



# Olney Friends School

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## **School Profile**

Olney Friends School is a college-preparatory, Quaker boarding high school enrolling sixty students. We have a teaching faculty of twelve. All of our students are accepted to a four-year college before they graduate. Our average SAT score is 1510/2400; our average ACT score is 28. We are accredited by ISACS, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, and a member organization of NAIS. The class of 2009 has 19 students, including students from China, Vietnam, Rwanda, Korea, Ethiopia and India.

## **Academic Curriculum**

Our academic curriculum is both challenging and diverse. Each full year course is worth one credit. Humanities is an integrated study incorporating literature, English language and history. It meets for twice the length of a typical class, and is worth two credits (English and history). Students must complete eight Humanities, three mathematics, three lab science, and two foreign language credits to graduate. Other requirements include one health class, three religion classes, four fine arts classes, and one practical skills class (such as outdoor skills). Additionally, students choose to participate in electives, in areas ranging from science (astronomy and science writing) to the humanities (women's studies, anthropology, and specialized literature and history courses). Students must take a total of 22 credits to graduate. We offer AP courses in calculus, physics and literature. All seniors must write a twenty-page formal research paper in order to graduate. Seniors are also exposed to college-level texts and seminar-style discussions during senior Humanities. All students must be accepted at a four-year college to graduate.

We grade on a 4.0, unweighted scale. We do not rank our students. In such small classes with such competitive students, class rank would not accurately assess the quality of our students. In accordance with the general ethic of the school, we prefer that students challenge themselves for their own sake and not out of competition with other students. Accordingly, we do not offer awards, academic or otherwise, and do not distinguish students by placing them on honor lists.

## **Co-curriculum**

Aside from rigorous academic classes, students participate in an unusually demanding co-curricular schedule that occupies much of the day. All students compete in sports / physical education at least twice a week all year long, for all four years. Many choose to participate in sports every day. Students are responsible for cleaning the entire school every day, rotating through different areas. They also work on the school's organic garden. Students are also required to complete formal community service every year. Every day, students meet in various self-governed committees, and often join faculty committees for long-range planning (for example, the curriculum committee). Ambitious students can also take leadership positions on student dorm staff, disciplinary committee, and other student-led organizations. Each morning and evening, and then twice a week for longer periods, students participate in collected silent worship in the manner of Friends.

## **Disclaimer**

Olney Friends School transcripts do not include transcript information from a student's prior schools. Transcript and grade information from institutions other than Olney Friends School should be requested through the student or their family.