

## **Hill School**

### **Ivy League MIT Stanford placement**

Hill School: 6 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 18 %

Top 50 High Schools: 25 %

### **HYPMS placement**

Hill School: 1 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 8 %

Top 50 High Schools: 12 %

### **Average SAT**

Hill School: 1,883

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 1,842

Top 50 High Schools: 1,569

### **Endowment per student**

Hill School: \$ 0.25 million (US)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 0.32 million (US)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 0.16 million (US)

### **Endowment**

Hill School: \$ 120 million (US)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 186 million (US)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 110 million (US)

### **AP courses**

Hill School: 23 (courses)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 16 (courses)

Top 50 High Schools: 12 (courses)

### **Students receiving aid**

Hill School: 40 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 30 %

Top 50 High Schools: 22 %

### **Average class size**

Hill School: 14 (students)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 12 (students)

Top 50 High Schools: 14 (students)

### **Advanced degree faculty**

Hill School: 70 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 72 %

Top 50 High Schools: 64 %

### **Day Tuition**

Hill School: \$ 32,800 (USD)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 31,941 (USD)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 32,349 (USD)

## Boarding Tuition

Hill School: \$ 47,500 (USD)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 46,116 (USD)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 45,931 (USD)

## Info

- School type: Boarding and day students
  - Day student only grade:9th to PG
  - Boarding student only grade:9th to PG
  - School focus: College Preparatory
  - AP and or IB: AP
  - Number of AP courses offered: 23
  - Average SAT: 1883
  - ESL offered:
  - Academic calendar: Trimesters
  - Summer program:
  - Boarding availability: 7 day boarding
  - Setting: Rural
  - Founded:1851
  - Total school faculty: 69
  - Advanced degree faculty: 70 %
  - Teacher : Student ratio: 1 : 7
  - Religious affiliation: None
  - Website: <http://www.thehill.org>
  - Address: 717 East High Street Pottstown PA 19464 United States
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## Enrollment

- Day student only grade:9th to PG
  - Boarding student only grade:9th to PG
  - Enrollment gender: Coed
  - Average class size: 14
  - Dress code\*:No
  - Total student enrolled:485
  - International student: 16%
  - \*Dress code, Yes=Formal or Uniform, No=Casual
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## Tuition

- Boarding student tuition (per year):\$47,500
  - Day student tuition (per year):\$32,800
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## **Admissions**

- Admissions deadline: January 31
  - Application fee: \$50.00
  - Acceptance rate:
  - Interview: On-campus interview required
  - Rolling admissions: No
  - English proficiency required for admission: Yes
  - Type of aid available: Need-based
  - % student receiving aid: 40 %
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## **Contact**

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## Reviews

### Academic

**[Columbia]** Not a very diverse choice for advanced classes. Require courses in various fields (maths and sciences as well as humanities and arts). The class size is pretty small, especially in discussion classes. Lecture classes are a bit larger. Short transitions between classes. Large workload, but time-manageable. Faculty are easily accessible and helpful.

**[Johns Hopkins]** Great faculty. The majority of the teachers live on campus-- extra help is easy to get. Small classes. Arts are not a strong point at Hill, but great theater program. Very large workload, hard to manage at times. Treatment of transfer students is less than good by students and faculty.

**[Georgetown]** Class size at Hill School ranges from a maximum of 20 students; a minimum: 4 students; and an average of 10-11 students. Student body is competitive. Numerous AP courses are offered. Hill School requires students to take classes with principles such as analytical reading, persuasive/creative writing, and critical thinking—good preparation for college.

### College Counseling

**[Columbia]** Counselors are experienced and helpful. Take part in the application process, but make sure the student takes responsibility.

**[Johns Hopkins]** Hill has a special "college prep" class they make all juniors go through. This student's specific counselor had met with the representative from his early decision school and told him not to accept him because he hadn't been at Hill for the full 4 years. This student did as much as he could on his own. He does not recommend the counseling at Hill school.

**[Georgetown]** College admission discussions start sophomore year with a required meeting with a college advisor. By junior year, you are assigned a specific college advisor. Depending on who you get as an advisor, you will get immense help or receive no help at all. Advisors do not get involved or invested in students' applications.

### Admissions Process

**[Columbia]** International student-- had to take TOEFL test and get in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. Had to submit a transcript from former school as well as a general application that is used in many prep schools. The school pays attention to parents-school relationship.

**[Johns Hopkins]** Attending the Hill's feeder-school (Wyndcroft School, Pottstown, PA) basically guarantees your spot in the incoming class. Positions at Hill are very competitive. Having a parent that attended or donates is very good for your chances. Interview is required—dress like you would for a job interview.

**[Georgetown]** SSAT; PSAT/SAT for transfer/junior students. You MUST go for a tour and an interview. Tour guides evaluate applicants. Make sure you have questions. Parents should be involved, but not overly involved.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

**[Columbia]** Community is the first priority of campus life. The schedule is crammed and busy since you are required to study and participate in extra-curricular activities such as sports, music, and arts. A typical student spends about ten hours on extra-curricular activities, mostly sports.

**[Johns Hopkins]** Sports are very important. The arts program is not great. Choral groups are very good. The chamber choir tours Europe every other year, and the two acapella groups perform the most popular concerts on campus.

**[Georgetown]** Hill requires students to participate in extracurricular activities whether you engage in sports or the arts or community service.

### Quality of School Life

**[Columbia]** Rooms are small but the dorms form a good community between students. There are formal lunches and dinner. Neighborhood area is not really safe—there is the occasional crime. The campus area is quite isolated and secured by tons of security officers. Most faculty live on campus. There is a 40-minute period each week for advisor meetings. Approach to discipline is rigid. Demerit system is employed and it's easy to get one (for instance, being 30-seconds late). Four demerits lead to detention.

**[Johns Hopkins]** Boarding is better than being a day student. No co-ed dorms. The food is good, and is served in a family-style atmosphere, with tables assigned to each student for a semester. Meals are mandatory. There is tension between the school and the neighborhood surrounding it. The neighborhood is not safe.

**[Georgetown]** Boarding is better than being a day student for social reasons. The dormitories are spacious and clean. Guys are not allowed into Girls' facilities and vice versa. Crime/Safety: Although Pottstown can be an unsafe neighborhood, the school itself (surrounded by walls and on top of a hill) is very safe. Lots of security. Dining: Required lunch/dinner (not all the time though); Food is what you expect from cafeteria food. Plenty of options to choose from even if you are vegan or kosher. Very strict discipline.