



MIDDLE SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL

Christ-centered. Academic Excellence. Global Community.



## Welcome to St. Croix Academy!



15+ Countries  
Represented



13:1 Student/  
Teacher Ratio



60% Teachers  
Advanced Degrees



ESL Classes

**50+**

Co-Curriculars

**1150**

Average SAT

**20**

Average Class  
Size

**99%**

Graduation Rate



St. Croix Academy is located on a 30-acre, park-like campus, overlooking Thompson Lake, a few minutes from downtown St. Paul, Minnesota, USA.

We offer an affordable, university-preparatory program for grades 6-12 that has a reputation for excellence in a friendly and safe environment.



Visit [StCroixUSA.org](http://StCroixUSA.org) for a virtual tour or to schedule an appointment with an admissions counselor.



Downtown St. Paul is less than 4 miles from St. Croix Academy

## Why SCLA?

The beautiful state of Minnesota is known for:

- Ranking in the top 10 safest states in the U.S. by Forbes.
- More than 10,000 lakes and 60 state parks, perfect for hiking.
- Four distinct seasons - winter, spring, summer, and fall.
- Standard American accents, making it a great place to learn English.
- Affordable cost of living, safe neighborhoods, and nice people.
- The Mall of America.
- Headquarters to the world-renowned Mayo Clinic, 3M, Best Buy, Target, and Medtronic.
- Elite Universities: University of Minnesota, Macalaster, St. Thomas, Hamline, and Carleton.
- Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport (MSP) with daily international flights.



### SCLA IS:

- Grades 6-12
- 500 students
- 120 international students from over 15 countries
- Private Christian school
- University-preparatory school
- Accredited by the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association.
- Recognized by the State of Minnesota Department of Education.
- The only boarding school on a lake in a top five USA city.



## CARING COMMUNITY



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*The teachers are nice, and the small class size gave me the opportunity to talk with the teachers one on one.*

*- Bruno Yin, Boston University*

## Acclimation Support

Each international student is connected with:

- An American Mentor
- A student from their country or region
- An academic advisor
- A dormitory teacher

## Highly Qualified Staff

Unlike many schools, our international admissions office has staff dedicated to international students. Five staff members work with families from the first contact, through arrival and orientation, all the way to graduation. International staff are skilled in the unique needs of international families, including government paperwork, student orientation and adaptation, medical needs, money management, and more.





St. Croix provides a university-preparatory curriculum during a two-semester school year.

## Science and S.T.E.M. Classrooms

Four dedicated laboratories and additional classrooms for:

- Biology
- Chemistry / AP Chemistry
- Physics / AP Physics
- General Science
- Computer Science / Engineering
- Anatomy and Physiology

## University Credit in High School

Dual credit college courses:

- Applied Algebra & Trigonometry
- Introduction to Statistics
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Programming 1
- Introduction to Programming 2

## AP Courses

- AP Precalculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Language & Composition
- AP Literature & Composition
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics 1
- AP U.S. History

### ESL Courses

Several English as a Second Language (ESL) courses are available in high school and middle school.



## UNIVERSITY PREPARATION



### Dedicated Guidance Professionals

Students work closely with the SCLA guidance staff as they research careers and universities, explore standardized testing requirements, complete the application process, request transcripts and letters of recommendation, communicate with college admissions personnel, and more.

University Guidance Counseling begins in grade 9 and includes course planning and university preparation. Students are introduced to university options through campus visits and college fairs. Assistance with transportation is provided.

### SCLA Graduate Outcomes

SCLA graduates matriculate to these and other universities:

- Amherst College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chulalongkorn
- Columbia University
- Concordia University
- Cornell University
- Drake University
- Harvard University
- Indiana University
- John Hopkins University
- Marquette University
- M.I.T.
- New York University
- Notre Dame
- Ohio State University
- Penn State University
- Pepperdine University
- Purdue University
- Rutgers University
- San Francisco State University
- Syracuse University
- United States Air Force Academy
- University of California–Berkeley
- University of Colorado
- University of Hawaii
- University of Illinois
- University of Maryland
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- University of San Francisco
- University of Texas
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin
- Waseda University



**100% of international graduates are accepted to a university. (99% to a U.S. university)**





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*Through my involvement in speech competitions and the experience of studying at St. Croix, I learned insistence on success and perseverance in new things.  
- Xita Kaisa, University of Illinois*

### Fall Sports

- Bowling (6-12)
- Cross Country (7-12)
- Football (6-12)
- Girls and Boys Soccer (6-12)
- Girls Tennis Club (6-12)
- Volleyball (6-12)

### Winter Sports

- Girls and Boys Basketball (6-12)
- Girls Bowling (6-12)
- Cheerleading (6-12)
- Dance (7-12)
- Girls and Boys Hockey (7-12)
- Girls and Boys Wrestling (7-12)

### Spring Sports

- Baseball (6-12)
- MS Bowling (6-8)
- Clay Target (7-12)
- Boys and Girls Golf (7-12)
- Boys Lacrosse (7-12)
- Girls and Boys Track & Field (6-12)

### Academic Teams

- Math (7-12)
- Robotics (6-12)
- Speech (7-12)

### Leadership Teams

- Athletic Leadership (11-12)
- Global Leadership (10-12)
- National Honor Society (10-12)
- Resident Assistants (10-12)
- Student Council (6-12)

### Fine Arts

- Theatre Productions
- Croixaliers
- Pep Band
- Art Shows
- and more...

75% of SCLA students are involved in at least one activity.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL



### Safety, Care, and Support

Middle school is a time of tremendous growth and opportunity. Academic planning in the St. Croix Lutheran Academy middle school is designed to meet the individual needs of each student. SCLA provides:

- **a safe, nurturing, and structured** environment.
- **academic, social, and spiritual support.**
- **hands-on, experiential learning** to develop critical thinking, creativity, and a love for lifelong learning.
- **character development,** leadership, and faith, guiding students to use their gifts to make a positive impact at school, in the community, and around the world.
- placement testing to **group students by ability**
- **opportunities** to take **high-school-level** math, literature, and world language courses during their middle school years.
- **engineering, science, U.S. history, art, music,** and more.
- **small class sizes** and highly trained, caring teachers.

### Experiential Trips

Education that occurs outside of the middle school classrooms might include:

- History lessons at local museums
- Service events
- Visits to Twin Cities arts and theatre venues
- Trip to the University of Minnesota
- Trips to local sports arenas
- Experiential trips for physical education

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*St. Croix is an amazing school. Teachers and staff are very supportive and my son loves this school.*

*- SCLA Parent*

### MS Activities

Grades 7-8 have the opportunity to participate in most high school teams. All middle school students may participate on middle school teams:

- Football (fall)
- Volleyball (fall)
- Robotics (fall/winter)
- Girls Basketball (winter)
- Boys Basketball (winter)
- Speech (winter)
- Baseball (spring)
- Bowling (spring)
- Track and Field (spring)
- Student Council
- Student-led clubs
- Service projects



# SCLA's Youngest Residents

St. Croix's Junior Boarding Program allows our youngest students to grow in social skills, organizational habits, and self-reliance, and are gradually able to take on more responsibility and leadership. The program includes:

- Weekly house meal
- Wake-up routine
- Time management guidance
- Device Counseling
- Homework guidance
- Supervised off campus activities



Educating the total student - spiritually, intellectually, and physically - in a caring, Christian family community.



# ON-CAMPUS HOUSING



## Students from Around the World

Both long-distance American and international students reside in our on-campus dormitory. Professional on-site faculty and staff provide a safe and nurturing environment.

### Location

- Lakeside setting near park and walking trails
- Safe residential neighborhood
- Within walking distance of over 50 stores and restaurants
- Convenient access to downtown St. Paul, Minneapolis, MSP airport, and the Mall of America

### Student Care

- Six adult instructors live onsite
- Academic tracking and support
- Regular parent communication
- On-site counseling services
- American and dormitory mentor for new students

### Activities

Weekly dorm activities include:

- Community service
- Ski trips
- Sporting events
- Shopping trips
- Cultural excursions
- Optional weekend worship



### Dormitory Amenities

- 152-bed, 3-story dormitory for boys and girls (separate wings)
- 2-person accommodations
- Secured entrances and room
- On-site chef, three meals/ day
- On-site laundry







## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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