



School Profile 2021-2022

Saint Mary's SCHOOL

900 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, NC 27603-1689

www.sms.edu | 919-424-4000

CEEB CODE: 343235

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Carol Killebrew

Interim Head of School

Julie Ricciardi, CFRE

*Associate Head for Institutional
Advancement*

Debra M. Townsley, Ph.D.

*Interim Assistant Head for
Student Experience*

COLLEGE COUNSELING

J. Morgan Phillips

Director of College Counseling

mphillips@sms.edu

919-424-4117

Kyong Lee

Associate Director

klee@sms.edu

919-424-4069

Scott Orvis

Interim College Counselor

sorvis@sms.edu

919-424-4068

Weldon Jackson Byrtus

Registrar

wbyrtus@sms.edu

919-424-4008

MEMBERSHIPS

The National Coalition of Girls' Schools (NCGS); The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS); The National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES); Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS); North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (NCAIS); The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS)

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mary's School, a community dedicated to academic excellence and personal achievement, prepares young women for college and life. To accomplish our mission, Saint Mary's School challenges each young woman to embrace the habits of an intellectual life, engages her with the past and the emerging future, and empowers her to serve and shape her world; fosters in each young woman a spirit of connection to others, guides her in developing her spiritual and ethical integrity, and prepares her to take responsibility for herself and her future.

FACTS & FIGURES

- Founded in 1842 as the 4th oldest girls' boarding and day school in the country
- **Enrollment:**
 - 295 students representing 11 states and 9 countries
 - 68 members of the Class of 2022
 - 8% international students
 - 10% domestic students of color
 - 43% boarding students and 57% day students
 - 28% of students receiving need-based financial aid
- 100% of graduates admitted to 4-year colleges
- 8:1 student-to-faculty ratio; average class size is 14 students
- 80% of faculty hold advanced degrees in their fields, including 6 PhD's
- Saint Mary's is committed to advancing an equity-centered and culturally competent educational experience for all students.
- College Counselors are members of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling, and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools
- Accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The curriculum consists of rigorous college-preparatory academics in all subject areas. All courses are taught at the Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) level.

- Saint Mary's School does not calculate class rank.
- 23 AP and post-AP courses offered.
- A copy of the Curriculum Guide, including course offerings by department, is available [online](#).
- Students enrolled in AP courses are typically required to take the AP Exam. Due to COVID, students were permitted to opt out of AP Exams in 2020 and 2021.
- **COVID-19 Information:** Saint Mary's operated with in-person instruction in the 2020-21 school year, but also offered virtual learning to international students and those with extenuating circumstances. We are planning to operate under a fully in-person 2021-22 school year.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

- **Seminar:** A required course for all students, team-taught by faculty, and designed to develop the 10 key competencies through intentional partnerships with outside organizations (Pass/Fail). In second semester of senior year, students complete a senior capstone or internship for an in depth study or experience on a chosen topic.
- **Independent Studies:** Available to students as an in-depth study of an academic interest with a faculty mentor. Independent Studies are graded and receive one-half credit per semester.
- **Online Courses:** Through partnerships with [One Schoolhouse](#) and [Laurel Springs](#), students are occasionally permitted to enroll in online courses (which are listed on the transcript but not included in the Saint Mary's GPA).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The school year is divided into two semesters, and the expected course load is seven courses per semester, including Seminar. Diploma requirements include a minimum of 22 units, including:

English	4 units
Humanities/Social Sciences	4 units, including .5 units of religion/philosophy and .5 units of US Gov't
Mathematics	3 units, including 1 unit beyond Algebra II
Science	3 units, including 1 unit of Biology and 1 unit of a physical science
World Languages	3 units (consecutive units/same language) or 2 units in 2 languages
Visual & Performing Arts	2 units
Electives	3 units
Seminar	Required every semester; non-credit bearing

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Classes of 2019, 2020 & 2021
3-year average

SAT Middle 50%: 1130-1380

ACT Composite Middle 50%: 22-31

GRADING SCALE

A+ (97-100) = 4.3	C+ (79-77) = 2.3
A (96-93) = 4.0	C (76-73) = 2.0
A- (92-90) = 3.7	C- (72-70) = 1.7
B+ (89-87) = 3.3	D (69-65) = 1.0
B (86-83) = 3.0	F (64-0) = 0
B- (82-80) = 2.7	

GPA WEIGHTING

- AP Courses receive 2 quality points
- All other graded courses are Honors level and receive 1 quality point

AP COURSE OFFERINGS

AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
AP World History
AP United States History
AP United States Government and Politics
AP Comparative Government and Politics
AP Psychology
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Multivariable Calculus-*post AP*
Linear Algebra-*post AP (not offered in 2021-22)*
AP Computer Science A
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics I
AP Environmental Science
AP French Language and Culture
AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP Spanish Literature and Culture
AP Latin (*not offered in 2021-22*)
AP 2-D Art and Design
AP Drawing

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION | Classes of 2019, 2020 & 2021

The 78 members of the Class of 2021 are attending 46 different colleges in 19 states, the District of Columbia, and Scotland, with 58% enrolled at institutions outside of North Carolina. The number in parentheses indicates multiple attendees.

American University	Rockford University
Appalachian State University (6)	Saint Anselm College
Auburn University (2)	Sewanee: The University of the South (4)
Barton College	Skidmore College
Belmont University	Southern Methodist University
Boston College (3)	St. John's University-New York
Boston University	Texas Christian University
Brown University	Tufts University
Bryn Mawr College	Tulane University
Carnegie Mellon University	Union College
Centre College	University of Alabama (2)
Clemson University (5)	University of California-Los Angeles (2)
College of Charleston	University of California-Santa Barbara (3)
Davidson College (2)	University of Chicago (2)
Duke University	University of Colorado Boulder (3)
East Carolina University (5)	University of Florida
Elon University (7)	University of Georgia (5)
Emory University (2)	University of Michigan (2)
Furman University	University of Mississippi (6)
George Washington University (2)	University of Missouri
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina at Asheville (2)
Georgia State University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (30)
High Point University (2)	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Hollins University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Howard University (2)	University of North Carolina at Wilmington (3)
Indiana University	University of Notre Dame (2)
Johnson & Wales University-Charlotte	University of Pittsburgh
Kalamazoo College	University of Richmond (2)
Louisiana State University	University of South Carolina (3)
Macalester College	University of South Florida-St Petersburg
Marist College	University of Southern California
McGill University	University of St Andrews-Scotland
Meredith College (4)	University of Tennessee
Muhlenberg College	University of Virginia (2)
New York University (4)	University of Washington
North Carolina A & T State University (2)	University of Wisconsin
North Carolina State University (25)	Villanova University
Northeastern University	Virginia Commonwealth University (2)
Pennsylvania State University	Wake Forest University (6)
Pratt Institute	Wake Technical Community College
Princeton University	Washington and Lee University (2)
Purdue University	Washington University in St Louis
Queens University of Charlotte	Wellesley College
Randolph-Macon College	William and Mary
Rhodes College (3)	Wofford College (9)

SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL