



School Profile 2019-2020

Inspiring Girls to Lead Lives of Purpose

Atlanta Girls' School opened its doors in 2000 and is the only independent, nonsectarian, college-preparatory school for girls in the Atlanta metropolitan area. AGS provides a challenging college-preparatory program in a learning environment designed to foster the full potential of each student and to enable her to become a vital contributor to our complex global society.

CURRICULUM

AGS teaches girls to be world-class problem solvers. The curriculum and culture emerge from a distinct vision of what girls must learn individually and collectively to become thoughtful and capable leaders. We achieve this by using proven and emerging educational techniques tailored to how girls learn, integrating big-picture and collaborative thinking, and implementing leading-edge technologies. AGS girls develop a deeper sense of self, confidence grounded in competence, and the understanding that they are able and impelled to influence change in the world.

100% of AGS graduates are accepted to a four-year college or university.

STUDENTS

Atlanta Girls' School is committed to diversity of all types—cultural, racial, ethnic, religious, socioeconomic, and political—as well as diversity in thought, interests, and skills. AGS draws students from more than 100 feeder schools across greater Atlanta. Students of color make up approximately 40% of the student body.

FACULTY

AGS faculty members are passionate about educating girls in a single-gender environment. The relationship between teachers and students is central to the experience of an AGS student. AGS has 24 full-time and 2 part-time teachers. Our faculty has an average of 14 years of experience, and 65% hold advanced degrees.

ACCREDITATION

AGS is fully accredited by the the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). AGS is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the National Coalition of Girls' Schools (NCGS), the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA), and the Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools (AAAIS).

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SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

AGS students have unprecedented access to real-world experiences:

- Internship Program (proposal, approval, and preparation process) for 2 customized, 70+ hours internships
- Mandatory Global Travel Program
- Student-driven and student-led community service opportunities
- STEAM-focused Winterim Program
- Exploration of self-advocacy, philanthropy, and service through 7-year EDLS Program (Education for the Development of Leadership and Service)

COLLEGE COUNSELING

We counsel all students to select a strong match between their interests and appropriate offerings at higher education institutions. In assessing college choices, each girl's talents, aspirations, and personality are important considerations.

2019–2020 Curricular Overview

IMPORTANT POLICIES

AGS operates on a two-semester schedule. AGS does not rank students, except for the identification of the valedictorian and salutatorian. Raw grades (without weighting) are shown on the transcript; for cumulative GPA calculation and selection of valedictorian and salutatorian, 6 percentage points are added to each AP grade prior to averaging.

Except for special circumstances, students are limited to 3 APs per year in their junior and senior years. The most rigorous curriculum consists of 5 AP courses over 4 years. Enrollment in AP and Honors courses are by permission only.

COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH

English 9: Approaches to Lit. & Lang.
English 10: British Lit. & Writing
English 11: American Lit. & Writing
English 12: Literature & Ideas
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I
Honors Algebra I
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Algebra II
Honors Algebra II
Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus
Honors Trigonometry and Pre-Calc
Calculus
Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics

WORLD STUDIES

WS 9: World History
WS 10: The 20th Century & Today
WS 11: US History
Economics & Entrepreneurship*
World Religions
AP US History
AP Human Geography

SCIENCE

Astronomy
Conceptual Biology
Honors Biology Methods
Conceptual Chemistry
Honors Chemistry Methods
Organic Chemistry
Conceptual Physics
AP Environmental Science
AP Chemistry*
AP Biology
AP Physics 1 & 2*

LANGUAGES

French I*, II, III, IV, V, AP French
Spanish I*, II, III, IV, AP Spanish
Adv. Culture - French & Spanish

FINE ARTS

Chorus & Hurricane Choir
Composition & Media Foundations
Drawing
Painting*
Ceramics/Wheel Throwing
Ceramics/Hand Building
Photography*
Advanced Studio/Portfolio Prep*
Intermediate & Adv. Theatrical Arts
Production Design
Directing
Resume and Audition Prep*
Graphic Design
Literary Arts
Intermediate & Adv. Literary Arts
AP Art History

FITNESS

Athletic Conditioning
PE & Wellness

ONLINE PROGRAMS

AGS is a member of the Online School for Girls (One Schoolhouse), a consortium of schools offering superior online semester and yearlong courses to high school students. Juniors and seniors may choose to enroll in one or more of these courses. Course descriptions available at onlineschoolforgirls.org.

*** Not offered in current academic year**
Total Honors offered in 19-20: 5
Total AP classes offered in 19-20: 11

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

4 English
3 Social Studies
3 Math
3 Science
3 Language French, Spanish
2 Fine Arts
1 Physical Education
4 Electives

2019-20 KEY STATISTICS

Total Enrollment	215
Upper School	128
Class of 2020	45

Upper School	
Teaching Faculty (FTE)	19

Upper School	
Teacher-Student Ratio	1:7

Upper School	
Average Class Size	15

CLASS OF 2019

ACT Score Ranges (Middle 50%) Composite	26-32
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SAT Score Ranges* (Middle 50%) Evidence-Based Reading, Writing Math Total	610-730 585-645 1215- 1375
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*starting with March 2017 test

AGS College Acceptances 2015 – 2019

* Indicates matriculation

Agnes Scott College*

Alabama A&M University
Alabama State University
Albion College
Allegheny College

American University*

Auburn University *

Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Becker College
Belmont University

Beloit College*

Benedict College

Berry College*

Bethune-Cookman University

Birmingham-Southern College*

Boston College*

Boston University*

Brandeis University*

Brown University*

Bryn Mawr College*

Carleton College*

Carleton University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Centre College

Champlain College*

Chapman University*

Clark Atlanta University

Clark University*

Clemson University
College of Charleston

College of Coastal Georgia*

College of William and Mary
Colorado College

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University*

Columbia College
Columbia College Chicago
Cornell College

Cornell University

Davidson College*

Duke University*

Eckerd College

Elon University*

Emory University*

Fisk University
Flagler College

Florida A&M University*

Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Southern College

Florida State University*

Fordham University*

Franklin and Marshall College
Franklin University Switzerland

Furman University*

George Mason University
Georgia College*

Georgia Institute of Technology*

Georgia Southern University*

Georgia State University*

Gonzaga University

Goucher College

Grinnell College

Guilford College

Hampton University*

Hendrix College

High Point University

Hofstra University

Hollins University

Howard University *

Illinois Institute of Technology

Indiana University at

Bloomington*

Ithaca College*

James Madison University*

Johns Hopkins University

Johnson & Wales University

Kalamazoo College

Kennesaw State University*

La Salle University

Lake Erie College

Lawrence University

Lehigh University

Lenoir-Rhyne University

Lesley University

Lewis & Clark College

Long Island University,
Brooklyn

Long Island University,
Post

Louisiana State University

Loyola Marymount University*

Loyola University Chicago

Loyola University New Orleans*

Lynn University

Maryland Institute College of Art *

Mercer University *

Meredith College

Miami University, Oxford*

Michigan State University*

Mississippi State University

New College of Florida

New York University*

NC A&T State University

North Carolina State University

Northeastern University

Oakwood University

Oberlin College of Arts & Sciences

Occidental College

Oglethorpe University*

Ohio Wesleyan University

Old Dominion University

Oregon State University

Oxford College of

Emory University*

Pace University, NYC*

Pennsylvania State University

Pitzer College

Pratt Institute

Princeton University*

Purdue University

Queens University of Charlotte

Radford University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhodes College*

Rice University

Roanoke College

Rollins College

Rutgers University

Samford University

San Francisco State University

Santa Fe College

Sarah Lawrence College*

Savannah College of Art and

Design*

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Scripps College*

Sewanee: The University of the

South*

Simmons College

Simon Fraser University

Skidmore College*

Southern Adventist University*

Spelman College*

St. John's University –

Queens Campus*

St. Olaf College

Stetson University

Sweet Briar College

Syracuse University*

Temple University

Tennessee State University*

The American University in Paris

The College of Wooster*

The George Washington University*

The New School

The Ohio State University

The University of Alabama*

The University of Alabama

at Birmingham*

The University of Georgia*

The University of Montana,

Missoula*

The University of Tampa

The University of the Arts

The University of West Georgia*

Tufts University*

Tulane University

Tuskegee University

Union College

United States Air Force Academy*

United States Naval Academy*

University of California,

Los Angeles*

University of California, San Diego

University of Chicago*

University of Colorado at Boulder*

University of Denver

University of Edinburgh

University of Florida

University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Illinois

at Urbana-Champaign

University of Kentucky*

University of Maryland,

Baltimore County

University of Miami*

University of Minnesota,
Twin Cities

University of Mississippi

University of Missouri Columbia

University of New Hampshire,
Durham

University of North Carolina,
Asheville

University of North Carolina,

Chapel Hill*

University of North Carolina,
Charlotte

University of North Carolina,
Greensboro

University of Notre Dame

University of Puget Sound

University of Redlands

University of Rhode Island

University of Rochester*

University of South Carolina*

University of Southern

California*

University of Tennessee,

Chattanooga

University of Tennessee,
Knoxville

University of Toronto*

University of Vermont*

University of Virginia

University of Washington

University of Waterloo

University of Wisconsin,
Madison

Ursinus College

Valdosta State University

Vanderbilt University*

Vassar College*

Villanova University

Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Military Institute*

Virginia Tech

Wake Forest University*

Warren Wilson College

Washington and Lee

University

Washington University

in St. Louis

Wesleyan College

Western Carolina University

Wheaton College MA

Wilfrid Laurier University

Williams College

Wingate University

Winthrop University*

Wofford College*

Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

Xavier University of Louisiana*

York University

Young Harris College



Members of the Class of 2019 perform at Commencement.

Portrait of an AGS Graduate

The purpose of the educational program at Atlanta Girls' School is to instill in students the strengths of character, competence, and reflection needed for them to lead full and productive lives and to be responsible citizens, ready to face the challenges the world will present. Together, these characteristics paint the Portrait of an AGS Graduate.

The Portrait guides our work and informs how we evaluate and structure all of our programs—from the classroom to the playing field and within the community. Teachers, coaches, club advisors, and administrators begin with the end in mind, with intentional and thoughtful attention to the Portrait.

GO SOCIAL WITH AGS!

Dive deeper into the student and community experience at AGS.



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CHARACTER

An Atlanta Girls' School graduate will be:

- Authentic**—becomes fully one's self and fearless
- Compassionate**—serves for the benefit of others
- Resilient**—possesses courage and leads with confidence
- Ethical**—acts with honor and integrity
- Generous**—practices giving with a gracious attitude

COMPETENCE

An Atlanta Girls' School graduate possesses:

- Logic and Creativity**—solves problems thoughtfully
- Communication**—speaks publicly with confidence; expresses herself through writing
- Cultural Intelligence**—understands global perspectives and values
- Collaborative Solutions**—works effectively with others of diverse backgrounds
- Discernment and Prioritization**—makes good decisions, personally and academically

REFLECTION

An Atlanta Girls' School graduate is:

- Self-Aware**—understands the power and responsibility of her own voice
- Adaptive**—persists and finds success through flexibility
- Responsive**—advocates with an open mind and willingness to try
- Empathetic**—cares deeply for others
- Healthy**—exercises good choices for mind, body, and relationships