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**About Parish Episcopal School**

Founded in 1972, Parish Episcopal School is a college-preparatory, independent day school accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS), is a member of National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), College Board, National and Texas Associations of College Admission Counseling (NACAC and TACAC), the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS), and the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS). A student-faculty ratio of 8:1 fosters a close professional atmosphere in the classroom and on the playing fields. At Parish, students are empowered to be authentic and prepared to lead with knowledge of and respect for a rich variety of people and points of view.

**Mission**

Inspired by our values of **Wisdom, Honor** and **Service**, Parish Episcopal School's inclusive Episcopal community guides young people to become creative learners and bold leaders prepared to impact our complex global society.

**Belonging and Inclusion**

Parish empowers its students to think critically, challenge bias, and advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion through programming, curriculum and conversations. The Parish Pathways program promotes civil dialogue and constructive action through advisory activities, affinity groups, Student Diversity Leadership Council, an annual Voices & Views Diversity Conference, interfaith chapel presentations, heritage month assemblies and community dinners.

**Academy of Global Studies**

AGS is a rigorous, four-year, outcomes-based research program equivalent to college coursework layered on top of Parish's graduation requirements. Selected students learn skills that culminate in a 20-page research paper on a student-selected issue of global or regional significance. It requires students to cite 30 primary sources and an oral defense in front of a faculty panel.

**The Leadership Institute**

The Leadership Institute requires students to complete coursework, workshops and a LEAD Project with the guidance of a professional mentor. Using design thinking, students address a local issue by completing a project that yields measurable outcomes. The Leadership Institute provides real-world experience that informs students' professional journeys through college and beyond.

**ParishSTEM, including Rover**

ParishSTEM integrates hands-on learning with unrivaled, state-of-the-art facilities to provide students with the skills needed to become the next generation of innovators. Parish's NASA HERC (Human Exploration Rover Challenge) team was named world champions in the high school division in 2021 and 2022.

**ParishBridge**

ParishBridge requires all students to complete five weeks of blended learning, including 15-80 hours of professional work experience, and life-readiness seminars the final trimester of senior year.

**Enrollment**

1194 students PreK-12

442 students in Upper School

116 students in senior class

96 zip codes represented at Parish

17% of students receive financial aid

55% White

30% Students of Color

(4% Black, 14% Asian American/Pacific Islander, 4% Hispanic/Latin, 8% Bi-Racial)

15% Opt Not to Identify

## Class of 2023 Outcomes:

110 Graduates

\$7.5 Million in Scholarships

18 Collegiate Athletes

2 Collegiate Artists

(as defined by acceptances into special programs beyond admission standards)

1 National Merit Semi-Finalist

5 National Merit Commended Scholars

Our graduates enrolled at 61 colleges and universities in 28 states.

75% out of state, 25% in-state

## Academic Calendar

The academic year is divided into trimesters. Core academic classes earn one credit and meet for 80 minutes alternating days on a block schedule for 36 weeks per school year. First trimester grades are available in early January and should be considered for midyear grades.

## Graduation Requirements

students must earn 23 credits to graduate

| Subject                                | Credits |
|--|---------|
| English                                | 4       |
| Mathematics                            | 3       |
| Social Studies                         | 3       |
| Science                                | 3       |
| World Language                         | 3       |
| (in the same language through level 3) |         |
| Fine Arts                              | 1       |
| Religious Studies                      | 1       |
| PE/Athletics                           | 1       |
| Health Education                       | .33     |

### In addition

Daily Chapel, Four-Year Advisory Program, Community Service (15 hours/year) and ParishBridge

## Academic Integrity

With *Honor* as a tenet of the school, Parish students and faculty, led by a 16-student elected Honor Council, are charged with upholding the academic integrity of the school. Students are expected to answer questions from universities related to academic and disciplinary records honestly, accurately and thoroughly. Parish will respond truthfully to any questions related to student records.

## Grading Scale

| Letter | Percent  | Standard | Honors Dual Credit | AP  |
|--------|----------|----------|--------------------|-----|
| A+     | 97-100   | 4.3      | 4.7                | 5.0 |
| A      | 93-96    | 4.0      | 4.3                | 4.7 |
| A-     | 90-92    | 3.7      | 4.0                | 4.3 |
| B+     | 87-89    | 3.3      | 3.7                | 4.0 |
| B      | 83-86    | 3.0      | 3.3                | 3.7 |
| B-     | 80-82    | 2.7      | 3.0                | 3.3 |
| C+     | 77-79    | 2.3      | 2.7                | 3.0 |
| C      | 73-76    | 2.0      | 2.3                | 2.7 |
| C-     | 70-72    | 1.7      | 2.0                | 2.3 |
| D+     | 67-69    | 1.3      | 1.7                | 2.0 |
| D      | 63-66    | 1.0      | 1.3                | 1.7 |
| D-     | 60-62    | 0.7      | 1.0                | 1.3 |
| F      | Below 60 | 0.0      | 0.0                | 0.0 |

### Rank and Transcript Notes

Parish does not rank its students. The weighted cumulative GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale and only Parish and selected dual credit Dallas College courses are included. Credit earned before the freshman year does not appear on the transcript. A repeated course will appear on the transcript, and only the highest grade is calculated in the grade point average. There is no grade inflation at Parish.

## Class of 2024 GPA Context

Highest GPA in Class: 4.49

Midpoint of Class: 3.49

Lowest GPA in Class: 2.1

## AP Scores

Parish students are required to take the AP exam at the conclusion of each AP course. In 2023, 195 students took 390 AP tests, 77 students earned the honor of being named an AP Scholar.

% of students scoring 4 or 5: 54%

% of students score 3 and above: 84%

Students customarily begin AP coursework junior year. Placement in AP courses requires a faculty recommendation. Students are strongly encouraged to maintain a healthy balance of academic rigor in grades 11 and 12. Upper School administration reserves the right to limit the number of honors or AP courses students take concurrently.

## Standardized Testing

| ACT                                | Middle 50%  | Mean |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------|
| English                            | 24-33       | 27.7 |
| Math                               | 21-30       | 25.6 |
| Reading                            | 24-32       | 28.4 |
| Science                            | 24-30       | 26.7 |
| Composite                          | 23-32       | 27.2 |
| SAT                                | Middle 50%  | Mean |
| Evidence Based Reading and Writing | 580 - 670   | 625  |
| Mathematics                        | 545 - 680   | 614  |
| Total                              | 1120 - 1350 | 1239 |

## Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and Dual Credit (DC) Classes:

### English

English II Honors  
AP English Language  
AP English Literature

### Mathematics

Geometry Honors  
Algebra II Honors  
Precalculus Honors  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
Multivariable Calculus (DC)

### Science

Physics Honors  
Chemistry Honors  
Biology Honors  
AP Chemistry  
AP Biology  
AP Physics C: Mechanics

### Social Studies

World History Honors  
AP U.S. History  
AP European History

### Electives

AP Comp Sci Principles  
AP Computer Science A  
AP Psychology

### World Languages

French III Honors  
French IV Honors  
Latin III Honors  
Latin IV Honors  
Latin V Honors  
Spanish III Honors  
Spanish IV Honors  
AP Spanish Language

### Visual and Performing Arts

AP 2D Art & Design  
AP 3D Art & Design  
AP Music Theory

## Curriculum Notes

Parish's curriculum is college preparatory. All students, except seniors, carry a minimum six courses each trimester, five of which must be core academic subjects (English, history, mathematics, science, world languages, or an AP course in another subject area), arts, religious education, physical education, as well as community service.

For more information on the Upper School Program of Studies 2023-24, please visit:

<https://www.parish.org/academics/upper-school/us-curriculum>