

THE Gregory School

*A Tradition of
Inspiring Excellence*

School Profile 2016-2017

Community and School

The Gregory School (formerly St. Gregory College Preparatory School), which was founded in 1980, is an independent, nonsectarian day school of 270 students in grades 5-12. There are 138 students enrolled in the Upper School and 39 students in the class of 2017. The Gregory School (TGS), a diverse learning community, challenges and supports students to achieve excellence in character, scholarship, leadership, and innovation. Our mission is to prepare students to make a positive impact in the world through pursuing their passions, appreciating and creating beauty, and solving problems.

Faculty & Administration

There are forty-three members of the TGS faculty and sixty-five percent hold graduate degrees. Six members of the faculty hold PhD's. An administrative team of seventeen professionals, with the guidance of a strong Board of Trustees and the support of an exceptional support staff, are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the school.

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Academics

All Upper School courses are taught at the HONORS level and twelve Advanced Placement courses are offered. Classes are offered on a modified block schedule, allowing each period to meet every other day for seventy five minutes. The typical academic course load is six courses per semester, two of which may be performance or production based. Grades are issued at the conclusion of each semester in mid-January and in late May. The average class size is fifteen.

Accreditation

TGS is accredited by and a member of the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS) and maintains membership in the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Educational Records Bureau, the College Board, the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC), the Rocky Mountain Association for College Admissions Counseling (RMACAC), and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS). Our school CEEB code is **030506**.

Innovation and Technology

In keeping with the best practices of 21st century schools, The Gregory School has a 1:1 laptop program. Our campus is equipped with WIFI for universal access and our teachers promote “good practices” by asking students to use their laptops for online organizing, on-line collaboration and peer editing; for writing, communicating, and publishing; for critical thinking and research skill development; and for creation and innovation using Sketchup and CAD programs, animation, and much more. The 2015-2016 school year introduced students to several exciting new programs – the Student Writing Center, the Fab Lab, and The Inquiry Project. Under the guidance of our English department, many of our very finest young writers staff the writing center to help peers brainstorm papers and sharpen rough drafts. In partnership with MIT, we have fully equipped and staffed a lab where teachers can bring classes to create models and “invent.” The interdisciplinary study Project Inquiry adopts an issue and asks each participant to develop a solution culminating a year-long investigation. Supported by a faculty of 12 from across departments, students met in collaborative groups weekly to learn, to investigate and to attempt to solve pressing issues. Each student’s project, graded on a pass/fail basis, demanded sophisticated scholarship culminating in a public presentation. The 2015-2016 Project Inquiry Topic tackled Tucson Water Issues.

The 2016-17 academic year heralds the sophomore year for a number of initiatives – The Writing Center, The Fab Lab, and Project Inquiry. The student staff of the Writing Center, under the guidance of our English Department, continues their adroit brainstorming and precise modeling of skills for younger, emerging writers. The Fab Lab produced a solar powered car, a

champion robotics team, and a successful team of “safe builders” who placed fourth in The Shalheveth Freier International Physics competition. Project Inquiry invites members of the Class of 2018 to develop a collaborative project around a central question asked by the team. In addition to their internship projects, seniors have the option of completing a “Senior Capstone Project” focused on original scholarship in a field of personal interest.

Graduation Requirements

At least 26 units of credit are required for graduation. All academic courses are taught at the honors level. Gregory School upper school students are required to take a minimum of six courses each semester (seven for freshmen). Freshmen and sophomores must take at least five academic courses per semester. Juniors and seniors must take at least four academic courses per semester. The following credits are required:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	4
Fine Arts	1
Foreign Languages	3 (in the same language; at least two of which must be taken in grades 9-12)
Mathematics	4 (at least three in grades 9-12)
Physical Education	1 (required in grade 9)
Science	4 (three in lab science)
Social Sciences	4

Upper school students may petition to take a course for which they do not have the required prerequisites. The teacher and Department Chair make final decisions on these petitions.

Grading

Students are graded on a traditional 0-4.3 scale and grade inflation is kept to a minimum at our school. Because of the rigorous nature of our all Honors curriculum, only Advanced Placement Courses are weighted; an additional ½ point (0.5) is added to each semester for the purposes of calculating Grade Point Average. We do not rank students.

TGS Grades				
A+ = 4.3	B+ = 3.3	C+ = 2.3	D+ = 1.3	F = 0.0
A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0	
A- = 3.7	B- = 2.7	C- = 1.7	D- = 0.7	
High Honor Roll: 3.90-4.30 (all grades A- or above)		Honor Roll: 3.50-3.89 (all grades B- or above)		

Standardized Testing Results

Advanced Placement Exams (AP) – In May of 2016, 53 students took exams in 21 different subject areas. 81% passed by earning a score of 3 or higher; 51% earned a 4 or 5.

SAT Subject Tests – Students in the Class of 2016 took 14 Subject Area tests in 8 different subjects and earned a mean score of 728.

	Number of testers	ACT Composite Mid 50%	Number of Testers	SAT Reasoning Test Mid 50%
Class of 2011	22	22-30	24	1520-1890
Class of 2012	21	22-30	26	1660-2050
Class of 2013	39	24-29	45	1630-1990
Class of 2014	44	25-31	50	1710-1970
Class of 2015	32	25-30	35	1650-1980
Class of 2016	34	26-30	30	1630-2060

Community Service

The Gregory School is committed to providing students with opportunities to engage in community service; these experiences are essential in the development of character, scholarship, leadership and innovation. In order to help our students live this philosophy, The Gregory School has adopted hourly requirements for each grade level. A goal of TGS is to make volunteering a normal and regular activity, and one that is both rewarding and fun. 9th and 10th graders are required to complete 10 hours per year while 11th graders must complete 15 hours, and 12th graders must complete 60 hours.

Athletics

The Gregory School has an exceptionally rich co-curricular life and nearly 80% of all Upper School students play at least one sport. Interscholastic offerings include boys' and girls' cross country, boys' soccer, boys' and girls' swimming, girls' volleyball in the fall; boys' and girls' basketball in the winter; and boys' and girls' golf, boys' and girls' tennis, boys' and girls' track and field, and boys' volleyball in the spring.

College Acceptances 2011-2016

(at least one student has matriculated at each of the colleges listed in **bold**)

Adams State University	College of Charleston	Grinnell College
Agnes Scott College	College of the Holy Cross	Guilford College
Albright College	College of Wooster	Hampden-Sydney College
American Academy of Dramatic Arts	Colorado Christian University	Hampshire College
American College of Health Professions	Colorado College	Harvard University
American University	Colorado School of Mines	Hawaii Pacific University
Amherst College	Colorado State University	Hood College
Arcadia University	Columbia College Chicago	Hope College
Arizona State University	Columbia University	Humboldt State University
Auburn University	Concordia University - Portland	Illinois Wesleyan University
Austin College	Corban College	Indiana University at Bloomington
Aveda Institute Los Angeles	Cornell University	Ithaca College
Azusa Pacific University	Creighton University	James Madison University
Babson College	Dartmouth College	Johns Hopkins University
Bard College	Davidson College	Kalamazoo College
Bates College	Denison University	Kansas State University
Baylor University	Dickinson College	Kenyon College
Belmont University	Drake University	Knox College
Bentley University	Drexel University	Lafayette College
Boston College	Duke University	Lake Forest College
Boston University	Duquesne University	Lehigh University
Bowdoin College	Eckerd College	Lewis & Clark College
Brandeis University	Elon University	Loyola Marymount University
Brooks Institute of Photography	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Loyola University Chicago
Brown University	Emerson College	Loyola University New Orleans
Bryn Mawr College	Emory University	Macalester College
Butler University	Emory University/Oxford College	Manhattan College
California Institute of the Arts	Evergreen State University	Marist College
California Lutheran University	Fairfield University	Marquette University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Florida Southern College	Maryland Institute College of Art
California State University, Los Angeles	Fordham University	Marymount California University
Carleton College	Fort Lewis College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Carnegie Mellon University	Franklin and Marshall College	Menlo College
Case Western Reserve University	Franklin College Switzerland	Metropolitan State University of Denver
Central Connecticut	Furman University	Michigan State University
Chapman University	George Mason University	Middlebury College
Claremont McKenna College	Georgetown University	Mills College
Clark University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Clemson University	Gettysburg College	Mitchell College
Coe College	Gonzaga University	Mount Holyoke College
Colby College	Goucher College	Montana State University
Colgate University	Grand Canyon University	New Mexico Institute of Technology

New York University
North Carolina State University
 Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
 Northwestern University
Oberlin College Conservatory of Music
Occidental College
 Ohio Northern University
 Oregon State University
 Pace University, New York City
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Pepperdine University
Pima Community College
Pitzer College
 Pomona College
 Point Loma Nazarene College
Portland Community College
 Portland State University
 Prescott College
Princeton University
Purdue University
 Quinnipiac University
 Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rhodes College
Rice University
 Richmond The American International College in London
 Rutgers University-New Brunswick
 Salve Regina University
 San Diego Mesa College
 San Diego State University
 San Francisco Art Institute
Santa Clara University
 Saint John's University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 School of the Museum of Fine Arts
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
 Seattle Pacific University
 Seattle University
 Seton Hall University
 Sierra Nevada College
 Simmons College
Skidmore College
Smith College
 Soka University of America
Southern Methodist University

Southern New Hampshire University
Southwestern University
St. Edward's University
Stanford University
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Suffolk University
 Susquehanna University
 Swarthmore College
 Sweet Briar College
 Syracuse University
 Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
 The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina
The College of Wooster
The Evergreen State College
The George Washington University
 The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Georgia
 The University of Tampa
The University of Texas, Austin
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
 Union College
 University at Buffalo
 The State University of New York
University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, Merced
 University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder
 University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
 University of Delaware
University of Denver
 University of Hartford
University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Idaho
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas
 University of La Verne
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Massachusetts, Boston
 University of Miami
University of Michigan
 University of Nebraska at Lincoln
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of New Mexico
 University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rhode Island
 University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
 University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
 University of St. Thomas
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of the Pacific
University of Utah
 University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
Uniwersytet Warszawski
 Ursinus College
 Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
 Villanova University
 Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
 Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Westminster College
 Wheaton College MA
 Whitman College
 Whittier College
Whitworth University
Williams College
Willamette University
 Wittenberg University

