



New Garden FRIENDS SCHOOL

New Garden Friends School seeks to be an inclusive, innovative educational community guided by Quaker beliefs and committed to honoring and developing each person's gifts.



New Garden Friends School is located in Greensboro, North Carolina, and is the Triad's only independent preschool through 12th grade school guided by Quaker faith and practice, and built upon the long-held standards of extraordinary Friends schools. New Garden Friends School was founded in 1971 with the goal of educating children from differing backgrounds together in a positive, affirming, and safe environment.

The New Garden Friends School experience is defined by rigorous academic preparation for college, weekly Meeting for Worship, and monthly school-wide participation in service. These shared practices reflect our emphasis on community and equality. Students are challenged to both see themselves as agents of change and to actively engage in the needs of the world around them.

NEW GARDEN FRIENDS SCHOOL FACTS AND STATS

Enrollment

Total School Enrollment: 275

Upper School Enrollment (grades 9-12): 80

Accreditation

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Southern Association of Independent Schools

Memberships

Friends Council on Education

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)

North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (NCAIS)

Triad Association of Non-Public Schools

Highlights of Our Program

- 35 acres, two campuses
- State-of-the-art science lab
- 18,500-square-foot arts and athletics facility
- 500-seat stage facility
- Music room with integrated sound and technology
- Fully equipped art studios including kiln and tools for three-dimensional sculpture
- Two gyms
- Soccer field
- Cross country course
- One-to-one Chromebooks in Middle and Upper School.
- Online courses available for grades 9-12
- Individualized college counseling for grades 7-12
- Dual enrollment program with Guilford College



UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Students enjoy academics, arts, and athletic opportunities that are experiential and hands-on. The Upper School experience provides a balanced, nurturing environment where students can excel academically, while learning the value of hard work, personal integrity, and social responsibility. We stress the importance of research and the use of primary sources. Coursework is designed to cultivate a passion for inquiry that enhances critical thinking, collaboration, and discernment.

A Comprehensive College Preparatory Path

An advisory approach offers individualized college counseling that begins in the 7th grade. Our dual-enrollment partnership with Guilford College gives students opportunities to gain real-life college experience, and transferable college credits.

Theory into Practice, Compassion into Action

Students learn to respect and practice truth, and to know the various ways it can be found - through scientific investigation, creative expression, conversation, worship, service within the school community, and beyond.

SERVICE LEARNING

The service learning program is a cornerstone of the New Garden Friends School experience. At NGFS, we are not content to put the work of many into the hands of only those few who are naturally empathetic. In our daily practice, we help students learn to listen and see the concerns of others. Students come to own these skills and as they grow, they become aware of the needs of the community. No longer content to simply learn about social issues, they take initiative and want to become active participants in solutions. Service is an integral part of the NGFS experience, and many of our former students point to these experiences as the beginning of a lifelong commitment to “mending the world.”



ARTS

At New Garden Friends School, the arts are an integral part of our curriculum. While there is overwhelming brain research to justify the arts contribution to academic proficiency, there is something far more critical at stake when we sit down to determine how our students will spend the valuable hours of their school days.

Features of the program include:

- Partnership with Greensboro Performing Arts for drama and dance; a play is put on each year in the Upper School
- Guitar program for grades 7-12
- Private instrumental music lessons
- Comprehensive visual arts program featuring ceramics, painting, drawing, graphic design, photography, and more.

ATHLETICS

Teamwork opens up a world of opportunity where students experience the thrill of playing on a team, while working together for a common purpose. Some of our students' best memories are those shared either on the field or cheering from the sidelines. The true benefit comes from experiences on and off the field that develop character and teach responsibility and leadership. New Garden Friends School's is a member of the Carolina Athletic Association for Schools of Choice. Our athletes have the opportunity to compete for championships at the conference and state level. All students are encouraged to join one of our teams. Varsity sports offered include boys' soccer, girls' tennis, girls' volleyball, co-ed cross country, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, boys' tennis, girls' soccer, co-ed golf. We are proud to offer equestrian, fencing, and chess as well.



QUAKER VALUES

Quakers (also known as the Religious Society of Friends) believe there is that of God in everyone. This belief is intrinsic to the fabric of our school and is seen in the daily interactions between all members of our community. Respect for one another is modeled by teachers, role-played by students, and experienced as the fundamental piece of who we are as a school. It is evident in the small moments that make up our days.

DUAL ENROLLMENT PARTNERSHIP WITH GUILFORD COLLEGE

Our partnership with Guilford College is part of our larger vision to offer students far more than core. As a small school, we endeavor to know our students well, provide them with a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, and advise them thoughtfully. Combining these practices with access to the vast course catalog of Guilford, gives our curriculum an increased breadth and depth. Named as a “College that Changes Lives,” we know that at Guilford, our students are immersed in the Quaker principles that are an integral piece of their NGFS experience.

Qualified juniors and seniors may take up to two classes per semester at Guilford College. Students can choose from more than 40 plus academic classes offered. These classes, which offer credit for both NGFS and the College, are included in the cost of NGFS tuition. Course credits from Guilford College are transferable college credits, unlike AP credits which many selective colleges will not accept. In the past, some of our students have graduated from high school with a college minor completed!



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

The following institutions are among those offering admission to recent NGFS graduates.

Agnes Scott College
American University
Appalachian State University
Bard College
Barry University
Barton College
Bates College
Bennett College
Brevard College
Broward College
Campbell University
Catawba College
Clark Atlanta University
College of Charleston
Colorado State University
Converse College
Davidson College
Earlham College
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emory & Henry College
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Ferrum College
Furman University
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology

Goucher College
Greensboro College
Grinnell College
Guilford College
Hampton University
Haverford College
High Point University
Hollins University
Howard University
Johnson & Wales University
Lees-McRae College
Linfield College
Longwood University
Louisburg College
Lynchburg College
Manhattanville College
Mary Baldwin College
Meredith College
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina State University
Peace College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Roanoke College
Salisbury State University
Savannah College of Art & Design
St. Andrews University
Sweet Briar College

SUNY Buffalo
Syracuse University
Tennessee Tech University
Trinity College
UNC Asheville
UNC Chapel Hill
UNC Charlotte
UNC Greensboro
UNC Pembroke
UNC Wilmington
University of Colorado
University of Dallas
University of Denver
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Mississippi
University of Tennessee
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University
Western Oregon University
Whitman College
Whittier College
Wichita State University
Willamette University
Wingate University