

FRIENDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL: FACT SHEET

Friends Community School was founded by Adelphi Friends Meeting in 1986 to provide the families in Prince George's County and neighboring communities with a school that offers a rich educational program in a values-based environment. We treasure a diverse population.

It is the fundamental belief of Quakers that there is that of God in each person. Each of us has the capacity to be loving, wise and talented. Students in our school are treated with respect. They have opportunities to explore their own values and to be involved in service to others. We want our children to feel empowered to make a difference in the world.

Our academic program is vigorous and developmental, taking into account the progression of stages children experience as they grow. Expectations and activities are planned to encourage each child's natural unfolding. All of our students learn through first-hand experiences, field trips, and personal interaction. They love to learn, know how to learn, and advance to leading high schools area-wide.

In grades 1-4, students are placed in multi-aged classrooms spanning two grade levels. This arrangement enables us to meet a variety of social and learning needs. It also offers continuity as children expect to be in one room for two years. In grades 5-8, students are taught by subject-dedicated teachers, as befits their academic abilities and needs. All students partake in an exciting program of reading and writing, math, science, social studies, art, music, Spanish, and physical education. Class size averages 12 students per teacher in kindergarten (with part-time aide), 16 students per teacher in grades 1-4 (12 in math); and 14 students per teacher in grades 5-8. The overall student-teacher ratio is 8:1.

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Length of School Day (K-4): 8:20 am – 2:45 pm – M, T, TH, F
8:20 am – 2:00 pm – Wednesday

Length of School Day (5-8): 8:20 am – 3:15 pm – M, T, TH, F
8:20 am – 2:00 pm – Wednesday

Extended Day Care: 7:40 am – 8:20 am – Daily
2:45 pm – 6:00 pm – M, T, TH, F
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Wednesday
\$7.25/hour

Tuition for 2011 – 2012 (K-4): \$15,770 – Monthly and Semester payment plan options available

Tuition for 2012 – 2012 (5-6): \$16,250 – Monthly and Semester payment plan options available

Tuition for 2011 – 2012 (7-8): \$18,120 – Monthly and Semester payment plan options available

Tuition for the 2012-2013 school year will be set by the Board of Trustees in January 2012.