



Girard College School Profile 2023-24

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Characteristics

- Founded in 1848 by Stephen Girard through the single-largest American philanthropic act
- A coeducational boarding school for academically capable, low-to-moderate income students
- All students receive full scholarships
- Located in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia on a historic 43-acre campus
- High School Enrollment: 130 students from mid-Atlantic region; anticipated 2024 graduates: 34
- 100% are students of color
- High school student-to-teacher ratio: 7:1
- Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

Academics

- Students were completely remote from March 2020 to February 2022. This presented unique challenges for our students based on their living situations, socioeconomic status, and more. Most students lacked extracurricular activities during this time.
- Teachers work as mentors, supporting student inquiry, practice, and mastery.
- Small classes enable personalized learning and propel individual growth.
- Vertical alignment prioritizes deeper learning, allowing students to revisit core concepts each year as they progress through core subject areas.
- We are committed to elevated student agency, encouraging academic learning to expand into the Philadelphia region, often leading to internships or special projects.
- Wrap-around services, including counselors and social workers, support student mental health.

Postsecondary Outcomes – Class of 2023

- 100% (27 students) of the Class of 2023 pursued postsecondary education
- 26 enrolled in a four-year school
- 1 enrolled in cosmetology school

SAT/ACT Summary – Class of 2024

SAT: 33 Test Takers

Section	Mean
Evidence based reading and writing	499
Mathematics	460
Combined	959

ACT: 34 Test Takers

Section	Mean
English	18.5
Mathematics	17.7
Reading	18.7
Science	16.9
Composite	18.1

Grading Scale

A+ (97-100+%) 4.3	A (93-96%) 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
D+ (67-69%) 1.3	D (65%-66%) 1.0	F (64 and below) 0

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Courses Available to the Class of 2024

The learning journey for students at Girard is a carefully sequenced set of individualized experiences with skills that build on previous years' courses. For this school year and moving forward, we are using the company Savvas for curricula in core classes (Math, English, Science, and History).

<p>9th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Math I (Algebra I) - English I - Science - World History - Spanish I / French I - Elective Options: Art, Physical Education, Music Studio, Choir 	<p>10th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Math II (Geometry) - English II - Science II (Biology) - History II (US History) - Spanish II / French II - Elective Options: Health, STEAM, Independent Art, Band, Music Studio
<p>11th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Math III (Algebra II) - English III (Advanced American Literature) - Advanced Biochemistry - History III (Economics) - Spanish III / French III - College Seminar - Elective Options: My Community & Yours, Personal Finance, Art, Band 	<p>12th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Precalculus - English IV (World Literature) - Human Anatomy & Physiology - United States Government - Senior Project - Senior Seminar - Elective Options: French IV, Band, Choir, Protest Art, Women in Art, Nutrition, 3-D Sculpture, Personal Finance

Total possible AP courses: 0

Total possible Honors courses: 0

Representative Sample of Postsecondary Destinations 2018-23 (listed alphabetically)

Albright College
 Allegheny College
 College of the Holy Cross
 Community College of Philadelphia
 Delaware State University
 East Stroudsburg University
 Harvard University
 Howard University
 Jacksonville University
 Lehigh University
 Lycoming College
 Montclair State University
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Temple University
 The College of New Jersey
 Trinity College
 University of Delaware
 Ursinus College
 West Chester University
 Widener University
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