke University*
Duquesne University
Earlham College*
Eckerd College*
Elizabethtown College
Elon University*

Emerson College*
Emory University*
Eugene Lang University*
Evergreen State College
Florida Institute of Technology*
Florida Southern College*
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College*
Frostburg State University*
George Mason University*
George Washington University*
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College*
Goucher College*
Grinnell College*
Guilford College*
Hampshire College*
Haverford College*
Hofstra University*
Hood College
Howard University*
Indiana University, Bloomington
Ithaca College*
James Madison University*
Johns Hopkins University*
Juniata College*
Kalamazoo College*
Keene State College*
Kenyon College*
Kettering University*
Knox College*
Lafayette College*
LaSalle University
Lawrence University
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Liberty University*
Loyola College of Maryland*
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University New Orleans*
Macalaster College
Manhattenville College*
Maryland Institute College of Art
McDaniel College*
McGill University, Canada
Mercer University*
Miami University of Ohio*
Michigan State University*
Michigan Tech University*
Middlebury College
Mills College*
Moore College of Art*
Muhlenberg College*

New York University*
New York University, Tisch School of the Arts*
Northeastern University*
Oberlin College
Occidental University*
Ohio State University*
Ohio Wesleyan University*
Old Dominion University*
Penn State University, University Park*
Philadelphia University*
Pitzer College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Reed College*
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Technology
Rhode Island School of Design*
Rochester Institute of Technology*
Roger Williams University*
Rose Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts*
Salisbury State University*
Sarah Lawrence College*
Savannah College of Art
Seattle University*
Skidmore College*
Smith College*
Southern Methodist University*
St. Francis University*
St. John's College*
St. John's University
St. Joseph's University
St. Lawrence University
St. Mary's College of Maryland*
Stanford University*
Stevens Institute of Technology
SUNY, Binghamton*
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University*
Texas A&M University
Towson University*
Trent University, Canada*
Trinity College
Trinity University*
Tufts University*
Tulane University*
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of California, Riverside*
University of Colorado
University of Delaware*

Univ. of Edinburgh, Scotland*
University of Florida
University of Guelph, Wales
University of Hartford
University of Illinois, Chicago*
Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*
Univ. of Maryland, Baltimore County*
Univ. of Maryland, College Park*
University of Massachusetts*
University of Miami
University of Miami of Ohio
University of Michigan*
University of Nevada*
Univ. of North Carolina, Asheville*
Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*
Univ. of North Carolina, Greensboro*
Univ. of North Carolina, Wilmington*
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Ottawa, Canada*
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh*
University of Richmond
University of Rochester*
Univ. of Southern California*
University of Tennessee*
University of the Arts*
University of the Pacific
University of Redlands
University of St. Andrew's, Scotland
University of the South
University of Toronto, Canada*
University of Utah*
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wales, Cardiff
University of Washington*
University of Wisconsin*
Ursinus College*
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College*
Villanova University*
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*
Wake Forest University*
Washington College*
Washington University, St. Louis*
Wellesley College
Wesley College
Wesleyan University*
Wheaton College*
Whittsburg University*
Whittier College*
Worcester Polytechnic Institute*