

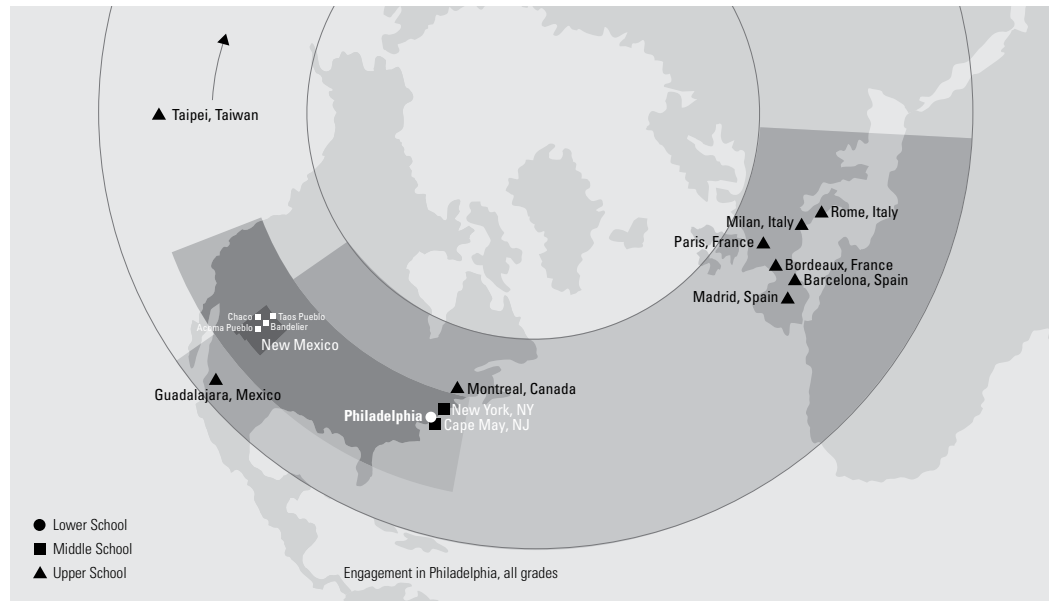
CURRICULUM

The curriculum reflects the sequential, intentional, imaginative planning and pedagogy of faculty whose passion for learning informs the process of teaching. In each subject area, specific conceptual threads are introduced and then developed, year-by-year, throughout the 14 years of a Friends Select education. The result is an exceptional degree of continuity and coherence. The curriculum also is notable for its emphasis on the skills of research, writing, listening, and oral and visual presentation. Because the school sits on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City, its curriculum is vastly enriched by the resources of the city.

Students also experience the world beyond the city. At the end of each year in middle school, students travel out of state on culminating trips that link directly to topics that they have studied throughout the year. In upper school, students may opt to travel and study abroad or participate in student exchanges.

Research Sequence

Beginning in pre-kindergarten and extending through twelfth grade, the essential skills of research, writing and oral presentation are taught, practiced and refined through participation in special research projects and everyday classroom activities.



Starting with the city of Philadelphia, and progressing ever outward to the continental United States and points around the globe, Friends Select students learn to navigate their way around our increasingly shrinking world.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten	Meet the Authors, Artist Study, Students organize and share information at circle times
First Grade and Second Grade	Meet the Authors, Artist Study, Thematic Research Project (Cultural, Environmental and Nature Topics), Second Grade Play Students collect, order and present information more independently.
Third Grade and Fourth Grade	Meet the Authors, Artist Study, Theme Research (Topics in American History), "Become an Expert" Reports (Recent topics: African Countries, Rain Forest Habitat, Endangered Species)
Fifth Grade	Meet the Authors, Artist Study, Theme Research (Recent Topics: China, Africa, and Meso-America), "Become an Expert" Reports (Recent topics: African Countries, Rain Forest Habitat, Endangered Species)
Sixth Grade	Search Reports (Recent Topics: China, Africa, and Meso-America), Culminating Trip: Cape May, NJ (Water Cycle)
Seventh Grade	American Studies, Search Reports (Family History), Research Reports (Science), Math/Science Symposium, Culminating Trip: New York City (American Immigrant Experience)
Eighth Grade	Search Reports (Ancient Civilizations), Research Reports (Physics), Math/Science Symposium, Culminating Trip: New Mexico (Ancient Civilizations)
Ninth Grade	"Philadelphia Museum of Art" Research Project (Medieval to Renaissance History/Art Topics), Math/Science Symposium. Eligible for student exchanges and school trips abroad
Tenth Grade	Philadelphia Research Project (Current Event Topics), United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (Peace and Social Justice Study), Math/Science Symposium. Eligible for student exchanges and school trips abroad
Eleventh Grade	Washington Research Project (United States Political/Ethical Issues), Junior Internship Option, Math/Science Symposium. Eligible for student exchanges and school trips abroad
Twelfth Grade	Senior Internship/Independent Project, Math/Science Symposium. Eligible for student exchanges and school trips abroad