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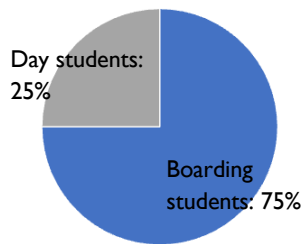
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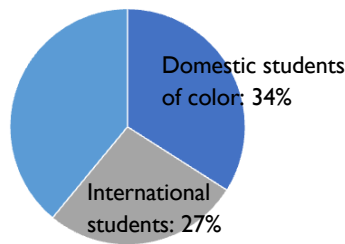
St. Mark's At a Glance 2023-2024

St. Mark's is a four-year, college preparatory, Episcopalian boarding and day school located 25 miles west of Boston. Originally founded in 1865 as a boys' school, St. Mark's became coed in 1977 after a merger with the Southborough School for Girls. Our classes are traditionally referred to as forms: 9th grade is III Form, 10th grade is IV Form, 11th grade is V Form, and 12th grade is VI Form.

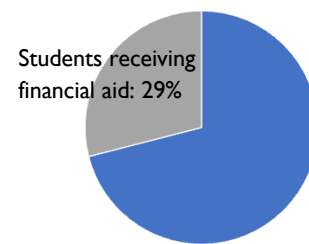
The academic program at St. Mark's is a blend of a classical liberal curriculum and innovative contemporary pedagogy. Across the curriculum, students are exposed to interdisciplinary work and the opportunity to develop strong scientific inquiry, historical research, collaborative problem-solving, critical thinking, and written communication skills.



Total enrollment: 375
Class of 2023: 93



US states represented: 23
Countries represented: 15



Average award (boarding): \$59,169
Average award (day): \$35,036

- 91 faculty members
- 70% of faculty hold advanced degrees

- Average class size: 12
- Student to faculty ratio: 4:1

Signature Programs

History Research Fellowship: This semester-long Fellowship trains students in the skills of academic research and historiography. Students are admitted by application. Each Fellow, having selected a topic of interest during the spring of V Form, pursues rigorous, in-depth research in venues ranging from libraries to archives, the halls of Congress, and elsewhere. The course culminates in the production of a substantial research paper, which students defend before a faculty panel.

STEM Fellowship: This year-long Fellowship offers students the chance for deep exploration of a STEM area of interest, while fostering real-world skills needed for high-level scientific research. Students are admitted by application. Fellows work with faculty and external mentors to design and conduct their own experiments and apply their research to real-world challenges. Fellows present posters at local and national science fairs.

Lion Term & Lions Roam: At the end of the school year, all students complete a 10-day Form-based experiential course. Lion Term encourages students to think beyond themselves and provides structure for them to apply their learning to the wider world through internships and independent research. IV, V, and VI Form students may also participate in Lions Roam, an elective course that integrates a travel and immersion experience during Lion Term. This year's Lions Roam course is *Journey into the Past and Present of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands*.

Advanced Curriculum: While all classes are rigorous and college preparatory, the highest-level courses in each department are designated "Advanced." Advanced courses are offered in all core academic disciplines except English, where departmental philosophy drives continued heterogeneous grouping. St. Mark's does not offer AP classes.

Advanced Courses by Department	
History	History Research Fellowship, Advanced US History, Advanced World History, Advanced US Government and Politics, Advanced Studies in Global Citizenship
Mathematics	Advanced Topics in Mathematics, Advanced AB Calculus, Advanced BC Calculus, Advanced Statistics
Science	STEM Research Fellowship, Advanced Biology, Advanced Chemistry, Advanced Physics: Mechanics, Advanced Physics: Electricity & Magnetism, Advanced Physics: Modern Topics
Computer Science	Advanced Topics in Computer Science
Languages	Advanced Chinese Language and Culture, Advanced French: Francophone World, Advanced French: Contemporary Themes, Advanced Spanish Language and Culture, Advanced Topics in Spanish Literature, Advanced Topics in Latin Literature
Religion	Advanced Religion: Modern Philosophy and the Challenges of Unbelief
Arts	Advanced Studio Art, Advanced Ceramics, Advanced Art History I and II, Advanced Music Theory

Note that other than Advanced courses, classes are unlevleled, with four exceptions: *Honors Algebra II*, *Honors Precalculus*, *Honors Chemistry* (not offered after 2022-2023), and *Honors Latin III* (not offered after 2021-2022). No other honors classes are available to students at St. Mark's.

Diploma Requirements

Subject	Years/Courses Required	Notes
English	4 years	All students take the same course sequence in III through V Forms. VI Formers choose two semester-long electives. All VI Form electives are considered Advanced; no specifically designated Advanced classes are offered.
History & Social Science	2 years	Students must complete The Global Seminar and US History. A variety of year- and semester-long electives are available beyond these courses.
Math	3 years	Students must complete Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II in sequence.
Science	2 years of lab science	Courses are offered across the life and physical sciences, as well as in computer science, robotics, and engineering.
Modern and Classical Languages	Through Level III of a single language	Modern languages: Chinese, French, German (not offered after 2022-2023), Spanish Classical languages: Greek, Latin
Religion	1 year	Students are required to study the three major religious traditions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam). Religion electives focus on ethics, social justice, philosophy, and other meaning-making traditions.
Arts	1 year	Students can select courses in visual arts, theater, and vocal and instrumental music. <i>Students must complete two consecutive years of choir, orchestra, or jazz band to fulfill the arts requirement.</i>
Experiential Learning	<i>St. Mark's Saturdays:</i> 2 courses per year <i>Lion Term:</i> 1 course per year	Students take a Saturday course each semester in addition to their Monday through Friday classes. Saturday classes are experiential in nature and allow students to pursue current interests and explore new ones in hands-on, collaborative, interdisciplinary courses. As described in <i>Signature Programs</i> above, students also enroll in a Lion Term course each spring. All St. Mark's Saturdays and Lion Term courses are pass/fail. They are listed on the second page of students' transcripts.

Special Diplomas

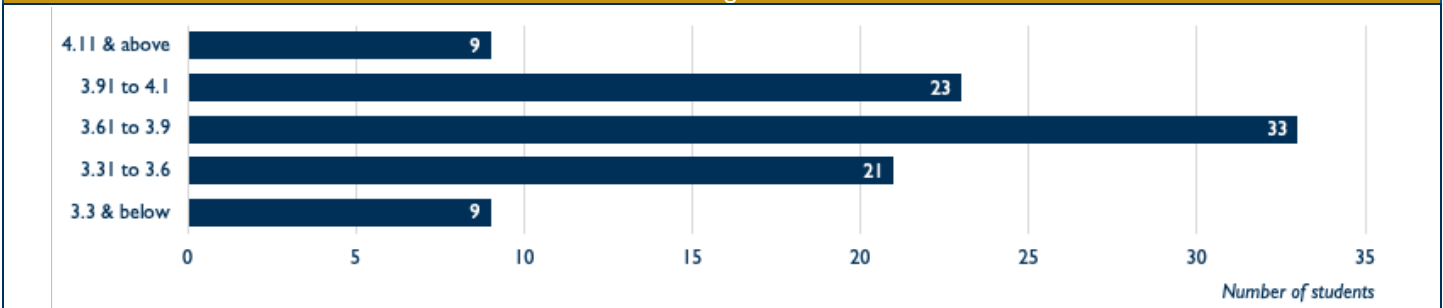
Classics Diploma: Students earn a Classics Diploma by taking 3 years of one classical language and 2 of the other, traveling on the Classics Diploma trip to Greece or Italy, and completing a capstone project.

Global Diploma: Students earn a Global Diploma by taking *Advanced Studies in Global Citizenship*, participating in travel/exchange programs, meeting regularly for discussion of local and global issues, and completing a capstone project.

Visit <https://www.stmarksschool.org/academics/academics-programs> for additional information about our academic program, including course descriptions for all classes.

Academic Information: Class of 2024

GPA through V Form



The GPAs above are **unweighted** and include only courses taken at St. Mark’s School. St. Mark’s does not compute class rank or release individual GPAs to colleges.

Approximately one-third of all students were remote learners for the entirety of the 2020-2021 school year, with many international students logging in from 12-14 time zones away from Southborough. All students returned to full-time in-person learning in 2021-2022. Our normal A-E grading system was in effect throughout the pandemic.

Grade Distribution in V Form Courses

Note: Includes courses enrolling 5 or more V Formers during 2022-2023; does not include arts courses.

Course Name	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-
American Literature	7	23	24	14	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
World Literature: Books Without Borders	3	2	6	3	3	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
US History	3	15	18	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advanced US History	5	24	18	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Microeconomics	1	2	4	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Psychology I	-	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Psychology II	1	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	-	7	4	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Ethics and Morality	2	4	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Algebra II	-	1	4	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Statistics, Functions and Trigonometry	-	2	2	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Precalculus	-	6	9	3	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Honors Precalculus	1	3	4	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calculus	-	4	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advanced AB Calculus	2	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advanced BC Calculus	1	5	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advanced Statistics	1	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advanced Topics: Linear Algebra	6	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Advanced Topics: Multivariable Calculus	3	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honors Chemistry	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biology	4	6	15	13	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Environmental Science	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advanced Biology	-	7	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advanced Chemistry	-	7	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advanced Physics: Mechanics	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greek I	1	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Introduction to Latin Literature	-	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
French III	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
French IV	1	3	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spanish III	1	5	7	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Spanish IV	6	7	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Policy on Reporting of Discipline

Consistent with the NACAC *Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission*, and our strong belief in the integrity of the application process, St. Mark’s students are required to respond honestly to questions about their disciplinary history.

College Matriculation: 2021–2023

Over the past three years, St. Mark’s students have chosen to attend the colleges and universities below. On average, students matriculate at 60 different schools in more than 20 states, as well as countries outside the US, each year. Virtually all St. Mark’s graduates enroll in a four-year institution immediately upon graduation. Schools listed in bold have enrolled **three or more** St. Markers between 2021-2023.

Amherst College	Haverford College	University of California (Irvine)
Arizona State University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	University of Chicago
Babson College	Indiana University (Bloomington)	University of Colorado Boulder
Bard College	Ithaca College	University of Connecticut
Bates College	Johns Hopkins University	University of Delaware
Baylor University	Kenyon College	University of Florida
Boston College	Lake Forest College	University of Hartford
Boston University	Lehigh University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Bowdoin College	Marist College	University of King’s College (Canada)
Brown University	Marquette University	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Brown University/Rhode Island School of Design (dual degree)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Miami
Bryant University	McGill University	University of Michigan
Bucknell University	Miami University (Oxford)	University of Montreal
Canisius College	Middlebury College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Carnegie Mellon University	Molloy University	University of Oregon
Colby College	Muhlenberg College	University of Pennsylvania
Colgate University	New York University	University of Richmond
College of the Holy Cross	Northeastern University	University of Southern California
Colorado College	Northwestern University	University of St Andrews
Columbia University	Oberlin College	University of Utah
Connecticut College	Princeton University	University of Vermont
Cornell University	Providence College	University of Virginia
Dartmouth College	Purdue University	Utica University
Davidson College	Saint Anselm College	Vanderbilt University
Denison University	Salve Regina University	Villanova University
Dickinson College	Santa Clara University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Elon University	Southern Methodist University	Wagner College
Emerson College	Springfield College	Wake Forest University
Emory University	St. Lawrence University	Washington and Lee University
Endicott College	Stanford University	Washington University in St. Louis
Fairfield University	Stonehill College	Wellesley College
Florida Institute of Technology	SUNY College at Brockport	Wesleyan University
Fordham University	Syracuse University	Williams College
Franklin & Marshall College	The College of William and Mary	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
George Washington University	Trinity College	Yale University
Georgetown University	Tufts University	
Grinnell College	Tulane University of Louisiana	
Hamilton College	Union College	
Harvard University	University of California (Berkeley)	
Harvey Mudd College		

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