

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, Montgomery County, and other 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 begins with a developmental kindergarten. This means that teachers have studied the progression of stages that children experience as they grow. Expectations and activities are planned to take into account the child's natural unfolding. All the children in our school learn through first-hand experiences, field trips and personal interaction.

In grades 1-6, 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 7 & 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. The pupil-teacher ratio averages 16:1 in grades 1 through 8, and 12:1 in kindergarten.

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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 – Wednesdays only

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

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

Tuition for 2009 – 2010 (K-4): \$14,330 – Monthly and Semester payment plan options available

Tuition for 2009 – 2010 (5-6): \$14,610 – Monthly and Semester payment plan options available

Tuition for 2009 – 2010 (7-8): \$16,450 – Monthly and Semester payment plan options available

Tuition for the 2010-2011 school year will be set by the Board of Trustees in January 2010.