



Elite Scholars Program

Truly elite (top 25) American colleges and universities expect the highest levels of scholarship and intellectual development in their applicants. Grier School's Elite Scholars Program provides opportunities for students to experience college-level courses approved by the College Board, fostering in students critical thinking, academic perseverance, and a breadth and depth of knowledge necessary in securing advanced placement in college courses or credit toward a college degree.

Grier School's Elite Scholars Program identifies outstanding and ambitious students upon matriculation and throughout their academic careers; honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available to these students in all departments: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Modern Languages, Art, and Music. Honors students can expect to qualify for AP courses beginning in the sophomore year.

Top students preparing for the most competitive colleges and universities are expected to take five or more AP courses before graduation. Those enrolled in AP courses are required to take the national College Board exams.

Grier offers the following 21 AP courses:

- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science Principles
- English Literature and Composition
- Environmental Science
- European History
- French Language and Culture
- United States Government and Politics
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Music Theory
- Physics B
- Psychology
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Statistics
- Studio Art: 2-D Design
- US History
- World History





Empowering Young Women since 1853

Grier's 300 students learn in a supportive environment wherein they try new paths, follow ambitions, and pursue leadership roles. In finding her voice, a student at Grier recognizes the power and potential of being a woman in the 21st century. Grier girls become emboldened, engaged, and poised for the future. Students find wide variety in the Grier curriculum and in-depth scholarship through electives and plentiful advanced offerings. At Grier, girls achieve a balance of analytical thinking, creative expression, and physical fitness. The purposeful balance in Grier's offerings ensures students graduate with technical knowledge in STEM and broad skills developed in the humanities, such as the ability to think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems.

Academic Achievements

- **46% of the AP exams received a grade of 5; 74% earned a grade of 4 or 5**, far higher than the national average.
- SAT **composite scores average over 1350**. On the SAT subject tests, the **average score was over 700**.
- 10 students in recent years have received recognition from the **National Merit Scholarship Program**; one student has been named a National Merit Scholar.
- University scholarship offers to the graduates of the Class of 2018 totaled **\$5 million**.

Grier's full-time college counselors start working with students in grade 9 to explore interests, pursue summer opportunities, and research university options. The curriculum intensifies in grades 10 and 11 and culminates with the counselors and students working together to identify and apply to a list of schools at which students will be challenged and inspired.

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Grier School College and University Acceptances

American University*
Barnard College
Bates College
Boston College*
Boston University*
Brandeis University*
Bryn Mawr College*
Carleton College
Carnegie-Mellon University*
Case Western Reserve University*
Central Saint Martins College
of Arts and Design – London*
Colby College
Colgate University
College of William and Mary*
Columbia University
Cornell University*
Duke University
Emory University*
George Washington University*
Georgetown University*
Grinnell College*
Haverford College
Lehigh University*
Maryland Institute College of Art*
McGill University
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke College*
New York University*
Northwestern University*
Ohio State University*
Parsons School of Design*
Pennsylvania State University:
Schreyer Honors College*
Pratt Institute*
Princeton University
Purdue University*
Rhode Island School of Design*
Rice University
Savannah College of Art and Design*
School of the Art Institute of Chicago*
School of the Visual Arts*
Skidmore College
Smith College*
Syracuse University*
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
UCLA*
University of California – Berkeley*
University of California – Davis*
University of Chicago
University of Illinois*
University of Michigan*
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh: University Honors College*
University of Richmond*
University of Rochester*
University of Southern California*
University of Texas – Austin
University of Toronto*
University of Virginia*
University of Washington*
University of Wisconsin*
Vanderbilt University*
Vassar College*
Villanova University*
Williams College

*Denotes multiple acceptances