



ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL
Dominican Sisters of Houston ★ 1956

St. Pius X High School

School Profile 2024-2025

CEEB Code 443-432

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STUDENT BODY

Enrollment

Grade 9.....179

Grade 10.....159

Grade 11.....169

Grade 12.....132

Total.....639

Demographics

Female.....48%

Male.....52%

African American.....11%

Asian.....3%

Caucasian.....48%

Hispanic.....30%

Multiracial/Other.....7.3%

Students on Scholarships.....42%

Pell Eligible Students.....10%

Student-Faculty Ratio.....7:01

4-year college matriculation.....89%

2-year college matriculation.....9.5%

COMMUNITY STATEMENT

St. Pius X High School is a co-educational Catholic college preparatory school in Northwest Houston, drawing students from over 96 zip codes. Previously sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Houston, St. Pius X is now sponsored by the Dominican Veritas ministries—a Pontifical Juridic Person—which began sponsorship in September 2023. Since our founding in 1956, we have been committed to serving a diverse student body representing a variety of socioeconomic, cultural, religious, and ethnic backgrounds. We are committed to fostering each student's intellectual and spiritual potential within a challenging academic and nurturing Catholic environment.

MISSION

The mission of St. Pius X High School is the embodiment of the four Dominican Pillars – Prayer, Study, Community, and Preaching. Dominican education at St. Pius X High School is inspired by Veritas – where young men and women embrace academic excellence and integrity, celebrate the community's diverse gifts and heritage, and embody social justice and service.

ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS

St. Pius X High School is accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Bishops Education Department (TCCB ED), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SAC CASI), and Cognia (formerly AdvancEd). St. Pius X High School holds memberships in the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), Houston Area Independent Schools (HAIS), National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC), and Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS).

THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

School-Sponsored Devices

Beginning in the fall of 2024, St Pius X students will transition from a bring-your-own-device program to a school-sponsored laptop program. Students will be provided with a preconfigured laptop as part of their enrollment, which will help establish a cohesive, effective learning experience for all students while also creating an equitable and safe digital environment.

Academic Schedule

St. Pius X will begin an eight-day, rotating block schedule beginning the fall of 2024 to offer more teacher-student interaction during the school day. The school day will run from 7:45 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. Four instructional blocks of 1 hour and 15 minutes will occur each school day, with additional time interspersed for Community Time, Breaks, and Lunch.

Academic Support System

The Paul A. Gilliam '98 Learning for Success Program is a hallmark program that draws students to St. Pius X. The program addresses the challenges and supports needed for students with an IEP to be successful in an academically rigorous college preparatory environment without modification to the curriculum. Learning support for students not enrolled in the Paul A Gilliam '98 Learning for Success Program is addressed through designated academic support personnel and structured tutorials with faculty before school, during Community Time, and after school.

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS (students must complete 28 credits in these subjects)

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| English..... | 4.0 |
| Mathematics..... | 4.0 |
| Science..... | 4.0 |
| Social Studies..... | 4.0 |
| Theology..... | 4.0 |
| Foreign Language..... | 2.0 |
| Physical Education..... | 1.0 |
| Fine Arts..... | 1.0 |
| Communications..... | 0.5 |
| Computer Applications/Technology..... | 0.5 |
| Health..... | 0.5 |
| Service Learning Apostolate..... | 0.5 |
| Electives..... | 2.0 |

The academic program at St. Pius X centers on the Dominican Pillar of Study. Our college preparatory curriculum offers additional support opportunities for elective coursework to support individual growth and development. In addition to the academic curriculum, students are required to commit 100 hours of service as part of their Service Learning Apostolate between the Junior and Senior year to support our school's mission of community and social justice.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES

| English | Math | Social Sciences | Foreign Language | Sciences |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| English I | Algebra I | Ancient World History | AP French | Biology |
| English II | Algebra II | Economics | AP Latin | Chemistry |
| AP English Language | Geom/Trig | AP U.S. Gov. & Politics | AP Spanish | AP Biology |
| AP English Literature | Pre-Calculus | AP Psychology | | AP Chemistry |
| | AP Statistics | AP U.S. History | | AP Physics I |
| | AP Calculus AB | AP Modern World History | | AP Physics II |
| | | | | AP Computer Science Principles |

Students must receive approval from the Assistant Principal of Student Support to register for more than two AP classes per year and must meet the pre-requisites required for placement into all Honors and AP classes.

RANK AND GPA

St. Pius X High School is a non-ranking high school. However, we will confidentially release rank to colleges where the student meets the admissions criteria for automatic admissions based on class rank and/or GPA and test scores. The GPA is calculated on a 4.0 weighted scale. One bonus point is given for Honors and Advanced Placement Courses. Students who fail a course, make up the class in summer school for credit-recovery purposes only and not included in the cumulative GPA. The highest rank-in-class GPA is 4.53. Courses transferred into the school are not calculated into the cumulative GPA. The grading scale is as follows:

| Grading Scale | Academic | Advanced/ Honors |
|---------------|----------|------------------|
| 90-100 | A | 4.0 |
| 80-89 | B | 3.0 |
| 75-79 | C | 2.0 |
| 70-74 | D | 1.0 |
| 69 Below | F | 0 |

AP TEST SCORES

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|
| AP Testers | 227 | 210 | 99 |
| AP Scholars | 36 | 16 | 14 |
| AP Scholars with Honors | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| AP Scholars with Distinction | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| AP Students with 3+ scores | 156 | 115 | 70 |



69% Scoring 3 or higher
437 AP exams administered
227 Students tested
49 AP scholars

STANDARDIZED TESTING (data as of June 2024)

| SAT (mean scores) | 2025 | 2024 |
|-------------------|------|------|
| Top 10% | 1272 | 1290 |
| Top 25% | 1111 | 1210 |
| 10-50% | 1102 | 1140 |
| Class | 1036 | 1065 |

| ACT (mean scores) n=20 | 2025 | 2024 |
|------------------------|------|------|
| Top 10% | 28 | 25 |
| Top 25% | 27 | 26 |
| 10-50% | 24 | 25 |
| Class | 23 | 24 |

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION 2021-2024

St. Pius X High School has 100% post-secondary placement. Members of the class of 2024 matriculated to various colleges across the country and earned over \$9 million in scholarships. The 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 classes matriculated to the colleges and universities listed below. The class of 2024 matriculated to the colleges *highlighted in teal*.

| | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| University of Alabama | Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | Oglethorpe University | Texas A&M University-Commerce |
| AMDA College of Performing Arts-Los Angeles | Emerson College | University of Oklahoma-Norman | Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi |
| American University | Galveston College | University of Ottawa | Texas A&M University-Galveston |
| Arizona State University | Florida International University | Pennsylvania State University | Texas Christian University |
| University of Arizona | Fort Lewis College | Pima Medical Institute-Houston | Texas Lutheran University |
| Arkansas State University | Grambling State University | University of Pittsburgh | Texas State Technical College |
| University of Arkansas | Hardin-Simmons University | Prairie View A&M University | Texas State University |
| Barnard College | Holy Cross College | Rice University | Texas Tech University |
| Baylor University | Houston Christian University | Ringling College of Art & Design | Texas Wesleyan University |
| Belmont Abbey College | University of Houston | University of Rochester | Texas Woman's University |
| Benedictine College | University of Houston-Downtown | Rose State College | The University of Texas at Arlington |
| Blinn College | Howard University | Rutgers University | University of Texas at Austin |
| Boston College | Huston-Tillotson University | Saint Louis University | University of Texas at Dallas |
| Brazosport College | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Sam Houston State University | University of Texas at San Antonio |
| University of California-Davis | University of Iowa | San Diego State University | University of Texas at Tyler |
| University of California-Los Angeles | University of Kentucky | San Jacinto Community College | George Washington University |
| Case Western Reserve University | Labette Community College | Scripps College | Trinity University |
| The Catholic University of America | Lamar University | Seattle University | Tulane University |
| University of Central Florida | LIM College | Southern Adventist University | University of Tulsa |
| University of Chicago | Lone Star College | Southern Methodist University | Tuskegee University |
| Clemson University | Louisiana State University Agricultural & Mechanical College | Southern Nazarene University | United States Air Force Academy |
| Coastal Bend College | Loyola University New Orleans | Southern University A&M College | United States Naval Academy |
| Coe College | McPherson College | Southwestern University | University of Oregon |
| University of Colorado | University of Miami | St. Edward's University | University of St. Thomas (TX) |
| Colorado Mountain College | Mississippi State University | St. Mary's University | University of the Incarnate Word |
| Colorado School of Mines | University of Mississippi | University of St. Thomas | University of Utah |
| Colorado State University | University of Missouri-Columbia | Stephen F. Austin State University | Virginia Tech |
| Community College of Philadelphia | Muskingum University | Syracuse University | Washington University in St. Louis |
| Concordia University Texas | Navarro College | Tarleton State University | University of Washington-Seattle Campus |
| Connecticut College | New York Film Academy | Temple University | Western Carolina University |
| DePaul University | North Central College | The University of Tennessee-Knoxville | William Woods University |
| Drexel University | University of North Texas | Texas A&M College-College Station | Xavier University of Louisiana |