# Information Booklet

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Kinderg<mark>ar</mark>ten - 12th Grade

## College Prep At Its Best

University of California-San Diego



College counseling at Saint Thomas' Episcopal School begins in 9th grade and is personalized to each student and his or her family.

Abilene Christian University Adelphi University The University of Alabama Alfred University Allegheny College American University Arizona State University University of Arizona University of Arkansas Auburn University Austin College **Baylor University** Bellevue College Belmont University Beloit College Berry College Binghamton University Birmingham Southern College Blinn College Boston University Brown University Bucknell University California State University Maritime Academy California State Polytechnic University-Pomona University of California-Berkeley University of California-Davis University of California-Irvine University of California-Los Angeles University of California-Los Angeles

University of California-Santa Barbara University of California-Santa Cruz Case Western Reserve University Centre College Chapman University College of Charleston University of Chicago Clemson University Colgate University University of Colorado Boulder Colorado Mesa University Colorado School of Mines Colorado State University-Fort Collins Columbia University in the City of New York University of Connecticut Cornell College Cornell University CUNY University Dallas Baptist University University of Dallas University of Denver DePaul University Dillard University Dordt University Drexel University Eckerd College Elon University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach

Emerson College Emory & Henry College Emory University University of Evansville Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham Campus Florida Institute of Technology University of Florida Fordham University Furman University George Mason University George Washington University Georgetown University Georgia Institute of Technology University of Georgia Grambling State University Hampton University University of Hawaii at Hilo Hawaii Pacific University High Point University Hillsdale College Hofstra University Houston Baptist University University of Houston Hult International Business School - London CUNY Hunter College Huston-Tillotson University

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Indiana University-Bloomington Iowa State University Ithaca College Jarvis Christian College John Cabot University Johnson & Wales University-Charlotte Kansas State University University of Kansas Kenyon College Kettering University Lamar University Lewis & Clark College Liberty University Louisiana State University Louisiana Tech University University of Louisville Loyola Marymount University Loyola University Chicago



Average ACT Score (2019-2022)



100%

100% of graduates attend 4-year colleges and universities in a typical year.

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Mississippi State University 0 University of Mississippi University of Missouri-Columbia Morehouse College University of New Hampshire-Main Campus New York University University of North Carolina at Asheville North Carolina State University at Raleigh University of North Texas Northeastern University Northern Arizona University Ohio Wesleyan University Oklahoma City University Oklahoma State University University of Oklahoma-Norman Oregon State University Ottawa University-Ottawa Ouachita Baptist University Pace University, New York City Campus Paul Quinn College Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus University of Pennsylvania Pepperdine University University of Pittsburgh Point Park University Prairie View A & M University Purdue University Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rhodes College

**Rice University** 

Richmond, The American International University in London University of Richmond Roanoke College University of Rochester Roger Williams University Rollins College Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Rutgers University-Newark Saint Louis University Saint Mary's College of California Sam Houston State University Samford University San Diego State University University of San Diego University of San Francisco Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD School of Visual Arts Schreiner University The University of the South University of South Carolina-Columbia University of Southern California Southern Methodist University Southern University at New Orleans Southwestern University Saint Edward's University St. John Fisher College St. John's College St. John's University-New York St Olaf College Stanford University Stephen F Austin State University Stevens Institute of Technology SUNY Maritime College Syracuse University Tennessee State University

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville Texas A & M University-College Station Texas A & M University-Commerce Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi Texas A&M University-Galveston Texas Christian University Texas State Technical College Waco Texas State University Texas Tech University The University of Texas at Arlington The University of Texas at Austin The University of Texas at Dallas The University of Texas at San Antonio The University of Texas, Tyler Ohio State University University of Toronto Trinity College Trinity University Tulane University of Louisiana University of Oregon University of St. Thomas (TX) University of the Incarnate Word University of Vermont Villanova University Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University University of Virginia Wake Forest University Washington and Lee University Washington University in St Louis University of Washington-Seattle Campus Whitman College William Jewell College University of Wisconsin-Madison Worcester Polytechnic Institute Wyoming Catholic College

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### College Acceptances Since 2018

Loyola University New Orleans Macalester College Maine Maritime Academy Manhattan College Mary Baldwin University University of Mary Hardin-Baylor University of Mary Washington University of Maryland-College Park Massachusetts Institute of Technology University of Massachusetts-Amherst University of Massachusetts-Boston McGill University University of Memphis University of Miami Michigan State University Univ. of Michigan - Ann Arbor

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### Accolades



#### Award-Winning Coach

Chris Twine, athletic director and men's basketball coach, was named an outstanding coach and Don Coleman Award winner by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches



#### TAPPS State Appearance

Our women's and men's swim teams regularly place in the top 3 in TAPPS state competition



#### Nationally Recognized Yearbook

STE's yearbook is frequently ranked among the top 50 yearbooks in the country



### Soccer Champions

Our varsity men's and women's soccer teams have garnered state championships and appearances in the TAPPS semifinals since 2019



#### Creativity Recognized

Many of our students are named finalists for Best in Show at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest



The Class of 2022 was accepted to universities all over the nation, including Boston University, Rice, Purdue, Syracuse, MIT, UT Austin, and Texas A&M.



#### Cross Country at State

Our boy's Cross Country team has recently placed 2nd at the TAPPS State Championship



#### Junior Classical League

Our JCL students won numerous awards at the National Convention



#### World-Renowned Pipe Band

Our pipe band is ranked 3rd and our drummers are the best in the world among juvenile bands



#### Quiz Bowl at Nationals

Our Middle and High School Quiz Bowl teams consistently qualify for the Quiz Bowl National Championships

\* Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools

\*\*Texas Private School Music Educators Association



#### Best in the Region

About 50 percent of STE choir members were awarded membership in the highly competitive TPSMEA\*\* Region Choir



### Exceptional Thespians

Recent STE productions include Eurydice, Double Double, and Smokefall



#### One of the Best

The ranking site Niche has named STE among the best Christian high schools, best private K-12 schools, and best private high schools in Houston

### STE at a Glance

Since 1955, Saint Thomas' Episcopal School has formed honorable men and women through a classical education grounded in a Christ-centered worldview.

K through 12 Grades Offered	6 to 1 ratio Student to Faculty	550 Student Enrollment	Coed School Type
<b>TAPPS 4A</b> Athletic Conference	August – May School Year	<b>1st – 8th Grade</b> Single gender core academic classes	45 min. periods Seven class periods per day, plus Chapel
	<b>100%</b> College Acceptance Rate	<b>28</b> Average ACT Score	

Office Hours: 7:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session. See calendar on **stes.org** for holiday hours. Accredited by the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES)



#### Our New Campus

We invite you to explore our new three-story Middle and Upper School building, Shaw Hall. It houses state of-the-art STEM and robotics rooms, spacious classrooms, a Center for Academic Excellence for curricular support, and the Cusack Scottish Arts Center.

Shaw Hall opened in fall 2022. We also renovated our Lower School building, which was completed in the summer of 2021. A sports pavilion and new playground were also added in fall 2022.





### In-Person Tours

Offered most weekdays when school is in session. To schedule, go to **stes.org/visit-us** or call **713.666.3111**.

### Guidance and Assessment

#### Standardized Testing

- Each spring 1st 8th grade students take the ERB CTP 5. This exam measures student yearly progress with regard to quantitative and qualitative skills and specific concepts therein (including grade level specific mathematics,problem solving, grammar, reading, and writing).
- All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students take the PSAT (Preliminary SAT) in October. The PSAT measures students' skills in writing, critical reading, and mathematics.
- Qualification for the National Merit Scholarship program is based upon 11th grade PSAT scores.
- All 10th graders take the Pre-ACT in the fall of their 10th grade year. The test measures reading comprehension, English grammar and usage, mathematics, and science.
- Our students usually take the SAT and ACT tests for the first time during the spring of their junior year.
- Advanced Placement (AP) tests are administered in early May, according to the rigorous AP format. The goal of these tests is to assist students in earning college level credits for accelerated work performed at STE.

### College Counseling

We are uniquely positioned to offer 1-on-1 college counseling from a full-time counselor. Our program helps students and their families navigate the complexities of college admissions and select a college that matches the student's academic background and interests.

#### **College Night**

Incoming 12th graders and their parents can attend College Night in May. In September, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders and their parents attend College Night. These informational sessions provide families with a grade-specific overview of the college search process.

#### **College Representative Visits**

Each fall, colleges and universities send admissions representatives to STE to visit students. It is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and explore college options.

#### **Family Meetings**

Starting in the freshman year and continuing through high school, families meet one-on-one with the college counselor. Students receive individualized academic advising, standardized test counseling, and college planning according to their academic background and interests.

#### Andrew Hughes

Director of Guidance and College Counseling hughes.andrew@stes.org



## Athletics at STE

We offer a wide array of athletic opportunities for students. All athletics information, like game days and tournaments, can be found on our athletics website, **steathletics.org**.

### **Athletics Contact**

#### **Chris Twine**

Director of Athletics, Director of Basketball twine.chris@stes.org

Lower School Athletics		Middle School Athletics		Upper School Athletics	
Soccer (Fall)	Grades K-5	Cross Country	Grades 5-8	Cross Country	Grades 9-12
Lacrosse	Grades K-5 (Boys Only)	Volleyball	Grades 5-8 (Girls Only)	Volleyball	Grades 9-12 (Women Only)
Basketball	Grades 1-5	Soccer	Grades 5-8	Soccer	Grades 9-12
Tennis	Grades K-5	Basketball	Grades 5-8	Basketball	Grades 9-12
Volleyball (Girls Only)	Grades 1-5	Swimming	Grades 5-8	Swimming	Grades 9-12
Yoga	Grades K-5	Track and Field	Grades 5-8	Track and Field	Grades 9-12
Fencing	Grades 1-5	Tennis	Grades 6-8	Tennis	Grades 9-12
		Lacrosse	Grades 5-8	Golf	Grades 9-12
		Developmental Lacrosse	Grades 6-8 (Boys Only)	Water Polo	Grades 9-12



## $Admissions \scriptstyle (2023-2024)$

Application submission and a campus tour are encouraged in the fall prior to the intended year of entry. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of the application within a week after submission, please contact the Office of Admissions at **713.666.3111**. Our Preschool Program is specifically designed to serve students from 18 months through age 4. For information specific to the Preschool Program offered by Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church, visit **stepreschool**.

Grade Entering	Application Deadline and Fee	Individual Tests*	Required Documents	Interview or Observation	Application Materials Deadline	Decisions Notification
Kindergarten	January 15 \$100	WPPSI Testing Schedule online at catstexas.org	One teacher recommendation	A group observation will be held in mid- February for applicants	February 1	Mid-March
Grade 1	January 15 \$100	WPPSI Testing Schedule online at catstexas.org	One teacher recommendation Transcripts and semester grades	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March
Grades 2, 3, 4	January 15 \$100	WISC Testing Schedule online at catstexas.org	One teacher recommendation Transcripts and semester grades	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March
Grade 5	January 15 \$100	ISEE Testing Schedule online at iseetest.org	One teacher recommendation Transcripts and semester grades	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March
Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	January 15 \$100	ISEE Testing Schedule online at iseetest.org	Math and English teacher recommendations Transcripts and semester grades	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March

Grades Kindergarten through 4th, WPPSI and WISC testing must be administered within six months prior to the Application Materials Deadline. Grades 5th through 12th, applicants may take the ISEE at any participating testing location.

### Admissions Process

We encourage applicants to complete the following steps in the order listed.

<b>Step 1</b> Submit the admissions application	Visit stes.org and click on the Admissions tab to fill out an online application. The priority deadline for submitting applications is January 15.
<b>Step 2</b> Register for a placement test	If applying to Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th, go to <b>catstexas.com</b> to register for testing by December 1. If applying to 5th grade or higher, go to <b>iseetest.org</b> to register for testing by December 1. Applicants may test at any location administering the ISEE, but scores must be sent to STE using our school code: <b>443433</b> .
<b>Step 3</b> Submit transcripts	The transcript release form should be submitted to your child's current school in early December so that their first semester grades are included in the official records the school sends STE.
<b>Step 4</b> Provide teacher recommendations	If applying to Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th, only one teacher recommendation is required. If applying to 6th grade or higher, two teacher recommendations (one from a Math teacher and one from an English teacher) are required. The two teacher recommendation forms should be given to your child's current Math and English teachers in early December.
<b>Step 5</b> Attend family interview or Kindergarten observation	Shortly after submission of your child's completed admissions file, you will be able to schedule a family interview through your password protected admission portal. If applying to Kindergarten, a group observation will be held in mid-February; an individual interview is not necessary The deadline to complete application files, including transcripts, teacher recommendations, and the family interview or Kindergarten observation, is February 1.

Decision letters will be sent in mid-March to each candidate who has completed their file by the priority deadline. For files completed after the published deadlines, the Admissions Committee will render decisions as it is able, provided that available space remains in the desired grade of entry.

If applying for financial aid, fill out a confidential application online at **factsmgt.com**. Should you have questions, contact the STE Business Office at **713.666.3111**.



## Lower School Curriculum

### Kindergarten

Phonetically oriented reading instruction, mathematics, spelling, and manuscript, as well as instruction in Christian doctrine through a study of the Chapel service and Bible stories, form the core of the kindergarten curriculum. Students also receive instruction in lab science, Spanish, music, art, dance, and physical education, and make regular visits to our school library.

### Grades 1-3

Our 1st through 3rd grade curriculum has a twofold purpose: to provide a solid foundation in the skills of reading, spelling, writing, mathematics, and grammar, and to help each student toward the acquisition of a Christian worldview through systematic worship and a study of Christian doctrine. The program is so thoroughly integrated that each area of study reinforces the others.

Grades 1-3 Curriculum	Spelling/Phonics	Science	Art	Spanish
	Reading/Vocabulary	History/Geography	Dance	Physical Education
	Grammar/Composition	Cursive Writing	Library	Recess
	Mathematics	Sacred Studies	Music	
Electives	Strings			

### Grades 4-5

In the 4th and 5th grades, we continue to build on the basic foundation that has been laid, while preparing students for the accelerated liberal arts curriculum in Middle and Upper Schools. In preparation for this, we teach students that with greater independence and opportunities comes greater responsibilities. For instance, in 4th and 5th grade, students learn to manage materials and instruction from four different academic core teachers and transition between classrooms.

Also starting in 4th grade, students with excellent academic achievement and conduct for each marking period are recognized in Chapel and included on the Dean's List or Honor Roll.

By 5th grade, students develop their organizational skills by employing note-taking techniques and outlines for study and recall.

Grades 4-5 Curriculum	Reading/Vocabulary	Mathematics	Spelling	Sacred Studies
	Grammar	Science	Latin	Oral Presentation
	Composition	History/Geography	Recess	Music
	Dance	Art	Physical Education	Keyboarding
Electives	Pipe Band	Private Music Instruction	Strings	

## Middle School Curriculum

Saint Thomas' Episcopal Middle School curriculum prepares students for the challenges of high school and beyond. Beginning in sixth grade, Saint Thomas' exposes students to the classical education model by introducing Latin, science, English, history, and mathematics as the core curriculum. Students also gain the opportunity to select elective courses from a variety of choices that best fit their personal interests, including foreign languages, physical education, robotics, computer programming, and fine arts. Sixth grade students start their academic experience in the Middle School attending an academic skills course during one of their elective periods to introduce them to the Middle School environment and to give them tools to manage the academic rigor of our Middle School model.

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
English	English 6*	English 7*	English 8*
Math	Math 6	Pre-Algebra	Algebra I or Accelerated Algebra I
Science	Earth Science	Life Science	Physical Science
Foreign Language	Latin 6, Spanish 6	Latin 7, Spanish 7	Chinese I, Latin II, or Spanish I
History	Ancient Biblical History	World History and Geography	U.S. History
Class Trip	Mo-Ranch	Texas History	American Heritage, Washington, D.C.

\* Our English program develops students who can write with understanding and grace, who can read and understand what they have read, and who have begun to understand the lessons of life to be learned through acquaintance with the great characters of literature. Our goal is understanding, which cannot be rushed or quickly produced. To that end, we have divided our program into four parts: the studies of grammar, vocabulary, writing, and literature.





STE has been more than a school for our children. It has been an extended family, community, and partner in assisting us in raising our children."

— Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Garrett, Upper School Parents

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT

#### English

Grammar Vocabulary Writing Literature

#### Mathematics

Math 6 Pre-Algebra Algebra I or Accelerated Algebra I

#### Science

Earth Science Life Science Physical Science

### History

Ancient Biblical History World History & Geography United States History

#### Latin

Latin 6 Latin 7 (Seventh Grade) Latin II (Eighth Grade) Latin I\*

#### **Class** Trips

Mo-Ranch (Sixth Grade) Texas History (Seventh Grade) American Heritage, Washington, D.C. (Eighth Grade)

#### Electives

Art Bagpipe Band - Drumming and Piping Choir Cryptography MATHCOUNTS Highland Dance Oral Presentation Physical Education

Quiz Bowl String Ensemble BattleBots and More Introduction to Programming I (Seventh and Eighth Grade) Introduction to Programming II (Eighth Grade) Journalism Study Hall Logic and Debate (Sixth Grade) Logic and Argumentation (Seventh Grade) Logic/Pre-Rhetoric (Eighth Grade) Spanish 6 (Sixth Grade) Spanish 7 (Seventh Grade) Spanish I (Eighth Grade) Chinese I (Eighth Grade)

\*New incoming seventh/eighth graders will take Latin I during their incoming school year.

## Upper School Curriculum

Saint Thomas' Episcopal School offers Upper School students a challenging liberal arts curriculum that embraces a detailed treatment of mathematics, languages, history, science, and religion. We offer 22 Advanced Placement (AP) courses beginning in the sophomore year; students with the most rigorous course schedules could take between eight and 12 AP courses during their Upper School career. Our selection of AP courses is one of the largest among private schools in the Houston area.

#### Required Offerings by Grade

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English	<b>English 9</b> Mythology The Odyssey Julius Caesar Beowulf The Iliad The Aeneid	<b>English 10</b> The Great Gatsby The Scarlet Letter The Tempest The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn The Crucible Of Mice and Men	English Language and Composition or AP English Language and Composition Norton Anthology of English Literature Confessions The Canterbury Tales Macbeth Paradise Lost Frankenstein Pride and Prejudice Great Expectations	Literature and Composition or AP Literature and Composition Divine Comedy Tess of the D'Urbervilles Heart of Darkness Hamlet Brave New World Gulliver's Travels
Math	Geometry or Geometry with Proofs	Algebra II or Algebra II with Trigonometry	Precalculus, Finite Math, Logic, Calculus AB, or AP Calculus AB	Calculus AB, Introduction to College Algebra, Finite Math, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, or Advanced Topics in Mathematics
Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Environmental Science, Geology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C: Mechanics, or AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Anatomy and Physiology
Foreign Language	Chinese, Latin, Spanish	Chinese, Latin, Spanish	Chinese, Latin, Spanish	
Social Studies	European History	U.S. History or AP United States History	U.S. Government/ Economics or AP U.S. Government & Politics/ AP Macroeconomics	Western Philosophy

#### UPPER SCHOOL OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT

#### English

English 9 - Epic Literature English 10 - American Literature English 11 - Language and Composition AP English Language and Composition English 12 - Literature and Composition AP English Literature and Composition Creative Writing

#### Mathematics

Geometry Geometry with Proofs Algebra II Algebra II with Trigonometry Precalculus Finite Math Logic Calculus AB Introduction to College Algebra AP Calculus AB AP Statistics Advanced Topics in Mathematics

#### Science

Biology Chemistry Physics Anatomy and Physiology Environmental Science Geology AP Biology AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism

#### Social Studies

European History U.S. History AP United States History U.S. Government/Economics AP U.S. Government & Politics/ AP Macroeconomics Western Philosophy Ten Pillars of Economics AP Comparative Government & Politics/AP Microeconomics AP Human Geography AP European History AP Psychology

#### Foreign Language

Latin I, II, III, IV AP Latin Advanced Latin Topics Spanish I, II, III, IV AP Spanish Chinese I, II, III, IV AP Chinese

#### **Computer Science**

Introduction to Computer Science AP Computer Science A Introduction to Programming Advanced Computer Topics

#### Performing And Visual Arts

Band (Great Highland bagpipe, Scottish snare, tenor or bass drum) Choir Highland Dancing Speech and Debate Studio Art AP Studio Art Elective Art Theatre Yearbook

#### Non-Credit Electives

Study Hall Teacher's Aide

It was an incredible privilege to have you as a teacher; the education the students receive from your class is unmatched."

- Loren Valdez, Class of 2020 In an email to an STE Upper School teacher

### Tuition and Fees (2021-2022)

#### Tuition\*

(Does not include lunch, uniforms, activities, sports, or schedule-specific costs)

Lower School	Middle School	Upper School
(Kindergarten - Grade 5)	(Grades 6 - 8)	(Grades 9 - 12)
\$18,850	\$21,240	\$23,750

#### Fee Schedule

Enrollment Fee Billed at time of re-enrollment Returning Student, Domestic: \$300 Returning Student, International: \$1,300

New Student, Domestic: \$800 New Student, International: \$1,800

Kindergarten through Grade 12: \$700

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**Student Facility Fee** Billed in June

Textbook and Supplemental Book and Course Fees Billed in October

Sports, Music, Band, and Clubs Fees Billed in October Billing includes standard and schedule-specific book, course, and elective fees.

Students electing to participate in these extracurricular activities will incur a fee.

#### Financial Aid

Recognizing the costs associated with private education, we make every effort to help families with a demonstrated need.

Families interested in being considered for financial assistance may apply online at **stes.org>admissions>tuition & financial aid**.

### Sibling Discount

STE offers a five percent (5%) sibling discount.

#### International Students

Tuition differs for International students requiring an I-20 issued by STE. For the first year of enrollment, \$10,000 is assessed **in addition to domestic tuition**. Each year thereafter, \$3,000 is assessed **in addition to domestic tuition**.



I can't tell you how happy we are to be at STE. Our only regret is we didn't know about this amazing school sooner. Best decision we have made."

- Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Edwards, Lower School Parents

