AP Scholar Awards given to STE students in 2019

100% of graduates attend 4-year colleges and universities in a typical year. The class of 2019 was accepted to universities all over the nation, including Columbia, Boston University, Penn State, Rensselaer, Rice, Savannah College of Art and Design, UT, Texas A&M, and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.
Accolades

#1 in Houston
STE was named the 2019 Best Christian High School in the Houston Area.

Soccer Champions
Our varsity men’s and women’s soccer teams won the 2019 TAPPS State Championship.

TAPPS State Appearance
The women’s swim team placed 3rd at the 2019 TAPPS state meet.

Mock Trial Top at Regionals
Mock Trial team named Most Professional in state competition.

Nationally Recognized Yearbook

The class of 2019 was accepted to universities all over the nation, including Columbia, Boston University, Penn State, Rensselaer, Rice, Savannah College of Art and Design, UT, Texas A&M, and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Junior Classical League
Our novice certamen team placed 1st at the Area A convention and our advanced team placed 2nd.

Creativity Recognized
Thirty of our students won awards at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest, with one winning a gold medal.

State Drum Line Championship
The STE drum corps are TAPPS State Drum Line Champions for the second year in a row.

On Tour
Our Choir and Orchestra had a successful performance tour in New Orleans, with concerts at schools and Christ Church Cathedral.

Middle School Cross Country Champs
Boys placed 1st at GHAC** Championship for the fourth year in a row.

Quiz Bowl at Nationals
Middle School Quiz Bowl team went to the National Championship for the fifth consecutive year.

World-Renowned Pipe Band
Our band placed 4th in the Juvenile World Pipe Band Championships in Scotland.

Greater Houston Athletic Conference
Middle School Quiz Bowl

*Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools **Greater Houston Athletic Conference
STE at a Glance

Since 1955, Saint Thomas’ Episcopal School has formed honorable men and women through a classical education grounded in a Christ-centered worldview.

K through 12
Grades Offered

7 to 1 ratio
Student to Faculty

600
Student Enrollment

TAPPS 4A
Athletic Conference

August – May
School Year

Coed
School Type

1st - 8th Grade
Single gender core academic classes

45 min. periods
Seven class periods per day, plus Chapel

#1
Christian High School in Houston for 2019 - Niche

100%
College Acceptance Rate

43
AP Scholar Awards given to STE students in 2019

26
Average ACT Score

604
SAT – EBRW (Evidence-based Reading & Writing)

600
SAT – Math

Office Hours: 7:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session. See calendar on stes.org for holiday hours.

Accredited by the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES)

Our Campus Master Plan

Little more than three years ago STE developed a strategic plan as a guide for its future. As a result, STE church and school leadership created a campus master plan with both short- and long-term goals. The short-term goals for academic space include a new three-story Middle and Upper School building, a reconfigured Lower School (currently the Upper School building), and state-of-the-art STEM and robotics classrooms. STE is working with Merriman Holt Powell Architects on a three-phase architectural process aimed at making these campus enhancements a reality.

Personalized Campus Tours

Offered most weekdays when school is in session. To schedule a visit, go to stes.org/admissions/visit or call 713.666.3111.
Standardized Testing

- Each spring 1st – 8th grade students take the ERB CTP 5. This exam measures student yearly progress with regard to quantitative and qualitative skills and specific concepts therein (including grade level specific mathematics, problem solving, grammar, reading, and writing).
- All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students take the PSAT (Preliminary SAT) in October. The PSAT measures students’ skills in writing, critical reading, and mathematics.
- Qualification for the National Merit Scholarship program is based upon 11th grade PSAT scores.
- All 10th graders take the Pre-ACT in the fall of their 10th grade year. The test measures reading comprehension, English grammar and usage, mathematics, and science.
- The SAT and ACT tests are required for college admissions purposes. Our students usually take these tests for the first time during the spring of their junior year.
- Advanced Placement (AP) tests are administered in early May, according to the rigorous AP format. The goal of these tests is to assist students in earning college level credits for accelerated work performed at STE.

College Counseling

We are uniquely positioned to offer 1-on-1 college counseling from a full-time counselor. Our program helps students and their families navigate the complexities of college admissions and select a college that matches the student’s academic background and interests.

College Night

In September, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders and their parents can attend College Night. These informational sessions provide families with a grade-specific overview of the college search process.

College Representative Visits

Each fall, colleges and universities send admissions representatives to STE to visit students. It is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and explore college options.

Family Meetings

Starting in the freshman year and continuing through high school, families meet one-on-one with the college counselor. Students receive individualized academic advising, standardized test counseling, and college planning according to their academic background and interests.

Visits are announced on our college bulletin boards and are posted on our student information system, Veracross.

Andrew Hughes
Director of Guidance and College Counseling
hughes.andrew@stes.org

College at STE

We offer a wide array of athletic opportunities for students. All athletics information, like game days, tournaments and rosters, can be found on our athletics website, steathletics.org.

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We want students to have a rich academic experience while also learning the values of perseverance and respect.”

- Michael F. Cusack, Jr., Headmaster
Admissions (2020-2021)

Application submission and a campus tour are encouraged in the fall prior to the intended year of entry. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of the application within a week after submission, please contact the Office of Admissions at 713.666.3111. For information specific to the Preschool Program offered by Saint Thomas’ Episcopal Church, visit steppreschool.org.

**Admissions Process**

We encourage applicants to complete the following steps in the order listed.

**Step 1**
Submit the admissions application

Visit stes.org and click on the Admissions tab to fill out an online application. The priority deadline for submitting applications is January 15.

**Step 2**
Register for a placement test

If applying to Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th, go to catstexas.com to register for testing by December 1. If applying to 5th grade or higher, go to iseeetest.org to register for testing by December 1. Applicants may test at any school administering the ISEE, but scores must be sent to STE using our school code: 443433.

**Step 3**
Submit transcripts

The transcript release form should be submitted to your child’s current school in early December so that their first semester grades are included in the official records the school sends STE.

**Step 4**
Provide teacher recommendations

If applying to Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th, only one teacher recommendation is required. If applying to 6th grade or higher, two teacher recommendations (one from a Math teacher and one from an English teacher) are required. The two teacher recommendation forms should be given to your child’s current Math and English teachers in early December.

**Step 5**
Attend family interview

Shortly after submission of your child’s completed admissions file, you will be able to schedule a family interview on campus. The applicant and one or both parents should attend the interview. For Kindergarten applicants, an observation will be conducted at the family interview.

The deadline to complete application files, including receipt of test results, transcripts, teacher recommendations, and the family interview, is February 1.

Decision letters will be sent in mid-March to each candidate who has completed their file by the priority deadline. For files completed after the published deadlines, the Admissions Committee will render decisions as it is able, provided that available space remains in the desired grade of entry.

If applying for need-based financial aid, fill out a confidential application online at factsmgt.com by March 1. Should you have questions, contact the STE Business Office at 713.666.3111.

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*Grades Kindergarten through 4th, WPPSI and WISC testing must be administered within six months prior to the Application Materials Deadline. Grades 5th through 12th, applicants may take the ISEE at any participating school or test site.
Lower School Curriculum

Kindergarten
Phonetically oriented reading instruction, mathematics, spelling, and manuscript, as well as instruction in Christian doctrine through a study of the Chapel service and Bible stories, form the core of the kindergarten curriculum. Students also receive instruction in art, dance, and physical education, and make regular visits to our school library.

Grades 1-3
Our 1st through 3rd grade curriculum has a twofold purpose: to provide a solid foundation in the skills of reading, spelling, writing, mathematics, and grammar, and to help each student toward the acquisition of a Christian worldview through systematic worship and a study of Christian doctrine. The program is so thoroughly integrated that each area of study reinforces the others.

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Grades 4-5
In the 4th and 5th grades, we continue to build on the basic foundation that has been laid, while preparing students for the accelerated liberal arts curriculum in Middle and Upper Schools. In preparation for this, we teach students that with greater independence and opportunities comes greater responsibilities. For instance, in 4th and 5th grade, students learn to manage materials and instruction from three different academic core teachers and transition between classrooms.

Also starting in 4th grade, students with excellent academic achievement and conduct for each marking period are recognized in Chapel and included on the Dean’s List or Honor Roll.

By 5th grade, students develop their organizational skills by employing note-taking techniques and outlines for study and recall.

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Saint Thomas’ Episcopal Middle School curriculum prepares students for the challenges of high school and beyond. Beginning in sixth grade, Saint Thomas’ exposes students to the classical education model by introducing Latin, science, English, history, and mathematics as the core curriculum. Students also gain the opportunity to select elective courses from a variety of choices that best fit their personal interests, including foreign languages, physical education, robotics, computer programming, and fine arts. Sixth grade students start their academic experience in the Middle School attending an academic skills course during one of their elective periods to introduce them to the Middle School environment and to give them tools to manage the academic rigor of our Middle School model.

**Middle School Curriculum**

*Our English program develops students who can write with understanding and grace, who can read and understand what they have read, and who have begun to understand the lessons of life to be learned through acquaintance with the great characters of literature. Our goal is understanding, which cannot be rushed or quickly produced. To that end, we have divided our program into four parts: the studies of grammar, vocabulary, writing, and literature.*

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STE has been more than a school for our children. It has been an extended family, community, and partner in assisting us in raising our children.”

— Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Garrett, Upper & Middle School Parents

**MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT**

**English**
- Grammar
- Vocabulary
- Writing
- Literature

**Mathematics**
- Math 6
- Pre-Algebra
- Algebra I or Accelerated Algebra I

**Science**
- Earth Science
- Life Science
- Physical Science

**History**
- Ancient History
- World History & Geography
- United States History

**Latin**
- 6th Grade Latin
- Latin I
- Latin II

**Class Trips**
- Mo-Ranch (Grade 6)
- Texas History (Grade 7)
- American Heritage, Washington, D.C. (Grade 8)

**Electives**
- Art
- Bagpipe Band - Drumming and Piping
- Choir
- Highland Dance
- Oral Presentation
- Physical Education
- Quiz Bowl
- String Ensemble
- BattleBots and More

**Clubs**
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Junior Classical League
- Quiz Bowl
- Student Ambassadors
- Cotillion
Saint Thomas’ Episcopal School offers Upper School students a challenging liberal arts curriculum that embraces a detailed treatment of mathematics, languages, history, science, and religion. We offer 21 Advanced Placement (AP) courses beginning in the sophomore year; students with the most rigorous course schedules could take between six and 10 AP courses during their Upper School career. Our selection of AP courses is one of the largest among private schools in the Houston area.

Upon graduation, our students have a firm foundation on which to build future success in college and in life.

Required Offerings by Grade

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<td>U.S. Government/ Economics or AP U.S. Government &amp; Politics/ AP Macroeconomics</td>
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**UPPER SCHOOL OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT**

**English**
- English 9
- English 10
- Language and Composition
- AP Language and Composition
- Norton Anthology of English Literature
- Confessions
- The Canterbury Tales
- Macbeth
- Paradise Lost
- Frankenstein

**Mathematics**
- Geometry with Proofs
- Algebra II with Trigonometry
- Precalculus, Finite Math, Logic, Calculus AB, or AP Calculus AB
- Calculus AB, Introduction to College Algebra, Finite Math, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, or Introduction to Differential Equations/ Multi-variable Calculus
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- AP Calculus AB
- AP Statistics
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**Science**
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Environmental Science
- Geology
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism

**Foreign Language**
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**Social Studies**
- European History
- U.S. History or AP United States History
- U.S. Government/ Economics or AP U.S. Government & Politics/ AP Macroeconomics
- Western Philosophy

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- European History
- U.S. History
- AP United States History
- U.S. Government/Economics
- AP U.S. Government & Politics/ AP Macroeconomics
- Western Philosophy
- Ten Pillars of Economics
- AP Comparative Government & Politics/ AP Macroeconomics
- AP Human Geography
- AP European History
- AP Psychology

**Mathematics**
- Algebra II
- Algebra II with Trigonometry
- Precalculus
- Finite Math
- Logic
- Calculus AB
- Introduction to College Algebra
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Statistics
- Introduction to Differential Equations/Multi-variable Calculus

**Science**
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Environmental Science
- Geology
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism

**Computer Science**
- Introduction to Computer Science and Java
- AP Computer Science A

**Performing And Visual Arts**
- Band (Great Highland bagpipe, Scottish snare, tenor or bass drum)
- Choir
- Highland Dancing
- Speech and Debate
- String Ensemble
- Studio Art
- AP Studio Art
- Elective Art
- Theatre
- Yearbook/Newspaper

**Non-Credit Electives**
- Study Hall
- Teacher’s Aide

**Clubs**
- Choir
- Chemistry Show
- Hope Club
- Junior Classical League
- Literary Art Club
- Math and Science Club
- Mock Trial
- Orchestra
- Sailing Club
- Science Bowl
- Spirit Club
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Foundation
- Theatre Production
- Writing Lab
Τuition and Fees (2019-2020)

Tuition*
(Does not include lunch, uniforms, activities, sports, or schedule-specific costs)

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Fee Schedule

- **Enrollment Fee**
  Billed at time of re-enrollment

- **Student Facility Fee**
  Billed in June

- **Textbook and Supplemental Book and Course Fees**
  Billed in October

- **Sports, Music, Band, and Clubs Fees**
  Billed in October

- **Returning Student, Domestic:** $300
- **Returning Student, International:** $1,300
- **New Student, Domestic:** $800
- **New Student, International:** $1,800

Financial Aid
Recognizing the costs associated with private education, we make every effort to help families with a demonstrated need.

Families interested in being considered for financial assistance may apply online at stes.org/admissions/tuition & financial aid. Financial aid applications must be received by March 1 for consideration.

Sibling Discount
STE offers a five percent (5%) sibling discount.

International Students
Tuition differs for International students requiring an I-20 issued by STE. For the first year of enrollment, $10,000 is assessed in addition to domestic tuition. Each year thereafter, $3,000 is assessed in addition to domestic tuition.

From our first day at STE, the teachers have taught students the classical material, guided them in their Christian faith, and aided in the development of their individual well-being.”
- Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Kurie, Upper School Parents

58% of K-12 families qualified for financial aid for 2019-2020