

Greetings from the College and School Counseling Office of Saint Joseph Prep Boston! We hope the information included in this profile will help you and your colleagues better understand the history, mission, academic, and extracurricular programs at Saint Joseph Prep Boston.

Mission Statement

A premier independent co-educational Catholic high school in greater Boston, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Saint Joseph Prep Boston provides an exceptional, accessible, student-driven education marked by academic excellence, authentic community, meaningful engagement, and dynamic innovation. Through the School's diverse, character-driven, and faith-filled experience, graduates are prepared for success in college and career and empowered to be servant-leaders.

The Four Hallmarks of SJP

- Academic Excellence: *A holistic approach, with an intense focus on student-centered learning, that supports each individual's intellectual growth and personal development.*
- Authentic Community: *Richly diverse, powerfully affirming community of acceptance, respect, and genuine relationship where scholars are known and loved.*
- Meaningful Engagement: *Exemplary co-curricular offerings in the arts and athletics, available to all, that encourage participation and develop leadership and integrity.*
- Dynamic Innovation: *A forward-thinking, skills-based program that integrates STEAM exploration, led by a creative, collegial faculty, where students can engineer a future of their own design.*

The School

Saint Joseph Prep Boston high school is a community rich in diversity, drawing students from nearly 50 communities throughout the Greater Boston area. 50% of our students are people of color and 10% of our students are international. 70% of our students are on some sort of financial aid (either merit and/or need-based).

COVID-19 Statement

To ensure our school is able to offer our students the level of academic rigor and support we are known for, and so that we can better support the social-emotional well-being of our students, our school will return to our traditional learning model of 5 days a week of full in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year. Taking into account thorough health and safety measures, the school does not plan to offer a remote learning or hybrid learning option for students at this current time. In the event that circumstances change, we are prepared to make adjustments to this plan as needed.

Due to the hybrid nature of Saint Joseph Prep's instruction during the 2020-21 school year as a result of COVID-19, many classes, clubs, and organizations operated on a modified schedule. We hope you take this into consideration when reviewing the students' involvement and achievements.

We welcome and encourage your communication with us throughout the application and admission process so that we can further illuminate the facets of this mission-driven, forward-thinking school: intellectual excellence, moral integrity, and Catholic tradition.

Kindest regards,

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2020 - 2021 ENROLLMENT

Class of 2022 56

Class of 2023 54

Class of 2024 58

Class of 2025 44

About Saint Joseph Prep

Grading System

Saint Joseph Prep Boston only reports weighted Cumulative Grade Point Averages on a 4.0 scale. Honors courses receive 0.2 additional GPA points, AP Courses receive 0.7 additional GPA points.

Class Rank

In light of Saint Joseph Prep's selective admission policy, class size, and rigorous curriculum, the school does not rank its students.

SAT Scores, Class of 2020

Mean Reading & Writing: **600**

Mean Math: **577**

Mean Total: **1178**

Students taking SAT: **100%**

ACT Scores, Class of 2020

Mean Composite: **27**

Advanced Placement Scores, 2020

201 Exams taken by 91 Students

Discipline Reporting

Saint Joseph Prep Boston does not report student discipline records, except in major cases of academic dishonesty or physical violence. As a Catholic school, we recognize that students make mistakes, and we do so in a community of trust, support, and reconciliation. We instruct all students to answer questions regarding disciplinary history, including any change in academic standing between application submission and graduation, honestly and completely. We take seriously our responsibility to our college admissions colleagues and will not recommend a student about whom we have any serious reservations.



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Curriculum & Instruction

The Saint Joseph Prep Boston curriculum is divided into Advanced Placement, Honors, and College Preparatory levels. Level determination takes into consideration a student's historic grades, teacher recommendations, and standardized test scores.

- **Advanced Placement Courses:** Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science Principles, Government and Politics, Physics I, Statistics, Spanish, Studio Art: 2D Design, US History.
 - All AP courses are eligible for Dual Enrollment credit through Regis College.
 - Latin IV Dual Enrollment taught at AP level with UMass Boston.
 - Only Juniors and Seniors may enroll in AP courses. It is strongly recommended that students take no more than three AP courses in their junior or senior years. Exceptions are granted on a case by case basis for seniors to enroll in four APs.
- **Honors Courses:** Advanced Studio Art Honors, Algebra 1 Honors, Algebra 2 Honors, Anatomy, Physiology, and Genetics Honors, Biology Honors, Calculus Honors, Chemistry Honors, Computer Aided Design Honors, Economics Honors, English 1, 2, 3, and 4 Honors, Geometry Honors, Physics Honors, Pre-Calculus Honors, Spanish 1, 2, 3, and 4 Honors, United States History Honors, World History 1 and 2 Honors.
- **Virtual High School:** With our partnership with Virtual High School (VHS), students have access to a multitude of other college prep, honors, and AP level courses for their academic enrichment. VHS courses are limited to seniors.
- In the 9th Grade, students are enrolled in two English courses, our traditional 9th Grade English course, as well as an intensive college prep English Writing class.
- Saint Joseph Prep Boston meets and exceeds the Massachusetts state requirements for graduation. Students must complete four years of English, Theology, and Math and three years of Lab Science, Social Studies, and World Language.
- SJP Theology Courses are considered academically rigorous classes that are as demanding as other core academic courses. We encourage all colleges to include the student's theology grade in recalculating a grade point average.
- SJP actively fosters cross-curricular collaboration. Teachers and Departments work in tandem to align units in order to build mastery of essential skills and content. This is exemplified in programs such as Writing Across the Curriculum, and our interdepartmental Collaboration Wednesdays.
- **SAT/ACT Course:** All juniors take a one semester SAT/ACT prep course taught in-house at SJP.

SJP Signature Programs

- **Chapel Speeches:** The Chapel Speaking Program plays a unique role in the spiritual and intellectual development of every student at SJP. Every year, each student presents to their peers about topics important to them in the intimate setting of the school chapel.
- **College Road:** In partnership with the Urban Outreach Initiatives Office at Boston College, College Road is a unique four-year transitional program that empowers our students to envision themselves thriving in college and beyond. Through participation, students and their families are introduced to strategic ways to review and access a variety of pathways to college.
- **Engineering Certificate:** Awarded to elite scholars who have completed rigorous academic and co-curricular achievements in STEAM, with a minimum 3.25 GPA.
- **Opportunities for Service & Educational Enrichment:** Students are granted the opportunity to explore, serve, and learn domestically and abroad. Educational Enrichment trips have traveled to Eastern and Central Europe. Service programs have traveled to parts of the Appalachian region, Camden (NJ), Belize, Haiti, as well as our surrounding communities.
- **Robotics Team:** The FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) helps students discover the world of science through technology while learning about innovation, engineering, and the real world values of competition. Students learn programming, circuitry, problem-solving, design, and building skills in this team-based club.
- **Community Service:** Students at Saint Joseph Prep Boston are challenged to make a positive difference in our world through compassionate leadership and selfless service. Following the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph, impelled by the active, inclusive love of God, students are empowered to serve the dear neighbor without distinction in their own communities and beyond, thus creating ever-widening circles of relationship and communion. It is our hope that students will discover their God-given gifts and talents, and use them to serve others. Required Service Hours: Grade 9: 10 Hours; Grade 10: 20 Hours; Grade 11: 20 Hours. Grade 12: 100 Hours (Senior Service Project).
- **Senior Service:** The Senior Service Program empowers Saint Joseph Prep Boston seniors to live the Gospel through service to God's beloved. Rooted in the example of Christ, the Senior Service Program challenges students to witness the virtues of faith, hope, and love through service to their local community.
- **STEAM Academic Program:** The STEAM classes at SJP practice and enforce our vision of developing critical thinking and problem solving skills along with cultivating in our students a spirit of collaboration, innovation, communication, and creativity. Our robust STEAM curriculum, featuring our signature STEAM I and STEAM II required courses for freshmen and sophomores and our electives in CAD, Fine Arts, Graphic Design, and Mechatronics provides project-based, hands-on, student-centered learning opportunities at every grade level.



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Select Student Activities, Clubs, & Organizations

Admissions Ambassadors
ACES (*Alumni and Advancement Committee of Engaged Students*)
AHANA (*African, Hispanic, Asian, Native American*)
Athletic Leadership Council
Big Brother/Big Sister
Book Club
Campus Ministry
Creative Writing
High School Quiz Show
Knitting
Literacy Magazine
Liturgical Music Ensemble
Mental Health Awareness
National Honor Society
Newspaper (the TIE)
Photography
Prom Committee
Robotics
Servants to the Dear Neighbor
Social Entrepreneurship Club
Step Team
Student Council
Theatre (Phoenix Players)
Yearbook
Youth in Government

SJP Phoenix Athletics

Baseball (Mens)
Basketball (Mens & Womens)
Cross Country (Coed)
Golf (Mens)
Ice Hockey (Mens & Womens)
Lacrosse (Womens)
Soccer (Mens & Womens)
Softball (Womens)
Swimming (Coed)
Tennis (Mens & Womens) Track & Field (Coed)
Volleyball (Womens)

Class of 2021 College Admission

Adelphi University
 Anna Maria College
Assumption University
 Bard College
 Bay Path University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
 Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
 Bradley University
Bridgewater State University
Bryant University
 California State University-Monterey Bay
 Canisius College
 Castleton University
Catholic University of America
 Clark Atlanta University
 Clark University
 Coastal Carolina University
 College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Cornell University
 Creighton University
Curry College
Dean College
Drexel University
 Duquesne University
 East Carolina University
Elon University
 Emerson College
Emmanuel College
 Endicott College
 Fairfield University
 Florida Atlantic University
Fisher College
 Fordham University
Framingham State University
 Franciscan University
Franklin Pierce University
 Gannon University
George Washington University
 Guilford College
 High Point University
 Hofstra University
Hood College
Humak University of Applied Sciences
 Indiana University-Bloomington James
 Madison University
 Lafayette College
 Lasell University
 Le Moyne College
 Lehigh University
Lesley University

Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
 Loyola University New Orleans
 Marist College
Marquette University
 Marshall University
Mass Bay Community College
MCPHS
 MA Maritime Academy
Merrimack College
Miami University-Oxford
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Nichols College
Northeastern University
 Nova Southeastern University
 Otterbein University
Pace University-New York
 Pennsylvania State University
 Plymouth State University
 Providence College
 Purdue University-Main Campus
Quinnipiac University
Regis College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rivier University
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Roger Williams University
 Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Saint Joseph's University
 Saint Michael's College
 Saint Peter's University
Salem State University
Salve Regina University
 San Jose State University
 Santa Clara University
 Seton Hall University
 Shenandoah University
Simmons College
 Skidmore College
Spelman College
St. John's University
Stonehill College
 Stony Brook University SUNY
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
 Temple University
Texas A&M University
 The College of Saint Rose
 The University of Tennessee
 The University of Texas at Austin



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100 % of students *admitted* to at least one four-year institution.
99 % of students *attending* a four-year institution.

Towson University
Trinity College
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
 University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California, San Diego
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Detroit Mercy
 University of Hartford
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Maine
 University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Lowell
 University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
 University of Scranton
 University of Southern Maine
University of Tampa
 University of the Pacific
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
 University of Washington, Seattle
 Vanderbilt University
 Villanova University
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute
 Walsh University
 Washington College
 Wentworth Institute of Technology
 West Virginia University
 Western New England University
 Westfield State University
Wheaton College - Massachusetts
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Worcester State University
Xavier University

Bold indicates student matriculated, Classes of 2020 and 2021