

## School Profile 2018-2019

### HISTORY

Founded in 1869, the Friends School began as a training school for girls and is now divided into a coeducational lower school (historic Friends Girls School) and upper school (historic Friends Boys School). Emphasizing academic rigor and holistic development, the Friends School teaches that students have a responsibility to their society, and the school values the Quaker principles of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, service, tolerance, and equality.

The Friends School has long been a fixture in the cultural and educational landscape of Palestinian society and has played a significant role in the development of a liberal, tolerant, and economically viable community. Friends School alumni have been instrumental in creating economic, social, and political improvements in Palestine, becoming top leaders and decision-makers in the Palestinian government, business, and nonprofit sectors.

The Friends School is owned by Friends United Meeting of Richmond, Indiana, and licensed by the Palestinian Ministry of Education. Launching its IB Diploma program in 1999, the Friends School is the only International Baccalaureate-accredited school in Palestine.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Friends School uses the Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, and International Baccalaureate and enhances this with Quaker-driven, such as weekly ethics, which stresses the school values of service, peace, equality and tolerance. In lower grades, instruction is in both English and Arabic, and students take English as a second language from kindergarten. As students progress through the school, more and more courses are taught in English. By the time a student reaches the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, coursework is given entirely in English. All students enroll in the same classes until the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

In the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, students choose to enroll in the International Baccalaureate Diploma or Certificate programs, with the vast majority choosing Diploma (on average 98%).

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## TAWJIHI EQUIVALENCY

The Tawjihi exam is the Palestinian national post-secondary school examination that helps determine university admission and course of study for public and non-IB schools. Students can request to complete their studies in Arabic in order to prepare for the Palestinian Tawjihi; however no students in the class of 2015, 2016, 2017, or 2018 have elected to do so. Previously, a few students have enrolled in IB classes but chose not to take the IB exams at the end of their senior year. These students are still required to take the Theory of Knowledge class and complete CAS hours, but in place of IB examinations, they take SAT Subject Tests to obtain the Tawjihi equivalency.

## COMMUNITY

All Friends School students are Palestinian and live in or near the Palestinian city of Ramallah, located ten miles north of Jerusalem. The upper school enrolls more than 500 students, approximately 20% of whom are Palestinian-American. Students identify with a variety of religious beliefs including Islam and Christianity, and approximately 12% of students receive some form of financial aid. Between 7-20% of faculty and staff are international and most staff is Palestinian.

### CLASS OF 2017 OUTCOMES

#### Post-Secondary Plans

Four-year college or university: 90%  
Two-year college: 3%  
Language year: 4%  
Other gap year: 3%

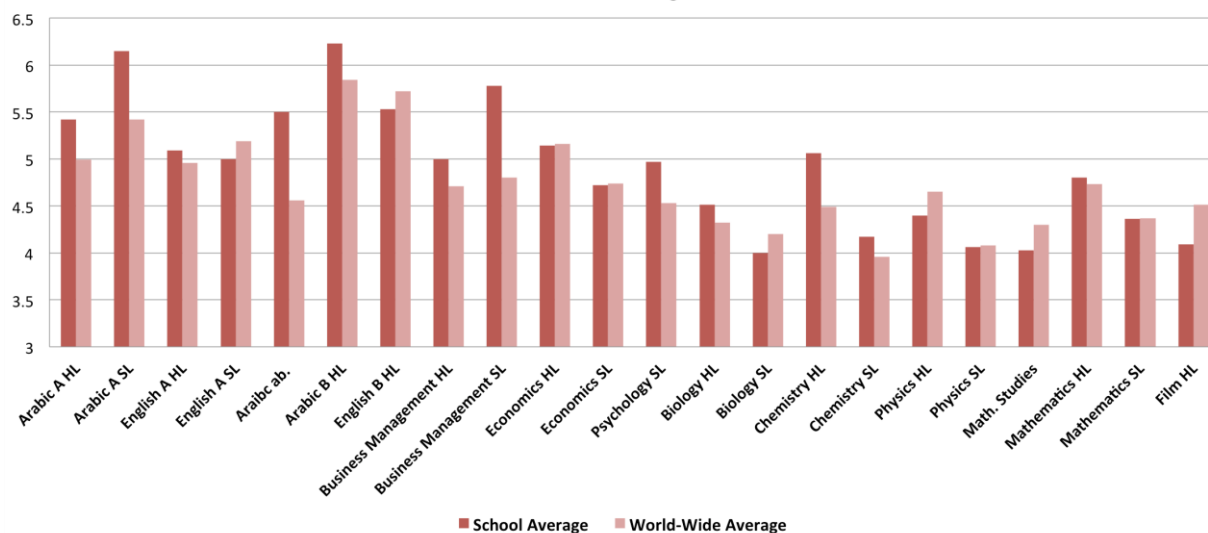
#### Matriculation by Country/Region

Canada: 14%  
Europe: 13%  
United Kingdom: 15%  
United States: 15%  
Palestine: 36%  
Middle East & Turkey: 5%  
Other: 2%

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

IB Profile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Students in Class	96	90	95	90	93	110	96
Diploma Candidates	56	61	62	66	67	101	93
Pass Rate	97%	92%	92%	94%	91%	93%	100%
RFS Highest Score	42	43	43	44	43	44	42
RFS Average Score	33	34	33	33	32	32	31.5
World Average Score	30	30	30	30	30	30	30.5

IB Grade Averages



Class of 2017 SAT 1 Scores*	Range	Middle 50%	Mean
Reading & Writing	340 – 640	450 – 570	511
Mathematics	360 – 780	520 – 630	592
Total	700 – 1420	1000 – 1220	1104

\*51 students took the SAT 1. Scores include both native and non-native English speak

## GRADING & RANKING

The school calendar has two semesters. Each semester is divided into two marking periods. The grades of these two marking periods equal 70% of the semester grade. The mid-year and final exams are worth the remaining 30% of the semester grade. The semester grades are recorded on the transcript.

A cumulative grade point average is not calculated. The final semester averages are weighted based on the number of hours the course meets each week. Due to the varying tracks of study available to students, and an educational philosophy dedicated to encouraging student cooperation and minimizing academic competition, the Friends School does not rank students.

## CLASS OF 2018 GRADE AVERAGES (2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR)

	Total Students	Average
Arabic A HL	48	74
Arabic A SL	13	70
Arabic B HL	33	87
Arabic Ab initio SL	2	78
Biology HL	25	77
Biology SL	35	72
Business HL	22	82
Business SL	40	80
Chemistry HL	21	80
Chemistry SL	41	76
Economics HL	13	80
Economics SL	40	80
English A HL	13	77
English A SL	16	75
English B HL	64	76
Film HL	7	76
Film SL	4	77
Math HL	8	78

### GRADING SCALE

A+ = 100-97	A = 96-90
B+ = 89-87	B = 86-80
C+ = 79-77	C = 76-70
D+ = 69-67	D = 66-60
F = 59-0	

### Class of 2018 Profile

Class Size: 96

IB Diploma Candidates: 92%  
 IB Certificate Students: 7%  
 Tawjihi Equivalency: 1%

Math SL	52	77
Math Studies SL	36	75
Physics HL	10	78
Physics SL	14	73
Psychology SL	33	86

Class of 2018 SAT 1 Scores*	Range	Middle 50%	Mean
Reading & Writing	390 – 700	500 – 580	538
Mathematics	480 – 740	530 – 620	589
Total	890 – 1440	1070 – 1210	1134

\*34 students took the SAT. Scores include both native and non-native English speakers.

## MATRICULATION HISTORY (2014-2017)

### CANADA

Carleton University\*  
 Concordia University  
 McGill University  
 Queen's University  
 Ryerson University\*  
 Saint Mary's University\*  
 University of British Columbia\*  
 University of Ottawa  
 University of Toronto\*  
 University of Waterloo\*  
 Wilfrid Laurier University\*  
 York University\*

### EUROPE

Bard Berlin  
 Barenboim-Said Akademie  
 CEU Cardenal Herrera University  
 Charles University\*  
 Conservatorium Maastricht  
 Czech Technical University  
 Delft University of Technology\*  
 Eastern Mediterranean University\*  
 Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne  
 Erasmus University College \*  
 Erasmus University, Rotterdam School of Management \*  
 HAN University of Applied Sciences  
 Jacobs University\*  
 Lomonosov Moscow State University  
 Marist College Italy  
 Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti  
 Near East University  
 People's Friendship University of Russia  
 Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences  
 Universiteit Utrecht \*  
 University College Maastricht \*  
 University of Debrecen  
 University of Groningen  
 University of Nicosia

### MIDDLE EAST

Al-Quds University\*  
 American University of Beirut\*  
 American University of Madaba\*  
 American University of Sharjah\*  
 An-Najah National University\*  
 The Arab American University  
 Bard College at Al-Quds University\*  
 Bethlehem University\*  
 Birzeit University\*  
 German-Jordanian University\*  
 Hebrew University of Jerusalem\*  
 Lebanese American University  
 Technion Institute of Technology  
 University of Jordan  
 Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar\*

### OTHER

American University of Nicaragua  
 Bilkent University  
 Torrens University Australia

### UNITED KINGDOM

Bangor University  
 Cardiff University\*  
 Coventry University\*  
 Hult International Business School\*  
 Kingston University\*  
 Kings College  
 Lancaster University  
 London School of Economics  
 Loughborough University  
 Oxford University  
 Plymouth University  
 SOAS, University of London  
 University of Bath  
 University of Birmingham\*  
 University of Brighton\*  
 University of Chester  
 University of East Anglia  
 University of Exeter\*  
 University of Hull  
 University of Kent\*  
 University of Manchester\*  
 University of Nottingham  
 University of Reading  
 University of Surrey\*  
 University of Sussex\*  
 University of Warwick  
 University of Westminster

### UNITED STATES

Appalachian State University  
 Bard College  
 Bradley University  
 Brigham Young University\*  
 Bucknell University  
 California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
 College of William and Mary  
 Columbia University  
 Connecticut College  
 Davidson College  
 Earlham College\*  
 Emory University  
 Florida International University  
 George Mason University\*  
 The George Washington University  
 Guilford College\*  
 Hanover College\*  
 Harvard University\*  
 Haverford College\*  
 Hendrix College  
 High Point University  
 Illinois Institute of Technology  
 Indiana University at Bloomington  
 Kenyon College\*  
 Knox College  
 Loyola University Chicago\*  
 Macalester College  
 Manchester University  
 Marist College  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology\*  
 Middlebury College  
 Northeastern University  
 Occidental College  
 Pennsylvania State University, University Park  
 Princeton University  
 Saint Louis University  
 Saint Mary's College of California  
 St. Olaf College  
 Stanford University\*  
 Swarthmore College\*  
 The University of Akron\*  
 University of California, Berkeley \*  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of Delaware  
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
 University of Oregon  
 University of Pennsylvania\*  
 University of South Florida  
 University of Toledo  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison  
 Utica College  
 Valparaiso University  
 Virginia Tech\*  
 Wesleyan University  
 Williams College\*

\*multiple students have matriculated