School Overview
St. Mark’s is a four-year, college preparatory, boarding and day school located 20 miles west of Boston. Originally founded in 1865 as an Episcopal boys’ school, St. Mark’s merged with the Southborough School for Girls in 1977. Our classes are traditionally referred to as forms: 9th grade is III Form, 10th grade is IV Form, 11th grade is V Form, and 12th grade is VI Form.

The academic program at St. Mark’s is a blend of a classical liberal curriculum infused with innovative elements of contemporary pedagogy. Across the curriculum, students are exposed to interdisciplinary work and the opportunity to develop strong scientific inquiry, historical research, collaborative problem-solving, critical thinking, and written communication skills. Over the past four years, we have completely reimagined our curriculum as well as our use of class time in service of better teaching and learning. We are proud of our distinctive academic program and offer greater detail on a few highlights below.

Signature Programs
Advanced Curriculum: With the start of the 2014–2015 school year, St. Mark’s began offering teacher-generated, school-specific “Advanced” classes in all core academic disciplines except English, where departmental philosophy drives continued heterogeneous grouping. Courses such as our STEM and History Research Fellowships, along with Advanced Topics classes in Math, Language and Religion and our Independent Study Program (ISP), form the core of our most rigorous options.

Lion Term: A three-week, form-based experiential program, Lion Term encourages students to think beyond themselves and provides structure for them to apply their learning to the wider world through internships and independent research. IV, V, and VI Form students may also participate in Lions Roam, an elective course that integrates a travel and immersion experience during Lion Term. The Lions Roam program has visited and explored Bhutan, Iceland, and Spain; in 2019-2020, the Lions Roam embedded immersion course is “Race, Racism, and Reconciliation since 1945: Lions Roam in the American South and South Africa.”

St. Mark’s Saturdays: St. Mark’s Saturdays offer students and faculty an innovative opportunity to engage in relevant and developmentally appropriate academic, service, and character and wellness coursework. At the core of each St. Mark’s Saturdays offering is a belief in the power of experience to transform student understanding. Our Saturday program allows students to direct their own educational pathways by pursuing current interests and exploring new ones in hands-on, collaborative, and interdisciplinary courses.

History Fellowship: The History Fellowship trains talented, aspiring historians in the skills of academic research and historiography. Each Fellow, having selected a topic of personal interest during the spring of the V Form year, then pursues rigorous, in-depth research in venues ranging from libraries to archives, to the halls of Congress, and distant museums. The course culminates in the production of a substantial research paper, which students defend before a panel of faculty members.

STEM Fellowship: The STEM Fellowship offers students the chance for deep exploration of their own particular area of interest, while fostering real-world skills needed for high-level scientific research. Fellows work with faculty and mentors from area labs and hospitals to design and conduct their own experiments and apply their research to real-world challenges. Fellows present posters at local and national science fairs.

Click here for additional information about the academic program.
St. Mark’s At a Glance

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<th>Students</th>
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<th>75% of students board</th>
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<td>Members of the Class of 2020</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>59 seniors are boarding students</td>
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<td>Students come to St. Mark’s from 23 US states and 15 nations</td>
<td>32% of students are domestic students of color</td>
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<td>30% of students receive financial aid</td>
<td>19% of students are international students</td>
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**Diploma Requirements**

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<td>English</td>
<td>4 years</td>
<td>All students complete the same sequence in Forms III and IV. V Formers can choose between American Literature and Books Without Borders. All VI Formers take two semester-long electives; VI Form electives are considered advanced coursework in English.</td>
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<td>History</td>
<td>2 years</td>
<td>Students complete Global Seminar and US History in their III and IV Form years, respectively. V and VI Form students choose from a variety of semester-long electives.</td>
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<td>Math</td>
<td>3 years</td>
<td>Students must complete Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II in sequence. The vast majority of St. Markers complete advanced coursework in mathematics beyond Algebra II.</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>2 years of lab science</td>
<td>Students often go beyond the two-year diploma requirement, taking full advantage of course offerings across the life and physical sciences, as well as courses in computer science, robotics, and engineering.</td>
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<td>Modern and Classical Languages</td>
<td>Through Level III of a single language</td>
<td>Students choose between Chinese, French, German, and Spanish in Modern Languages as well as Greek and Latin in Classical Languages.</td>
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<td>Religion</td>
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<td>Students are required to study three religious systems of thought (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) as well as one other meaning-making system of a religious, humanist, ethical, philosophical, aesthetic, or historical perspective.</td>
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<td>Arts</td>
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<td>Students can select courses in visual arts, theater, and vocal and instrumental music.</td>
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**Special Diplomas**

**Classics Diploma:** Students can earn a Classics Diploma by completing a combined five years of Greek and Latin and engaging in a senior project.

**Global Diploma:** St. Mark’s will award the first Global Diplomas in 2020. Global Diploma candidates meet regularly as a cohort to reflect on their course of study and on local and global engagement; students also complete a capstone experience.

**Advanced Courses by Department**

Starting in the fall of 2014, our most rigorous courses are designated Advanced (Adv.) rather than AP. These courses meet or exceed the challenge of the relevant Advanced Placement curriculum and allow for greater flexibility in curriculum design.

| Computer Science | Adv. Topics in Computer Science |
| Religion | Adv. Religion: Modern Philosophy and the Challenges of Unbelief |
Academic Information: Class of 2020

Class of 2020 Unweighted GPA Distribution through V Form

Mean GPA = 3.56
The middle 50% of the Class of 2020 has a GPA between 3.33 and 3.84.

GPA includes only courses taken at St. Mark’s School. St. Mark’s does not weight grades, compute class rank, or release individual GPAs to colleges.

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SAT and ACT Testing Data as of June 30, 2019

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Policy on Reporting of Discipline

Consistent with the NACAC Statement of Good Principles of Practice, and our strong belief in the integrity of the application process, St. Mark’s students are required to report all disciplinary infractions that result in suspension.
Over the past three years, St. Mark’s students have chosen to attend the schools below. On average, students choose sixty different schools a year. Virtually all St. Mark’s graduates enroll in a four-year institution immediately upon graduation. Schools listed in bold have enrolled three or more St. Markers between 2017-2019.

American University
Amherst College
Babson College
Bates College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
College of Charleston
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
Colby College
Colgate University
University of Colorado, Boulder
Columbia University
Connecticut College
University of Connecticut
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Denison University
Duke University
University College Dublin
Elmira College
Elon University
Emerson College
ESADE Escuela Superior de Empresas (Spain)
Fairfield University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
College of the Holy Cross
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
The Juilliard School
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Macalester College
University of Maine
Manhattan School of Music
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Miami University, Oxford
University of Michigan
Middlebury College
Mississippi State University
Muhlenberg College
University of New Hampshire, Durham
New York University
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Oxford College of Emory University
University of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Saint Anselm College
Saint Michael’s College
Skidmore College
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
University of St. Andrews
St. Lawrence University
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Wake Forest University
Washington College
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Vanderbilt University
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
College of William & Mary
Williams College
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Yale-NUS College