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’ volleyball, co-ed cross country, co-ed flag football, boys’ basketball, girls’ basketball, boys’ tennis, co-ed golf, and chess team.

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.
COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION
The following institutions are among those offering admission to recent NGFS graduates.

Agnes Scott College  Goucher College  SUNY Buffalo
American University  Greensboro College  Syracuse University
Appalachian State University  Grinnell College  Tennessee Tech University
Bard College  Guilford College  Trinity College
Barry University  Hampton University  UNC Asheville
Barton College  Haverford College  UNC Chapel Hill
Bates College  High Point University  UNC Charlotte
Bennett College  Hollins University  UNC Greensboro
Brevard College  Howard University  UNC Pembroke
Broward College  Johnson & Wales University  UNC Wilmington
Campbell University  Lees-McRae College  University of Colorado
Catawba College  Linfield College  University of Dallas
Clark Atlanta University  Longwood University  University of Denver
College of Charleston  Louisburg College  University of Illinois at Chicago
Colorado State University  Lynchburg College  University of Mississippi
Converse College  Manhattanville College  University of Tennessee
Davidson College  Mary Baldwin College  Wake Forest University
Earlham College  Meredith College  Warren Wilson College
East Carolina University  North Carolina A&T State University  West Virginia University
Eckerd College  North Carolina State University  Western Carolina University
Elon University  Peace College  Western Oregon University
Emory & Henry College  Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  Whitman College
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  Roanoke College  Whittier College
Ferrum College  Salisbury State University  Wichita State University
Furman University  Savannah College of Art & Design  Willamette University
George Mason University  St. Andrews University  Wingate University
Georgia Institute of Technology  Sweet Briar College

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