



## GIRARD COLLEGE

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**Dr. Heather D. Wathington, President**

### Founding and Mission

Open since 1848, Girard College was formed by an unprecedented act of philanthropy by French immigrant and merchant, Stephen Girard. We ensure every student the opportunity and the means to achieve excellence and preparation for advanced education through purposeful academic and residential programs.

### Core Values

Expectations for Girard students are based on our core values: **Respect. Responsibility. Integrity. Courage. Compassion.** Each of these values is supported by a set of belief statements that guide our interactions every day.

### Community and School

Girard College is a 5-day boarding school located in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia on a historic 43-acre campus. We serve academically capable students, grades 1 through 12, from families with limited financial resources and headed by a single parent or guardian. We provide full scholarships to all of our students. Girard College’s total enrollment for the 2020-21 School Year is 296 students (grades 1-12) of which 121 students are in grades 9-12. 27 students are in the graduating senior class. Total number of faculty assigned to the high school is 14.

### Administrative Team

Mr. A.J. Ernst, Dean of High School  
Mr. John Young, Associate Dean of High School  
Mr. Jon Tucker, Vice President of Student Life  
Mr. James Turner, Dean of Residential Life

### Student Achievement Team

Ms. Tammi Schulman, College & Career Counselor  
Ms. Summer Sheridan-Zabre, Director of Student Achievement  
Ms. Sierra Stark, Academic Counselor  
Ms. Jackie Russak, LCSW  
Ms. Jordan Twine, LCSW

### Graduation Requirements

Students are required to take 22 credits to graduate. A single credit is earned from a full year of study. The academic year is divided into 4 quarters.

Subject	Credits
English	4
Science	3
Mathematics	4
History	4
World Language	3
Physical Education	2*
Art	1
Music	1
<b>Minimum Total for Graduation</b>	<b>22</b>
*Students may receive credits for participating in an athletic activity.	
All students must participate in the First Year and College Seminars, ACT or SAT test preparation courses, and the Social Impact Program.	

## Curriculum

Girard College offers a rigorous curriculum consisting of a four-year core sequence of English, Social Science, Science, and Mathematics courses. While providing a basic structure, students have considerable latitude in their progression, with an ability to focus on those topics they find most interesting and to choose quests and projects accordingly. In addition to this core curriculum, students select from subjects like Art, Spanish, Robotics, Principles of Engineering, and Design Thinking to complete their schedules.

The academic year is structured so that students can pursue intensive study intercessions and summer sessions. Courses emphasize the development of skills over the acquisition of facts, with the goal to move students beyond *knowledge that* to *knowledge how* and *knowledge why*. Within courses, students learn the key skills specific to that subject while also developing higher level thinking skills, critical and creative engagement skills, collaboration and communication skills, as well as the essential habits that underlie making these skills an intrinsic part of student thinking.

## Grading Policy

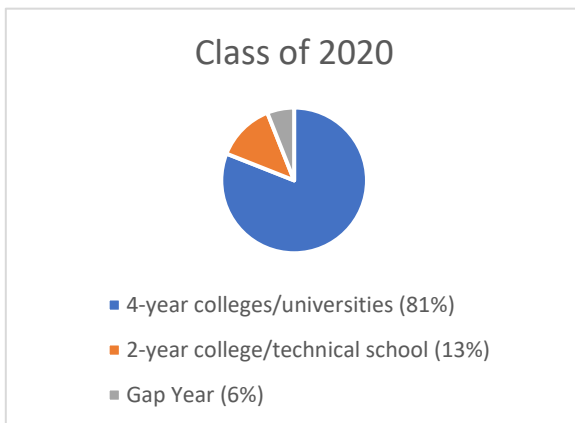
Grades and GPA value are computed according to the following rubric:

- Performance – 60% (Skills, quizzes, projects, artifacts)
- Process – 40% (Engagement, effort, timeliness, participation)

A+ (98-100+) 4.3	A (93-97%) 4.0	A- (90-92%) 3.7
B+ (87-89%) 3.3	B (83-86%) 3.0	B- (80-82%) 2.7
C+ (77-79%) 2.3	C (73-76%) 2.0	C- (70-72%) 1.7
NC = No Credit D+ (69%) or lower (not included in GPA calculations)		
Program classes such as FYS and College Seminar will be graded on a P/F scale		

## Post-Secondary Plans – Class of 2020

94% of the Class of 2020 (30 of 32 graduates) enrolled in post-secondary institutions.



## Scholarship Information

Students graduating in the Class of 2020 earned \$257,316 in merit and need-based scholarships and awards.

## College Acceptances – Class of 2020

Berklee College of Music (2)

Bucks County Community College

Cabrini University (3)

Community College of Philadelphia (2)

Holy Family University

Howard University

Indiana Institute of Technology

Kutztown University

La Salle University

Lincoln University

Malone University

Morehouse College (2)

Pennsylvania State University,  
University Park (2)

Temple University (2)

Thomas Jefferson University, East Falls (2)

University of Pittsburgh, Bradford (2)

University of Virginia

Virginia Union University

West Chester University (2)