



NEW GARDEN FRIENDS SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE

2023-24

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New Garden Friends School in Greensboro, North Carolina, is an independent preschool through 12th grade school guided by the Quaker values of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equity, and stewardship. Built upon the long-held standards of extraordinary Friends schools, a challenging, relevant curriculum defines the New Garden Friends School experience. Our commitment is to build the competencies students need to listen deeply, communicate clearly, collaborate effectively, and think critically.

Our Mission

Guided by Quaker values, New Garden Friends School is committed to being an inclusive educational community that honors and develops each person's gifts.

Commitment to Diversity

Grounded in the Quaker principle of honoring that of God in everyone and a dedication to social justice, New Garden Friends School seeks to be a part of a greater community that embraces diversity in all of its dimensions. Our belief in the power and promise of diversity encompasses people of different religious beliefs, economic and cultural backgrounds, races, nationalities, sexual orientations, genders, gender identities, gender expressions, physical and mental abilities, and ages.

NEW GARDEN FRIENDS SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

Enrollment

Total School Enrollment: 263
Upper School Enrollment (grades 9-12): 76
Upper School Student Teacher Ratio: 5:1
Students of Color: 36%
Students Receiving Financial Assistance: 33%

Accreditation

Southern Association of Independent Schools

Memberships

Friends Council on Education
National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
North Carolina Association of Independent Schools

Evaluation and Grading

New Garden Friends School grades on 10-point grading scale with 60 as the passing grade. Students also receive two narrative evaluations per year that provide a rich and comprehensive portrait of how they are progressing, both intellectually and socially. New Garden Friends School computes GPAs (grade point average) on a 4.0 scale for all Upper School students, and honors classes receive no additional weight. GPAs are calculated from grades received in courses taken only at NGFS during grades 9 through 12. Classes taken for Dual Enrollment at local colleges are not factored into a student's GPA, but students will earn 1.0 high school credit for successfully completing a 3-credit hour college course. New Garden Friends School does not rank students or present awards.

Upper School Curriculum and Service Learning

The Upper School experience provides a nurturing environment where students can excel academically while learning the value of hard work, personal integrity, and social responsibility. At New Garden Friends School, students have both the honor and the responsibility of being known. We embrace our obligation to help students find their voices and at the same time, guide them to appreciate that other voices are equally valuable, even when they present opposing perspectives. Led by Quaker practice, we also regularly use silence to encourage self reflection and communal awareness.

Students enjoy academic, art, and athletic opportunities that are experiential and hands-on. Coursework is designed to cultivate a passion for inquiry that enhances critical thinking, collaboration, and discernment. While the academic program offers students both breadth and depth of study across the curriculum, the faculty emphasizes quality of study over quantity.

One school day per month, students complete a day of service at various partner nonprofit organizations. In addition, students must complete independent service hours, with the required hours increasing each year of high school. In the 12th grade, students complete an independent project within the service learning program. This project provides students an opportunity to focus their service work on an area of importance and interest to them. It also allows them to reflect on their experiences in life and learning in the context of a Friends education.

Dual Enrollment

While New Garden Friends School offers some advanced coursework, our partnerships with three local colleges are the cornerstone of our college preparatory curriculum. Our dual enrollment program is part of our larger vision to prepare students for college coursework and nurture their unique interests and strengths. Access to these schools' vast course catalogs, as well as their library and online resources, gives our curriculum an increased breadth and depth.

Our policy is that students take all core subject classes at New Garden Friends School, so only in exceptional circumstances (like students demonstrate a need for extra challenge or have scheduling conflicts) do students take English, math, science, and history from one of our partner colleges.

Advanced Course Offerings

Honors Algebra 1
Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra 2
Honors Precalculus
Honors Calculus

Honors World History 1
Honors World History 2
Honors US History
Honors English 9
Honors English 10/11
Honors English 12

Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics
Honors Spanish 3

Course Load

A normal course load for students consists of six year-long courses. Classes are held 4 days per week and are 55 minutes long with rotating block periods on Wednesdays.

NGFS Graduation Requirements

English	4
Math	4
History	3, US History
Science	3, Biology and one other lab science
World Language	2 consecutive years of the same language
Electives <i>must include one visual or performing art</i>	1
PE	1
Service Learning	4, including senior service project

NGFS College Acceptances Class of 2023

(88% of the Class of 2023 applied to and were admitted to 4-year colleges; 6% applied to and were admitted to 2-year colleges)

Agnes Scott College	Mary Baldwin University
American University	Meredith College
Appalachian State University	NC A&T State University
Belmont Abbey College	Pfeiffer University
Bridgewater College	Princeton University
Catawba College	Queens University
Colorado College	Roanoke College
Columbia College - Chicago	Sarah Lawrence College
Davidson College	Skidmore College
Earlham College	UNC-Asheville
Elon University	UNC-Chapel Hill
Franklin and Marshall College	UNC-Charlotte
Greensboro College	UNC-Greensboro
Guilford College	Union College
Guilford Technical Community College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Hamilton College	Virginia Military Institute
Haverford College	Warren Wilson College
Hollins University	Wesleyan University
Kenyon College	Western Carolina University
Lenoir Rhyne University	Wingate University

**Bold type indicates matriculation*

