

School Profile 2023-24

CEEB Code: 181604

Mission and Name Change

Francis Parker School of Louisville cultivates a joyful, compassionate, intellectual community that celebrates individuality and inspires independent thinking for life.

Formerly known as St. Francis School, the school is now named in honor of the Progressive educational philosophy that Francis Parker and others founded in the early 1900s. As a Progressive School, we are dedicated to critical thinking and intellectual curiosity. It is a place where students learn how to think, not what to think. Our new name anchors us in our values, our mission, and our philosophy.

Accreditation/Membership

- · National Association of Independent Schools
- Independent Schools Association of the Central States
- Kentucky Association of Independent Schools
- Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission
- National Association for College Admission Counseling
- Kentucky Association for College Admission Counseling
- Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education

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Location

Francis Parker serves students on two campuses in Louisville and Goshen, Kentucky. The high school's location in **downtown Louisville** enables students to be part of the urban community, and the **open campus** teaches students to **balance freedom with responsibility**.

School Community

Francis Parker School of Louisville is an independent, non-denominational school, serving students in preschool through high school on two campuses.



Enrollment
36 seniors
162 in high school
506 overall



35% students of color 65% receiving financial aid 3% international/foreign-born



High School Student:Faculty Ratio 8:1



High School Faculty
17 full-time faculty members
94% hold advanced degrees
47% hold doctorate degrees

Francis Parker School of Louisville

Goshen (PS - 8th) 11000 U.S. Highway 42 Goshen, KY 40026 Downtown (High School) 233 W. Broadway Louisville, KY 40202

Curriculum

Francis Parker offers a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, requiring 22 credits for graduation with the following minimum distribution requirements:

- English (4 credits)
- World Languages (2 credits)
- History (3 credits)
- Art (1 credit)
- Mathematics (4 credits)
 Fitness, Health & Skills (1 credit)
- Science (3 credits)
- Senior Project (1 credit)

Because all classes are taught at a college preparatory level, we do not use an "honors" designation in course names.

Dual-Credit courses are offered in conjunction with the University of Louisville for English III and Precalculus.

The entire high school community is actively engaged in a comprehensive long-term relationship with Louisville's non-profit organizations through a four-year community service program.

Senior Project

The Senior Project is a graduation requirement for all students that encompasses **research**, **writing**, **and presentation**. The process is yearlong; students propose topics in the spring of their junior year and present in the spring of their senior year.

Advanced Placement

AP courses are offered in

- · Biology*
- · Calculus AB/BC
- Chemistry
- Chinese Language
- Comparative Government & Politics
- Computer Science
- English Literature
- Environmental Science*
- Physics C: Mechanics*
- · Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism*
- Spanish Language
- Spanish Literature
- Statistics
- · U.S. History

*Offered in alternating years

82% of exams taken in May 2023 received a score of 3 or higher.

67% of the Class of 2023 took at least one AP class.

Students can also take the World History, English Language, and Music Theory exams, although we do not offer the courses.

Permission is required to register for AP courses.

Grading System

Grade	Scale	Unweighted GPA	AP Weighted GPA
A+	98-100	4.3	5.3
Α	92-97	4.0	5.0
A-	90-91	3.7	4.7
B+	88-89	3.3	4.3
В	82-87	3.0	4.0
B-	80-81	2.7	3.7
C+	78-79	2.3	3.3
С	72-77	2.0	3.0
C-	70-71	1.7	2.7
NC	69 and below	No credit - failing	

GPA Averages (Classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023)

- 3.36 average unweighted GPA
- 3.48 average weighted GPA

Honor Roll: All As and Bs.

58% of the student body qualified for Honor Roll in 2022-23.

Advanced Math

The advanced math course in Proofs, Logic, and Set Theory is weighted like an AP course.

Reporting Policies

- We do not compute median SAT/ACT scores or class rank because of the small size of the student body.
- Transfer grades are not included in the Francis Parker GPA or on the Francis Parker transcript.

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College Acceptances and Enrollments - '21, '22, and '23

Graduates enrolled at **bolded** institutions.

Academy of Art University Agnes Scott College Alabama A&M University

Albion College Allegheny College American University Anna Maria College

Appalachian State University

Arizona State University (Main Campus)

Arizona State University (Polytechnic) Austin Peay State University **Baldwin Wallace University**

Ball State University Bard College

Bellarmine University Belmont University Berea College

Bluegrass Community and Technical College

Bryn Mawr College **Bucknell University Butler University**

California College of the Arts

California State Polytechnic University (Pomona)

Centre College

Clark Atlanta University Cleveland State University College of Mount Saint Vincent Colorado Mountain College

Colorado State University (Fort Collins)

Columbia College (Chicago)

Columbus College of Art and Design

Cornell University **CUNY City College CUNY Lehman College CUNY Queens College** D'Youville College

Davidson College Denison University DePaul University DePauw University Dickinson College

Dominican University Drexel University Earlham College

Eastern Kentucky University

Eckerd College Elon University Emory & Henry College

Fisk University Flagler College

Florida Gulf Coast University Florida Memorial University

Fordham University **Full Sail University Furman University**

George Washington University **Georgetown University**

Georgia Institute of Technology

Gettysburg College Grinnell College Hanover College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Hollins University

Indiana University (Bloomington) Ithaca College

Alumni from '21, '22, and '23 are studying in 20 states, DC, Canada, Japan, the Netherlands, and the UK.

47% are enrolled at private institutions; 53% at public institutions. 40% are studying at in-state institutions; 60% are out of state or abroad.

Jackson State University Jacksonville University

Jefferson Community and Technical College

Kenyon College Knox College Lawrence University Lewis & Clark College Loyola University Chicago Loyola University New Orleans

Macalester College Manhattan College **Maryville University** McDaniel College **McGill University** Miami University (Oxford) Michigan State University Michigan Technological University

Middle Tennessee State University

Middlebury College Morehead State University Murray State University **New York University**

North Carolina A & T State University

Northern Kentucky University

Occidental College

Ohio University (Main Campus)

Oregon State University Pace University (New York City) Penn State University (University Park)

Pomona College

Purdue University (Main Campus)

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rochester Institute of Technology

Roger Williams University

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Rutgers University (New Brunswick) Rutgers University (Newark) Saint Joseph's University Saint Louis University

Saint Mary's College Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College

Savannah College of Art and Design

Scripps College Skidmore College **Smith College**

Soka University of America Southern Methodist University Southern University and A&M College

Spalding University **Sullivan University** SUNY at Purchase College Swarthmore College **Temple University**

Temple University, Japan Campus

Tennessee State University Texas Tech University The College of Wooster

The Ohio State University (Main Campus)

The University of Alabama The University of Tampa

The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)

Thomas More University **Tiffin University**

Transylvania University

Tufts University Tulane University University of Arizona

University of California (Berkeley) University of California (Davis) University of California (Irvine) University of California (Los Angeles) University of California (San Diego) University of California (Santa Barbara) University of California (Santa Cruz) University of Cincinnati (Blue Ash)

University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)

University of Colorado Denver University of Connecticut University of Dayton **University of Denver** University of Florida University of Georgia University of Glasgow

University of Colorado Boulder

University of Groningen (Netherlands)

University of Hawaii at Manoa University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Iowa University of Kansas University of Kentucky University of Louisville

University of Maryland (College Park) University of Massachusetts (Boston)

University of Memphis University of Michigan **University of New England**

University of North Carolina at Asheville

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of Notre Dame University of Oregon

University of Pittsburgh (Johnstown) University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh) University of San Francisco University of South Carolina University of South Florida

University of Vermont

University of Virginia (Main Campus) University of Washington (Seattle Campus)

University of Wisconsin (Eau Claire)

University of Wisconsin (Madison) Utah State University Utah Valley University

Vanderbilt University Vassar College Villanova University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Wake Forest University Warren Wilson College

Washington University in St. Louis

West Virginia University Western Kentucky University

Whitman College Willamette University Wilmington College Wittenberg University **Xavier University**

York St. John University (UK)