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College Prep At Its Best

College counseling at Saint Thomas' Episcopal School begins in 9th grade and is personalized to each student and his or her family.

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AP Scholar Awards given to STE students in 2019

Abilene Christian University Adelphi University American University Arizona State University Auburn University Austin College Baylor University Belmont University Benedictine College Birmingham-Southern College Blinn College Boston College Boston University Brandeis University Bucknell University Butler University California College of the Arts California Institute of Technology California Institute of the Arts Calvin College Carnegie Mellon University Champlain College Clemson University Cleveland State University Colby College Colgate University Colorado School of Mines Colorado State University Columbia University Concordia University, Portland Concordia University Texas Cornell College Cornell University Dallas Baptist University Dartmouth College DePaul University Drexel University Duke University Eckerd College Emerson College

Emory and Henry College Emory University Fairleigh Dickinson University Fordham University Furman University Georgetown University Georgia Institute of Technology Grinnell College Hampton University Harvey Mudd College Hendrix College High Point University Hofstra University Hollins University Houston Baptist University Illinois College Indiana University at Bloomington Iowa State University Ithaca College Jackson State University Johns Hopkins University Kansas State University King's College Lamar University Langston University Lee College Lewis and Clark University Lipscomb University Louisiana State University Loyola University New Orleans Lynn University Macalester College Massachusetts College of Art and Design Mercer University Metropolitan State University of Denver Miami University, Oxford Michigan State University Midwestern State University

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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 Sewanee: The University of the South Skidmore College Southern Methodist University Southern University and A&M College Southwestern University St. Edward's University St. John's University -Queens Campus St. Lawrence University Stanford University Stephen F. Austin State University

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Suffolk University Sul Ross State University Swarthmore College Syracuse University Tarleton State University Temple University Texas A&M University Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi Texas A&M University. Galveston Texas Christian University Texas Lutheran University Texas State University Texas Tech University Trinity University Tulane University University of Alabama University of Arizona University of Arkansas University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

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California, Berkeley University of California. Davis University of California, Irvine University of California. Los Angeles University of California, Riverside University of California, San Diego University of California, Santa Barbara University of California. Santa Cruz University of Central Florida University of Colorado at Boulder University of Colorado Colorado Springs University of Connecticut University of Dallas University of Denver University of Florida University of Georgia University of Hawaii at Manoa University of Houston University of Houston, Downtown University of Houston, Victoria University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign University of Iowa University of Kansas University of Kentucky University of Louisville University of Mary Hardin-Bavlor

University of



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.

	University of Mary Washington
	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
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	University of Massachusetts, Boston
	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
	University of Miami
	University of Michigan
	University of Mississippi
	University of Missouri Columbia
	University of Missouri Kansas City
	University of Nebraska at Lincoln
	University of North Texas
	University of Notre Dame
	University of Oklahoma
	University of Oregon
	University of Pennsylvania
	University of Portland
а	University of Puget Sound
	University of Rochester
	University of South Carolina
	University of Southern California
	University of Southern Mississippi
	University of St. Thomas
	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
	University of Texas, Arlington
	University of Texas, Austin
	University of Texas, Dallas
	University of Texas, El Paso

University of Texas. San Antonio University of Texas, Tyler University of Tulsa University of the Incarnate Word University of Utah University of Vermont University of Washington University of Wisconsin. Green Bay University of Wisconsin, Madison Vanderbilt University Virginia Commonwealth University Virginia Commonwealth University - The Honors College Virginia Tech Washington and Lee University Washington State Universitv Washington University in St. Louis West Texas A&M University Western Washington University Wheaton College IL Whitman College Winthrop University Xavier University of Louisiana Yale University

United States Army

Accolades



#1 in Houston STE was named the 2019

Best Christian High School in the Houston Area



Theatre Invited to Scotland

Theatre group performed at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2019

Junior Classical League

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



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



World-Renowned Pipe Band

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



Soccer Champions

Our varsity men's and women's soccer teams won the 2019 TAPPS State Championship



Nationally Recognized Yearbook

STE Yearbook, The Belltower, won Silver Crown and Pacemaker awards, two prestigious national honors

Creativity Recognized

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







Cathedral



Middle School **Cross Country** Champs

Boys placed 1st at GHAC** Championship for the fourth year in a roww



Quiz Bowl at Nationals

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



State Drum Line Championship

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

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

> *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.



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.





Guidance and Assessment

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

Athletics 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.

Lower School Athletics		Middle School Athletics		Upper School Athletics	
Soccer (Fall & Spring)	Grades K-5	Cross Country	Grades 5-8	Cross Country	Grades 9-12
Lacrosse	Grades K-5 (Boys Only)	Volleyball	Grades 5-8 (Girls Only)	Volleyball	Grades 9-12 (Women Only)
Archery	Grades K-5	Soccer (Fall & Spring)	Grades 5-8	Swimming	Grades 9-12
Yoga	Grades K-5	Swimming	Grades 5-8	Basketball	Grades 9-12
Basketball	Grades 1-5	Basketball	Grades 5-8	Soccer	Grades 9-12
Fencing	Grades 1-5	Track	Grades 5-8	Track	Grades 9-12
		Tennis	Grades 6-8	Tennis	Grades 9-12
		Golf	Grades 6-8	Golf	Grades 9-12
		Fencing	Grade 6		
		Lacrosse	Grades 6 (Boys Only)		

We want students to have a rich academic experience while also learning the values of perseverance and respect." - Michael F. Cusack, Jr., Headmaster



Athletics Contact

Chris Twine

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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 **stepreschool.org**.

Grade Entering	Application Deadline and Fee	Individual Tests*	Required Documents	Family Interview	Application Materials Deadline	Decisions Notification
Kindergarten	January 15 \$100	WPPSI Testing Schedule online at catstexas.org	One teacher recommendation	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March
Grade 1	January 15 \$100	WPPSI Testing Schedule online at catstexas.org	One teacher recommendation Transcripts and semester grades	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March
Grades 2, 3, 4	January 15 \$100	WISC Testing Schedule online at catstexas.org	One teacher recommendation Transcripts and semester grades	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March
Grades 5	January 15 \$100	ISEE Testing Schedule online at <i>iseetest.org</i>	One teacher recommendation Transcripts and semester grades	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March
Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	January 15 \$100	ISEE Testing Schedule online at iseetest.org	Math and English teacher recommendations Transcripts and semester grades	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March

*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.

Admissions Process

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

Step 1 Submit the admissions application	Visit stes.org and o application. The pr January 15.
Step 2 Register for a placement test	If applying to Kindo register for testing
	If applying to 5th g by December 1. A ISEE, but scores n
Step 3 Submit transcripts	The transcript rele school in early Dec in the official recor
Step 4 Provide teacher recommendations	If applying to Kindor recommendation is
	If applying to 6th g from a Math teach two teacher recom current Math and B
Step 5 Attend family interview	Shortly after subm will be able to sche and one or both pa applicants, an obse
	The deadline to cor results, transcripts 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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ndergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th, go to **catstexas.com** to ing by December 1.

h grade or higher, go to iseetest.org to register for testing Applicants may test at any school administering the s must be sent to STE using our school code: **443433**.

elease form should be submitted to your child's current December so that their first semester grades are included cords the school sends STE.

ndergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th, only one teacher n is required.

h grade or higher, two teacher recommendations (one cher and one from an English teacher) are required. The ommendation forms should be given to your child's d English teachers in early December.

bmission of your child's completed admissions file, you chedule a family interview on campus. The applicant parents should attend the interview. For Kindergarten bservation will be conducted at the family interview.

complete application files, including receipt of test ipts, teacher recommendations, and the family interview,



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.

Grades 1-3 Curriculum	Spelling/Phonics	History	Library
	Reading/Vocabulary	Cursive Writing	Music
	Grammar	Sacred Studies	Choir (Grade 3)
	Mathematics	Art	Physical Education
	Science	Dance	Recess

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.

Grades 4-5 Curriculum	Reading/Vocabulary	Mathematics	Geography	Sacred Studies
	Grammar	Science	Spelling	Oral Presentation
	Composition	History	Latin	Music
	Dance	Art	Recess	Physical Education
Electives	Choir	Private Music Instruction	Pipe Band	

Middle School Curriculum

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.

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
English	6th Grade*	7th Grade*	8th Grade*
Math	Math 6	Pre-Algebra	Algebra I or Accelerated Algebra I
Science	Earth Science	Life Science	Physical Science
Foreign Language	Latin 6, Spanish 6	Latin I, Spanish 7	Chinese I, French I, Latin II, or Spanish I
History	Ancient History	World History and Geography	U.S. History
Class Trip	Mo-Ranch	Texas History	American Heritage, Washington, D.C.

* 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.





MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT

English

Grammar Vocabulary Writing Literature

Latin

6th Grade Latin Latin I Latin II

Class Trips

Mo-Ranch (Grade 6) Texas History (Grade 7) (Grade 8)

Electives

Art Choir Highland Dance Oral Presentation Physical Education Quiz Bowl String Ensemble BattleBots and More

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

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**

American Heritage, Washington, D.C.

- Bagpipe Band Drumming and Piping

Introduction to Programming I Introduction to Programming II Journalism English Grammar Study Class Introduction to Logic (Sixth Grade) Logic and Debate (Seventh Grade) Logic/Pre-Rhetoric (Eighth Grade) Spanish 6 (Sixth Grade) Spanish 7 (Seventh Grade) Spanish I (Eighth Grade) Chinese I (Eighth Grade) French I (Eighth Grade)

Clubs

Boy Scouts **Girl Scouts** Junior Classical League Quiz Bowl Student Ambassadors Cotillion

Upper School Curriculum

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

Required Offerings by Grade

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.

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English	English 9 Mythology The Odyssey Julius Caesar Le Morte D'Arthur Beowulf Sir Gawain and the Green Knight Selections from Divine Comedy	English 10 The Great Gatsby The Scarlet Letter The Tempest The Adventures of Huck Finn The Crucible Of Mice and Men Fahrenheit 451	Language and Composition or AP English Language and Composition Norton Anthology of English Literature Confessions The Canterbury Tales Macbeth Paradise Lost Frankenstein	Literature and Composition or AP Literature and Composition Divine Comedy Republic The Prince Utopia Heart of Darkness Hamlet
Math	Geometry or Geometry with Proofs	Algebra II or 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
Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Environmental Science, Geology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C: Mechanics, or AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Foreign Language	Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish	Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish	Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish	
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

UPPER SCHOOL OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT

English

English 9 English 10 Language and Composition AP English Language and Composition Literature and Composition AP English Literature and Composition Creative Writing

Mathematics

Geometry Geometry with Proofs 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

Social Studies

European History U.S. History AP United States History AP Macroeconomics Western Philosophy Ten Pillars of Economics AP Human Geography AP European History AP Psychology

Foreign Language

Latin III Latin III Readings Latin IV Latin IV Readings Latin V AP Latin Greek French I, II, III, IV AP French Spanish I, II, III, IV AP Spanish Chinese I, II, III, IV

Computer Science

and Java AP Computer Science A

U.S. Government/Economics AP U.S. Government & Politics/ AP Comparative Government & Politics/AP Microeconomics

Introduction to Computer Science

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

Tuition and Fees (2019-2020)

Tuition*

 $({\sf Does \ not \ include \ lunch, \ uniforms, \ activities, \ sports, \ or \ schedule-specific \ costs})$

Lower School (Kindergarten - Grade 5) \$15,800 Middle School (Grades 6 - 8) \$17,800 **Upper School** (Grades 9 - 12) \$19,900

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

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

Kindergarten through Grade 12: \$700

Billing includes standard and schedule-specific book, course, and elective fees.

Students electing to participate in these extracurricular activities will incur a fee.

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**.

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



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



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