

Grier School

WE KNOW GIRLS

FOLLOW THE GLEAM





Grier *Knows* Girls

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For more than 170 years,
Grier School has empowered
girls to follow their passions
and change the world.

Brave.
Confident.
Empowered.

One of our signature sayings is “Follow the Gleam,” a phrase that embodies the spirit of Grier. The young women who belong to our Grier family find their own light — their very own gleam — and discover the unique talents that make them shine. On a beautiful, 320-acre campus nestled in the Allegheny Mountains near the Little Juniata River, join a community where you will be loved and supported unconditionally for who you are, encouraged to become your most authentic self, and given the confidence to make a difference.



Be *Curious*

Research shows that students who attend all-girls schools experience higher levels of support from their classmates and teachers than do female peers at co-ed schools. We understand how girls learn and what they need to succeed at Grier. In an all-girls school, where girls fill all of the leadership positions on campus, girls are empowered to speak up and see their potential as unlimited.

The readiness of Grier girls to take on new challenges is evident in the dynamism, curiosity, and bold thinking of our students in action. Whether they're learning to program in JavaScript in Introduction to Computer Science or researching a major figure from the Age of Enlightenment for AP European History, students engaged in making discoveries are stretched in their vision of what they can accomplish.





Think *Boldly*

Classes at Grier are personal and transformative, full of opportunities for project-based learning, collaboration, and original research. With the guidance of advisors, each student creates a study plan appropriate to her interests and goals. A personalized daily schedule of classes and activities, unlike anyone else's, means that *your* education is truly tailored to *you*. Grier goes the extra mile to help students chart their own paths and provide exciting opportunities that enable you to deepen your strengths and explore new passions.

Ranked among the top 20 percent of programs nationwide, Grier's STEM program reflects the learning style of girls who connect with concepts through hands-on experience and emotional engagement. With outstanding facilities and advanced courses, students conduct significant research and may opt for a STEM concentration that features internship opportunities at universities and research centers.





TOP
20%
of STEM Schools
ranked nation-wide
by Newsweek

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Average class size



Diverse student body from

28

States and 38 Countries



23

Advanced Placement
courses





“Grier feels like family. It’s big enough that you have your own space but small enough to feel like home.”

— NINA '27

Grier Stands Out

Immersive experiences are at the heart of a Grier education. Our signature programs in art, equestrian riding, performing arts, and dance offer pre-professional and intensive study like no other. Through customized schedules, students electing our signature programs spend half of the school day engaged in their passion, gaining mastery with steady practice and individualized instruction. Professionals in their fields, our teachers provide sustaining encouragement while setting the highest standards. No previous experience is needed to dive in on day one and begin your personal journey. To learn more about Grier's signature programs, visit our website at www.grier.org.

18

studio art classes
to choose from



one of the
top **5**

secondary dance
programs nationally



6

 barns,

miles and miles of trails,
two outdoor rings, and
two indoor arenas



12

musical
ensembles





*Find
Yourself
Be Yourself*

The visual arts at Grier encompass painting, sculpture, graphic art, print-making, photography, video production, ceramics, fiber art and weaving, costume and fashion design, and jewelry-making and metalwork, all taught by practicing artists. In the signature program, students taking AP Studio Art produce portfolios to submit with college applications that gain Grier graduates entrance to top art schools and lead to exciting careers. With spacious, light-filled studios and access to renowned visiting artists, students are primed to do their best work. The studio arts are a flourishing center of school life with unparalleled opportunities for creative exploration and expression.

*Explore
New
Horizons*

Ranked first in the nation among high schools, Grier's equestrian program features outstanding facilities and instruction. With hunt-seat, western, and dressage training, and varsity, j.v., and recreational riding on offer, riders from beginner to experienced share the joy of horsemanship. Grier stables more than 60 horses so that all students may participate; boarding horses is also an option. Half of our students participate in the equestrian program. In the signature program, students gain intensive training of up to 20 hours a week. Grier competes in the interscholastic (IEA) league and rated shows around the country, preparing many graduates to enroll in collegiate NCAE programs and to become professionals in the industry.



Breathe it All in

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Dancers with every level of training, as well as those just starting out, find a home in a dynamic program nationally recognized for excellence. Nearly half of Grier students participate in dance. Our students gain valuable experience in performing and choreographing and participate in national showcases and competitions. Students enrolled in the pre-professional program train intensively with classes in ballet, modern, jazz, tap, and contemporary. Grier graduates have gone on to dance with major companies and in Broadway productions, inspired by such annual events as the Grier Gala, which brings five professional dance companies to campus to perform and lead master classes. Grier's dance studios are furnished with quality Marley floors, the same used by the New York City Ballet.



Listen to Your Song

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The performing arts celebrate the collective and individual talents of Grier girls who delight audiences with their acting and musical performances. Two musicals presented annually and dramatic productions give students the chance to act or work behind the scenes. Through a full range of acting and stagecraft classes, students learn all aspects of what goes into a vibrant production. Music students may take individualized instrumental and voice lessons, including a music intensive program that meets five days a week. At our popular Rock Fest, students showcase their composing and performing talents. A new music building provides state-of-the-art spaces for performance and practice. Turning out to applaud our actors and musicians is a Grier ritual.



“You can always spot a Grier girl.
They exude confidence.”

— LINDSAY SHAW '20

Support to Shine

Grier provides support for every kind of learner and helps each girl identify and build on her strengths. The daily extra help session, a full class period, gives students time to meet with teachers to go over assignments and review material presented in class. For students needing additional support, the Academic Support Program offers learning specialists who work one-on-one with students. Many students enrolled in Academic Support participate in our signature programs and undertake pre-professional and advanced study. For our international students, Grier offers an English as a Second Language (ESL) Program integrated into the school day and curriculum.



A Healthy Mind in a *Healthy Body*

Cheering on our Grier athletes brings our whole community together. With varsity and junior varsity teams and recreational options in 22 sports, every girl may experience the camaraderie of being part of a team and the challenge of learning a new sport or expanding skills in a seasoned one. Dance and equestrian riding are options for the athletics requirement, and recreational sports are offered for students not electing team sports. Facilities include a state-of-the-art fitness center and gymnasium.



Grier takes a holistic approach to fostering health and balance through our strong athletics program and a wellness program to help students learn healthy habits that will guide lifelong choices. The wellness program supports students' physical and mental health with classes in life skills and the science of happiness, and evening and weekend sessions for girls in the dorms devoted to such topics as stress management.

Find a *Home Here*

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Girls come from across the country and around the world to live, learn, and explore and grow together at Grier. We are truly family here, ready to give newcomers a warm welcome and to be there for each other in all the important moments. The friendships you form will stay with you long after graduation, while the closeness of our community will remain a beacon of light for what young women can achieve in an atmosphere of caring support.



In the Grier dorms you will have a small family within our larger family and house mothers who give their all to create a home away from home for boarding students. Through clubs, community service, and extracurricular and weekend activities, you will find many avenues to exercise leadership, make friends across grades, and have fun and relaxing times together.



Outdoor

classrooms, stage,
and amphitheater

9

Dormitories
and cottages



320

Mountainside
acres

50

Activities





"Being at Grier is like having 250 sisters."

— LILLY FRALEY '20

The World is Waiting

Grier students graduate with the poise, determination, and knowledge to go wherever they want to go. Being part of a global community of classmates from many backgrounds and countries prepares our students to act with cultural understanding and empathy as they move on to college and careers, equipped to be leaders and doers from their years at Grier.

Through the college counseling process, students meet with a counselor regularly to review their goals and course selections. In junior and senior year, our college counselors work closely with students one-on-one and in group meetings to help them narrow their application list and complete the steps to success. Grier alumnae, a proud sisterhood of women, make significant contributions in many fields for the betterment of their communities and the world.

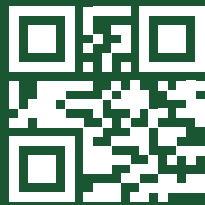




Become a *Grier Girl*

The pineapple has long symbolized welcome, warmth, friendship, and hospitality. Pineapples top our stone pillars at the Birmingham entrance to Grier School, a visual reminder of our mantra: *Welcome. You belong here.* We encourage you to visit campus so we can extend our personal welcome and you can see firsthand the vital engagement and joy of Grier girls.

When you enroll at Grier, you will experience the magic of this school in so many ways, from exciting classes and extraordinary opportunities in our signature programs, to the laughter of girls gathered on the colonnade. Make your plan to visit today or take a virtual tour online. For details scan the QR code and visit our website at www.grier.org.



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