



THE GEORGE SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRAM



YOU HAVE GOALS.
**A thirst for learning and
a desire to expand your
world—and improve
upon it—are what drives
you. At George School,
our distinctive academic
program gives you the
tools—and the support—
to discover how best to
*let your life speak.***

[Click here](#) to learn more
about the academic program
and the research behind it.

Choices, challenges—and time to breathe. Our academic year consists of seven terms, each five weeks in length. You'll take up to four courses each term, and class periods are 75 minutes long. The schedule includes strategically placed free time throughout each week and term. With guidance from faculty advisors, you'll organize a schedule that prepares, challenges, and excites you—while teaching you how you manage your time.



Rooted in research. Developed by experts in the field of adolescent education, our schedule is grounded in the latest studies on how individuals best comprehend, retain, and recall information and focuses on developing skills that are critical to thrive in today's world.

Rigor without rigidity.

Our college-preparatory academic program provides options to challenge yourself. With over 240 courses offered, there are endless possibilities to accelerate in a subject, explore areas of interest in a single term, and pursue advanced coursework with AP (Advanced Placement) and IB (International Baccalaureate) courses.



A lived global experience.

Live and learn in a community that celebrates diversity, with peers from over 20 states and 40 countries. Grounded in the Quaker belief that we are called to recognize the light within each individual, you'll learn about cultures, beliefs, and traditions in the classroom, dining hall, residence hall, and all across our beautiful campus.

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Being able to customize my schedule lets me map out a future course plan with my advisor, but the seven-term schedule also allows me to focus on classes one week at a time. I like change, and I like being able to engage with just four classes during the five weeks of each term.

ZACHARY H. '24

Our daughter has grown in her love of learning and sense of self. Namely, in her general confidence, strength of conviction, developing and employing strategies to manage school/life balance, and more confidence in navigating interpersonal relationships with peers, faculty, and staff. This is due in large part to the fact that it is clear that the Light within her and her own unique version of living the Quaker values is nurtured and celebrated.

AMY K. P '26, Parent of Abby K. '26

A big theme in our academic program is listening to multiple perspectives and being open to having your worldview widened by what others bring to George School.

LAURA KINNEL, Director of Studies

We want to encourage our students to stay the course; our job is to put wind in their sails and help them understand that it will be okay even if it's hard—the difficulty is where some of the best learning happens. We want every student to reach a point where they're challenged, and that's a different point for each student.

HAMILTON DAVIS, Math Department Head

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YOU BE CURIOUS—WE’LL BE FLEXIBLE.

Our Academic Program provides challenging college preparation and opportunities to take a five-week, standalone course or commit to a more in depth, multi-term study of a subject. Support around course planning each year ensures your core coursework and graduation requirements are met (and often exceeded!).

Accelerate in a subject that you love. Within our college preparatory program, students have flexibility in how much time they spend on a particular subject. Take more than one language, or switch from one language to another; accelerate in a discipline to reach more advanced coursework.

“I like math, and I wanted to get more ahead during tenth grade. I met with my advisor to talk about doubling up my math coursework, and she thought it was a good idea. It helped me to get a better and fuller understanding of it, and let me learn with a group of classmates on a similar pathway.”
Lexi M. '25

Craft your four years in alignment with your goals and interests. Having agency in course planning from the start of ninth grade inspires deep engagement in the learning process and prepares you to find your future after George School.

“I have been able to gain knowledge that I can continue to grow. I can apply what I have learned in my classes to the future no matter what I do in college.”
Muke A. '24

9TH GRADE SAMPLE SCHEDULE

1 SEPT	2 OCT	3 NOV-DEC	4 JAN-FEB	5 FEB-MAR	6 APR	7 MAY-JUNE
	Chinese 1	Intensive Chemistry	English 9	AP Human Geography	Chinese 1	Adv Algebraic & Geometric Analysis
Intensive Chemistry	AP Human Geography		Adv Algebraic & Geometric Analysis		AP Human Geography	Advanced Topics In Chemistry
Film	Adv Algebraic & Geometric Analysis	English 9		Chinese 1	Film	Faith, Responsibility, & Service
Essentials Of A Friends Community	Film	Intro To Programming	AP Human Geography	Intensive Chemistry	English 9	Faith, Responsibility, & Service

This is one of hundreds of possible schedules.
[Click here](#) to view more sample schedules.

Have deep discussions with your peers about the issues affecting the world today.

Deep listening with respect for each individual is central to Quaker educational philosophy. Students learn this skill effectively in ninth grade and continue to develop it both inside and outside the classroom throughout their George School journey.

"Essentials of a Friends Community" and "Faith, Responsibility, and Sustainability" [one-term courses required for all 9th grade students] are discussion-based courses that are very open. I felt like I could talk about some of my views that everybody might not have agreed with. We could have civil discourse."

Abby K. '26

Explore what you're curious about.

The ninth and tenth grade curriculum is designed to provide you and your peers with a common foundation with room for 1 to 3, one-term elective courses. Most of the one-term electives open to ninth and tenth grade students can serve as prerequisites for more advanced courses, including IB and AP courses.

"I take one-term courses in things I haven't tried before. I may not want to commit to three terms of something, but I want to see what it's like. For example, last year I took statistics for one term. I wasn't planning to study statistics further, but after taking that course, I plan on taking AP Statistics this year."

Kevin G. '25

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to explore
our course
offerings.



MAKE LEARNING INCREDIBLE.

Participate in the lived global experience. We are one of only a few US boarding schools to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program, a rigorous academic program which offers a second, globally recognized diploma. Our IB Diploma completion rate has been well above the international average for the last ten years. Close to 25% of our seniors graduate with an IB diploma and many more experience IB coursework as part of their George School experience, earning IB certificates in individual subjects.

"IBDP students are ensured a holistic education through an intensive liberal arts experience. Through practice in critical writing, interdisciplinary connection, self-study, and independent research, students learn 21st century skills within an internationally-minded framework, preparing them for an ever-changing world."

Kim McGlynn, IB Program Coordinator

[Click here](#) to learn
more about the
IB Program.

ENGAGE WITH THE WORLD

Learn how to think locally and globally.

Service and experiential learning has been woven into the George School curriculum for 75 years. Travel around the corner and around the globe to experience cultures, study societal issues, and think about how you can best use your unique strengths in service to your community.

[Click here](#) to learn more about service and travel.

"I took two courses to prepare for my service-learning trip to Greece; one on Greek mythology, and one on media literacy with focus on the refugee crisis in Greece. I had never created a podcast before, but our teachers taught us how to use the equipment and ran through a few mock interviews with us before the trip. It was moving to see the refugees use the podcast as an opportunity to share their real stories with other people."

Franklyn Y. '23



RECENT TRAVEL LOCATIONS

Belize, Bonaire, Botswana, Costa Rica, Greece, India, Italy, Netherlands, New Orleans, Philadelphia, South Africa, Tanzania, Turkey, Vietnam

CHART YOUR OWN COURSE WITH EXPERT GUIDANCE.

Grounded in community. At George School, we are all about choices—AP, IB, service-learning—and we will teach you how to navigate them. With the help of a strong and vibrant community, you will be supported as you create your own path—one that is as challenging as it is rewarding.

"I think one of the biggest benefits of the seven-term schedule is not only creating deeper relationships, but feeling empowered to communicate better with both the teacher and yourself—understanding what you need. You find your voice through one-on-one conversations with teachers and by building supportive relationships."

Christine Z. '24

[Click here](#) to learn more about academic support.



FIND YOUR FUTURE.

At its heart, George School is a place where each student is celebrated for who they are and challenged and supported by faculty and peers in an academic program that promotes creativity, innovation, and empathy. Living and learning with students from all over the world, you'll begin to build the foundation to launch your future, but always have a place to call home.

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QUESTIONS?

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