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## ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Founded in 1952 as a parish school of St. Francis Episcopal Church, St. Francis Episcopal School is an independent school serving boys and girls from 2 years old through high school. We believe our education is not for us alone, but to help us all grow as people for others: thinkers, makers, and citizens who live our learning and our faith.

## THE UPPER SCHOOL

After years of planning, St. Francis expanded and opened its doors in 2018 to its first ninth-grade class, which graduated in 2022. For the past 6 years students have played a pivotal role in creating traditions, forming athletic teams, fostering artistic programs, and building a strong learning community. Our school combines intensive, interdisciplinary coursework with increasing autonomy to create a college-like experience, empowering students to hone their particular talents and academic interests.

## MISSION

In the Anglican tradition, St. Francis Episcopal School challenges and motivates students in an academically and spiritually stimulating environment to become imaginative, critical thinkers and people for others.

## LOCATION

St. Francis is located on two campuses totaling 39 wooded acres in Houston's Memorial area.

**Piney Point Campus:** Lower and Middle School  
**Couper Campus:** Primary and Upper School

## ENROLLMENT

**1010** total enrollment (Primary-Grade 12)  
**52** Freshmen **27** Sophomores **44** Juniors **28** Seniors

Students of Color 51%, Financial Aid Recipients 27%

## GPA AND MARKING SYSTEM

The GPA range for the class of 2024 is 4.49-1.89 and the median GPA is 3.48.

St. Francis Episcopal School does not rank students. GPA is calculated based on courses taken at SFE in grades 9-12. All courses are college preparatory (unless they are designated as AP classes). An additional 0.5 quality point is awarded to the GPA for passing grades in all Advanced Placement courses.

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	GPA Value
A+	97-100	4.33
A	93-96	4
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
B	83-86	3
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
C	73-76	2
C-	70-72	1.67
D+	67-69	1.33
D	63-66	1
D-	60-62	0.67
F	<60	0

## US GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & COURSE SEQUENCE

Discipline	Credits
English	4
Social Studies	3
Science	3
Mathematics	3
World Language	2
Religion	1.33
Fine Arts	2
Physical Education	1
Health/Wellness	.33

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## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The academic year is divided into trimesters in each division. Upper School students follow a block schedule (block A days, block B days) with eight courses divided between the two days, 85 minutes each in length.

Average Classroom - **14 students**

Upper School Faculty - **21**

Student-to-Faculty ratio - **8:1**

## CURRICULUM FEATURES

**Technology:** St. Francis is a 1:1 laptop school. Through high-level instruction in coding, computer logic, and 3-D technology, we provide creative design opportunities that integrate engineering and computer science, while fostering responsible digital citizenship.

**Speech:** Public speaking is incorporated into all courses, and students received the equivalent training of one Speech credit throughout their tenure.

**Community Service:** Students completing the required number of service hours each year are recognized with "People for Others" distinction at graduation.

## IMMERSIONS AND EXPLORATIONS

During these week-long intensives, students from 9-12th grade extend beyond the classroom and venture into the Houston community. This program offers students the opportunity to establish connections with external organizations and community leaders in Houston.

## 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. The advisor plays an important role helping students hone social/emotional and executive functioning skills.

## DISCLOSURE POLICY

In accordance with NACAC Best Practices, St. Francis Episcopal School will comply with colleges' requests for information regarding applicants' disciplinary records by requiring students to inform colleges in writing of any out-of-school suspension (starting sophomore year), withdrawal, or dismissal, either before or after their submission of applications. When possible, the school will include this student communication with the Secondary Report Form and Counselor Recommendation. Full support from the school is contingent on students' direct communication to all colleges or universities that request disciplinary information.

## ACCREDITATION/MEMBERSHIPS

Independent Schools of the Southwest (ISAS)

Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES)

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)

Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC)

ACT, College Board

Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Since the arrival of our first ninth grade class in 2018, students have been at the forefront of initiating student clubs, forming athletic teams, and fostering a thriving learning community. The following exemplifies their efforts:

SCHOOL EXTRA- OR CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
4 Councils
10 Student Clubs and Organizations
17 Athletic Teams in 12 Sports
90%+ Students Participate in Theatre Productions
2 Honor Societies

**TESTING INFORMATION (CLASS OF 2024 TESTING INFORMATION)**

SAT (13 students)*	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	550-660	618
Mathematics	550-640	590
Total	1100-5900	1208

ACT (7 students)*	Middle 50%	Mean
Composite	20-29	25

\*As of July 2023

**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR**

National Merit Commended Scholars: **2**

National Hispanic Scholars: **2**

National African American Scholars: **1**

Questbridge Scholars: **1**

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM AND COURSES**

St. Francis Episcopal School offers 16 AP courses. In May 2023, 38 students took 90 AP exams and earned a 3 or higher on 71% of those exams. Entrance to advanced placement (AP) courses require teacher recommendations. Students are not limited in the number of AP courses they may take. Students can begin taking Advanced Placement courses their junior year.

	2022	2023
AP Scholar	3	8
AP Scholar with Honor		2
AP Scholar with Distinction	1	1
AP Students with Scores 3+	10	27
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	37%	71%
Total AP Students	27	38
Number of Exams	57	90

ADVANCEMENT PLACEMENT COURSE (15)
AP Art History
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Calculus AB
AP Computer Science Principles*
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
AP European History*
AP Psychology
AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP Statistics
AP 2-D Art and Design*
AP Environmental Science
AP U.S. History
AP 3-D Art and Design*

\*Not offered every year

**THE CLASS OF 2023**

19 Graduates attending - 15 different colleges
32% In State
68% Out of State
53% Private
47% Public
\$1.5 Million Scholarship Worth

**2022-2023 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS**

The classes of 2022 and 2023 received acceptances to the following colleges and universities. The colleges in **bold** indicate that one or more members of the class of 2023 are attending.

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Abilene Christian University     | <b>Northwestern University</b>       |
| Alfred University                | Oklahoma State University            |
| AMDA                             | Parsons School of Design             |
| Arizona State University         | Prairie View A&M University          |
| Austin College                   | Princeton University                 |
| Baylor University                | Rochester Institute of Technology    |
| Bennington College               | <b>Saint Edward's University</b>     |
| Bowie State University           | Saint Louis University               |
| Bucknell University              | Sam Houston State University         |
| Butler University                | San Francisco Conservatory of Music  |
| Case Western Reserve University  | Sewanee: The University of the South |
| Colorado School of Mines         | Southwestern University              |
| Colorado State University        | <b>Syracuse University</b>           |
| DePauw University                | Tarleton State University            |
| Dillard University               | Texas A&M University                 |
| <b>Drexel University</b>         | <b>Texas Christian University</b>    |
| Eastman School of Music          | Texas State University               |
| Elon University                  | Texas Tech University                |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.  | The New School                       |
| <b>Fisk University</b>           | The University of Alabama            |
| Fordham University               | University of Arizona                |
| Furman University                | The University of Texas at Austin    |
| <b>Grinnell College</b>          | The University of Texas at Dallas    |
| Grove City College               | <b>Trinity University</b>            |
| Hampton University               | <b>University of Arizona</b>         |
| High Point University            | University of Connecticut            |
| Houston Christian University     | University of Denver                 |
| Howard University                | <b>University of Georgia</b>         |
| Indiana University (Bloomington) | <b>University of Houston</b>         |
| James Madison University         | University of Kansas                 |
| <b>Lafayette College</b>         | University of Michigan               |
| Louisiana State University       | <b>University of Mississippi</b>     |
| Loyola University Chicago        | <b>University of Missouri</b>        |
| Lubbock Christian University     | <b>University of North Texas</b>     |
| Lynn University                  | University of Oklahoma               |
| Manhattan School of Music        | University of Richmond               |
| Marymount Manhattan College      | University of San Diego              |
| Morehouse College                | University of the Incarnate Word     |
| New York University              | Wake Forest University               |