



GREENSBORO DAY SCHOOL

Upper School Profile: 2016-17

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Greensboro Day School, founded in 1970, is an independent, nonsectarian PK-12 institution established to provide the best possible college preparation for youth of either gender without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin. As stated in the school's mission statement, Greensboro Day School develops the intellectual, ethical, and interpersonal foundations students need to become constructive contributors to the world.

For the year 2016-17 the enrollment is approximately 800 students. The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

THE UPPER SCHOOL FAST FACTS

Enrollment in Grades 9-12: 316
 Average class size: 13.3

FACULTY AND STAFF

47 full-time equivalent
 Nationally recruited
 31 with master's degrees, 4 with doctorates
 Full-time guidance counselor, learning resource specialist, technology specialist

CURRICULUM

108 courses
 32 advanced
 21 AP courses
 1 post-AP level
 Opportunities for independent study and approved online courses through Fuel Education®.

PERFORMING ARTS

Over 40% involved in music and/or drama performances each year

ATHLETICS

80% of students participate in at least one team sport
 12 varsity girls' and 11 varsity boys' teams

COLLEGE GUIDANCE

Students are assigned to a dean and a faculty advisor in the 9th grade, and they will stay with these mentors through the 12th grade. Students work with faculty advisors on daily issues, such as classes and grades.

The dean provides oversight on academic planning, and also helps students with extracurricular activities and ultimately the college search/application process. This innovative system fosters ongoing relationships to ensure the deans will know their students well throughout their high school years.

WINTER TERM

The Winter Term is an innovative program held in the Upper School for eight instructional days after the Winter Break. Winter Term courses provide intensive study not possible during the semester class periods, and may include travel, fieldwork, hands-on study, or service learning. Students earn grades and academic credit for their Winter Term courses.

SPECIAL PROGRAM FEATURES

Honor Code: Student/faculty initiated and maintained program central to school's culture

Laptop/iPad Program: All students in grades 1-12 use iPads and laptops throughout the curriculum.

Senior Project: All seniors participate in a self-designed project during the last five weeks of the school year. Students complete 30 hours per week of fieldwork or an internship, followed by a presentation of their work. The student's work in planning, executing, and presenting the project is evaluated by a team of teachers.

Academic advising system with 1:10 teacher:student ratio

Student leadership/teamwork/community service opportunities through 18 clubs, student government and service-learning programs that enhance the curriculum and support the mission of Greensboro Day School.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

DISCIPLINE AREA	MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS <i>1.0 credit = Full year, Minimum required total: 20 credits</i>	# ADVANCED-LEVEL COURSES OFFERED	
		<i>Advanced</i>	<i>AP/Post AP</i>
English	4 credits; 1 each in grades 9-12, English 9 required	6	2
Math	3 credits; Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II required	6	4
History/Social Sciences	Classes of 2019, 2020: Global Perspectives, U.S. History, and 1.0 credit from any History/Social Science course(s) in 10th-12th grades. Classes of 2017, 2018: Global Perspectives, U.S. History and 1.0 credit from any History/Social Science course(s). Historical Perspectives does not count toward this requirement.	0	5
Science	3 laboratory-course credits; Physics, Chemistry, Biology required	3	3
World Languages	Class of 2017: 2.0 credits through at least level 2, at least 2 years in Upper School Classes of 2018, 2019, 2020: 3.0 credits through at least level 3, at least 3 years in the Upper School.	14	4
Arts (music, art, drama)	Classes of 2017, 2018, 2019: 1.0 credit including an Exploration course (0.5 credit), or 1.5 credits in any arts courses	3	3
Physical Education	1 credit; Health and Wellness (.5 credit) required	0	0
Winter Term	.5 credit each Winter Term	0	0
Senior Project	0.0 credit; required of all seniors	0	0

ACADEMIC PROFILE – CLASS OF 2017

The class of 2017 includes 85 students. The test information listed below is based upon the students' highest scores achieved as of June 2016.

	RANGE	MIDDLE 50% RANGE	AVERAGE	# INCLUDED
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	77-103	89-96	92.2	81
UNWEIGHTED AVERAGE	77-99	88-94	90.2	81
SAT: READING	460-800	540-660	607	73
SAT: MATH	480-800	560-690	637	73
SAT: TOTAL R + M	1000-1570	1110-1350	1246	73
ACT: COMPOSITE	18-34	23-28	26	54

JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION – CLASS OF 2017

COURSE	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D/F	TOTAL
Algebra II	0	2	3	1	2	2	1	4	0	2	17
Arts Courses	42	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
Biology	0	2	6	6	3	0	1	0	0	0	18
Biology ADV	11	25	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
English 11	3	8	5	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	22
English Language AP	14	31	16	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	64
Precalculus	0	13	5	6	8	4	0	2	0	0	38
Precalculus ADV	1	6	5	4	8	2	0	0	0	0	26
US History	10	12	13	8	9	4	3	2	1	0	62
US History AP	0	1	5	7	6	3	3	0	0	0	25
World Language Courses	5	17	21	13	13	2	0	2	1	2	76

ACADEMIC COURSES AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) INFORMATION

Greensboro Day School offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. All of the courses are taught at the honors level. Advanced courses are marked as (ADV), and are offered for students who show a special interest in and aptitude for achievement in a particular subject. Students must have teacher recommendations and must meet appropriate pre-requisites to enroll in ADV or Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Students who are enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) courses are required to take the College Board's AP exam at the end of the year.

Listed below are statistics regarding AP and advanced courses taken:

Number of students who took AP exams in May 2016	138
Number of AP exams taken in May 2016	359
Percentage of AP exam grades of 3, 4, or 5	76%
Percentage of AP exam grades of 4 or 5	51%
Number of students in Class of 2017 who have taken AP courses	76 of 85
Average number of Advanced courses taken per student in Class of 2017	5
Average number of AP courses taken per student in Class of 2017	4

ADVANCED, AP, AND POST-AP COURSES OFFERED AT GREENSBORO DAY SCHOOL:

ENGLISH

- ADV: English 10: Global Perspectives; Defining the Standard: Stereotypes in Literature; Words of Change: Social Change in Literature and Film; Imaginative Composition II
- AP: English Language; English Literature

MATHEMATICS

- ADV: Geometry; Algebra II; Precalculus; Intro to Calculus; Intro to Statistics
- AP: Statistics; AB Calculus; BC Calculus
- Post-AP: Post-AP Mathematics Opportunities

HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCES

- AP: United States History; Microeconomics; United States Government and Politics; European History*; Psychology

SCIENCE

- ADV: Physics; Chemistry; Biology
- AP: Physics C; Chemistry; Biology

WORLD LANGUAGES

- ADV: French IV; French V; French VI-Language and Culture; Latin II; Latin III; Latin Literature: The Age of Cicero; Latin Literature: The Augustan Age; Spanish IV; Spanish Conversation, Composition & Culture: Latinos en los Estados Unidos; Spanish Conversation, Composition & Culture: Social Issues; Spanish V; Latin-American and Peninsular Spanish Literature; Creative Writing: Intro to Spanish Narrative; Creative Writing: Modernism to Vanguardism
- AP: French VI-Language and Culture; Latin**; Spanish Language*, Spanish Literature

ARTS

- ADV: Concert Band, Chorus, String Ensemble
- AP: Studio Art-Drawing, Studio Art-2D Design, Studio Art-3D Design

Computer Science

- AP: Computer Science A (online)

ONLINE COURSES

- Students may enroll in online AP courses with the approval of their advisor, Dean, and the Upper School Director.

* Not offered in 2015-16

** Not offered in 2015-16, 2016-17

MARKING SYSTEM AND TRANSCRIPT NOTES

- Greensboro Day School uses a traditional “100-point” marking system, and reports grades and averages on the 100-point scale.
- The passing grade is 60.
- Averages are calculated from numeric grades for all credit courses taken at Greensboro Day School.
- Weighted averages (Year and Cum Avg Weighted): 10 points are added to each AP or Post-AP course grade; 5 points are added to each ADV course grade in computing weighted averages. The course grades shown on the transcript do not include the weighted points.
- Greensboro Day School does not compute class rank.
- Greensboro Day School notes the following semester honors on transcripts: Head's List (semester unweighted average greater than 89) and Honor Roll (semester unweighted average between 85 and 89; requirement changes to 87-89 in 2016-17).
- If needed, grades may be equated to letter grades as indicated on the chart to the right.

NUMERICAL RANGE	LETTER GRADE
97-100	A+
93-96	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
70-76	C/C-
60-69	D+/D/D-
50-59	F

As a member of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors, Greensboro Day School, will report student conduct records to colleges, including, but not limited to, serious disciplinary violations, honor violations, probation, suspension and dismissal.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE AND MATRICULATION

The Class of 2016 (80 students) submitted 680 college applications, received 297 acceptances (44%), and matriculated at colleges in 39 different states. Members of the Classes of 2014-2016 were offered admission to the following colleges and universities; parentheses indicate the number enrolled.

In North Carolina

Appalachian State University (6)
Brevard College
Campbell University
Davidson College (3)
Duke University (4)
East Carolina University (4)
Elon University (14)
Greensboro College (3)
Guilford College (2)
High Point University (7)
Mars Hill University
Meredith College
Methodist University (1)
North Carolina A&T State University (1)
North Carolina Central University (1)
North Carolina State University (22)
Queens University of Charlotte (1)
University of North Carolina at Asheville (3)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (31)
University of North Carolina at Charlotte (6)
University of North Carolina at Greensboro (8)
University of North Carolina at Pembroke (2)
University of North Carolina at Wilmington (3)
University of North Carolina School of the Arts (1)
Western Carolina University (2)
Wingate University (1)

Outside North Carolina

American University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Auburn University (3)
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Bard College
Barry University
Bates College
Belmont University (1)
Berry College (1)
Binghamton University
Birmingham-Southern University
Boston College (1)
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bradley University
Brandeis University (1)
Bridgewater College
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University (1)
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University (1)
Case Western Reserve University
Centre College (2)
Clark University
Clemson University (3)
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of Saint Benedict
College of the Holy Cross (1)
College of William and Mary
Colorado College (1)
Colorado State University (1)
Connecticut College (2)
Cornell University (1)
Dartmouth College (2)
Denison University (1)
DePaul University (1)
DePauw University
Dickinson College (1)
Drexel University
Duquesne University (1)
Eckerd College (1)
Emerson College (1)
Emory University (4)
Fashion Institute of Technology (1)

Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College (1)
Furman University (6)
Gardner-Webb University
George Mason University
George Washington University (1)
Georgetown University (3)
Georgia Institute of Technology (3)
Gettysburg College (1)
Goucher College (1)
Grinnell College
Hampden-Sydney College (1)
Hampton University
Haverford College (2)
Hobart and William Smith College
Howard University (1)
Iowa State University
James Madison University (3)
Johns Hopkins University (1)
Kenyon College
Lehigh University (1)
Lewis & Clark University
Loyola University-Chicago
Loyola University-Maryland
Loyola University-New Orleans
Macalester College
Mary Baldwin College
Maryland Institute College of Art
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Millikin University (1)
Montana State University
New York University (1)
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University (1)
Oberlin College (1)
Ohio State University
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University
Pennsylvania State University (1)
Piedmont College
Presbyterian College (2)
Purdue University (2)
Randolph College
Randolph Macon College
Regent's University (England) (1)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College (1)
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Salisbury University
Santa Clara State University
Savannah College of Art and Design (1)
School of Visual Arts (1)
Sewanee: The University of the South
Shenandoah University
Sienna College
Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University (3)
Southern Wesleyan University
St. Lawrence University
St. Olaf College (1)
Stanford University (1)
Stetson University
Swarthmore College (1)
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
The Catholic University of America

The College of Wooster
Tufts University (1)
Tulane University
University of Akron (2)
University of Alabama (1)
University of Arizona
University of British Columbia (Canada) (2)
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles (1)
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Colorado (1)
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia (5)
University of Florida
University of Idaho
University of Illinois (1)
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of London (England)
University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi (2)
University of Nebraska
University of North Florida
University of Oklahoma (1)
University of Pennsylvania (1)
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of Roehampton (England)
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina (7)
University of South Florida (1)
University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee (2)
University of Texas
University of Toledo (1)
University of Toronto (Canada)
University of Vermont
University of Virginia (2)
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin (1)
Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University (4)
Vassar College (2)
Villanova University (1)
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute (1)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1)
Wake Forest University (2)
Warren Wilson
Washington and Jefferson University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis (2)
Wellesley College (1)
Western University (Canada)
Wheaton College
Whitman College (1)
Winthrop University
Wofford College (3)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University (1)