



# UPPER SCHOOL

AT A GLANCE

 **St. Francis**  
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

St. Francis Upper School combines intensive, interdisciplinary coursework with increasing autonomy, empowering students to hone their talents and interests while continuing to explore new possibilities—academic, personal, and spiritual.

**2022-23 CORE CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS**

# THE ST. FRANCIS

## P.I.C. Approach



## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

| COURSE                  | CREDITS    | NOTES   |
|-------------------------|------------|---|
| ENGLISH                 | 4          | Freshman: Genres; Sophomore: World Literature; Junior: American Literature; Senior: Modern Literature |
| HISTORY                 | 3          | Two years of World History, One year of US History  |
| MATH                    | 3          | Includes Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and advanced offerings                                      |
| SCIENCE                 | 3          | Includes Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (all are lab-based sciences)                                 |
| WORLD LANGUAGES         | 2          | Through Level II of the same language, two in the high school   |
| ARTS                    | 2          | Required trimester survey and two subsequent trimester electives freshman year                        |
| COMPUTER SCIENCE / STEM | (OPTIONAL) |   |
| HEALTH & WELLNESS       | 0.33       | Sophomore year  |
| RELIGION                | 1.33       | One trimester is taken every year; Old Testament, New Testament, World Religions, Ethics              |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION      | 1          | Three trimesters of PE electives or participation in three sports                                     |
| SENIOR PROGRAM          |            | Successful completion of a senior program in the third trimester of the senior year                   |

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### ADVISORY

The advisory program is an essential element of the Upper School experience. Groups of 8-12 students share a teacher who serves as an advisor for four years. In addition to being the first point of contact for students and their families, the advisor plays an important role helping students hone social/emotional and executive functioning skills. Students also lead the direction of parent-teacher conferences in partnership with their advisor, an experience that helps them reflect on their strengths, goals, and opportunities for growth.

### AP PROGRAMS

AP English Language, AP English Literature

AP US History, AP European History

AP AB Calculus, AP Statistics

AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Psychology

AP Spanish

AP Art History, AP Portfolio

AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A (Coming 2023-24)

### STUDENT-CENTERED EDUCATION

In our student-centered education, students drive the learning process. Starting freshman year, students begin the college counseling process and take part in Freshman Seminar, a trimester class which highlights social/emotional programming. St. Francis provides seniors the opportunity to design their own senior experience. In addition to working with their advisor throughout their high school years, they have set tutorial times each morning and work with our director of post-secondary success to develop skills of independence and resilience for life outside the home and after graduation.

### EPISCOPAL IDENTITY

Educating a child's spirit is as important to us as challenging the mind, and we strongly value our Episcopal identity. Students study one trimester of religion each year. We are privileged to gather together as a community in chapel twice a week.

### IMMERSIONS AND EXPLORATIONS

In these week-long intensives, students go beyond the confines of the classroom and into the Houston community to explore everything from the business of sports to building an art car. As students progress through high school, they can focus their attention toward areas of interest, including academic study, health and wellness, and service learning.

### ARTS PROGRAMMING

The Upper School arts program meets the needs of both the dedicated artist and the newcomer by exploring the possibilities, collaboration, and connectivity between the arts. As teaching artists, our faculty are committed to building the students' critical appreciation of art in the first years, then allowing them to learn by doing, working alongside the upperclassmen on a project of their choosing from concept to completion.

### CHEER TEAM

Our coed cheer team supports our athletic programs and leads pep rallies and other spirit activities throughout the school year. Tryouts take place in the spring.



### ATHLETICS

#### Boys Sports

Cross Country, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Swimming, Wrestling, Baseball, Golf, Tennis, Track & Field

#### Girls Sports

Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Swimming, Golf, Lacrosse, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field

#### TAPPS

St. Francis is a member of TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools), which serves more than 230 schools across Texas. The Wolves compete as a 3A sized school; membership allows students to compete for individual and team honors in specific sports.

#### Coaches

Our Upper School head coaches have over 250 years of combined experience at the high school and collegiate levels, and members of our outstanding coaching staff have competed at the college level across the state and country. Each coach has a passion for teaching and coaching young adults and is excited about growing an excellent athletics program.



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