



ST. ANDREW'S  
SEWANEE

# St. Andrew's-Sewanee School

## Profile 2024-2025

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St. Andrew's-Sewanee School is a private, co-educational, Episcopal, boarding and day college preparatory school serving 202 students in grades 6-12. Our Admission Office uses a holistic review process to select students that we feel would be an exceptional addition to our community. We CHALLENGE our students to fulfill their greatest potential while helping them to cultivate lives of BALANCE and JOY.

### ACCREDITATION

Southern Association of Independent Schools

### CLASS OF 2024 41 Students

Cum. GPA middle 50%, 6 semesters: 3.06 to 4.15  
A+=4.33, A=4.00, A-=3.67, D-=0.67, F=0.00

- GPAs are unweighted.
- Courses taken at the University of the South are reported on a university transcript.
- SAS does not compute class rank..

### CORE VALUES

- Good teaching inspires curiosity.
- Students deserve to have their individual needs met for both challenge and support.
- Depth has more value than breadth.
- Time outdoors is time well spent.
- The future will belong to creative, lifelong learners.

### CHALLENGING OUR STUDENTS

#### Sewanee: The University of the South Courses

Juniors with a cumulative GPA of 90 or higher, and seniors with a cumulative GPA of 87 or higher, are eligible to enroll in credit-earning courses at Sewanee: The University of the South. These students attend classes taught by University professors alongside University students, in addition to meeting SAS graduation requirements. All courses taken at Sewanee are recorded on an official transcript issued by the University and do not count toward SAS graduation requirements. For these reasons, our arrangement is not considered dual enrollment. As a result of offering this genuine college experience, we do not offer Advanced Placement courses.

**INDEPENDENT STUDY** with the approval of the Curriculum Committee and under the guidance of a faculty sponsor, is an option for qualified juniors and seniors who submit proposals that clearly demonstrate academic substance.

**ADVANCED CLASSES** are available for students seeking additional challenges in math and science. The Academic Dean will work with students to explore these opportunities, taking into account their prior coursework and academic abilities. These courses are taught by faculty with advanced degrees and are conducted at a college seminar level.

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES** is a required course for all seniors. This college seminar level course offers students an exploration of religion as a phenomenon common to humanity. Texts for this class include: *Dynamics of Faith* by Paul Tillich, *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse, *God Is Not One* by Stephen Prothero and *Justice* by Michael Sandel.

**PLACE-BASED EDUCATION** is highly interdisciplinary and uses not just our physical geography but also our local and regional history, institutions, politics, and culture. All departments strive to integrate place-based experiences into the curriculum because it helps deepen learning, increase engagement, and create a unique sense of place. Courses offered include Place-Based American Studies and Field Geology.

### Cumberland Scholars

The Cumberland Scholars program is designed for students passionate about the environment, inspired by nature, and invigorated by outdoor adventure. Through this program, students can elevate their interests by fulfilling a unique set of place-based and outdoor requirements, ultimately graduating with distinction. The path to this distinction includes academic study, experiential learning, technical skill demonstrations, and service commitments. The journey culminates in the spring of the student's senior year with a public presentation of a capstone research project focused on place-based or outdoor education. For more information on this rigorous program, go to [sasweb.org/academics/Cumberland-scholars](http://sasweb.org/academics/Cumberland-scholars).

### CHARACTERISTICS

- Founded in 1981 as a merger of Sewanee Academy (est. 1868) and St. Andrew's School (est. 1905)
- Located on a 550-acre campus in rural Tennessee
- Grades 6-12, boarding may begin in 7th grade
- 2024-2025 Enrollment: 60 Middle School, 142 Upper School, 202 total students from 11 countries & 10 states
- 10% are students of color, 7% are international
- 51% receive financial support
- Student-Teacher ratio 7:1, average class size 13
- 100% of the Class of 2024 were accepted to college.
- 84% of Faculty hold advanced degrees, with 65% having a Master and 19% having a PhD.

### MEMBERSHIPS

NAIS, NAES, One Schoolhouse, The College Board, NACAC, SACAC, Cum Laude Society, AACIS, Tennessee Association of Independent Schools (TAIS)

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Two semesters are divided into four quarters. Co-curricular PEAK programs are on a trimester calendar.

## CURRICULUM

Academic requirements at SAS are designed to ensure a broad distribution of courses and areas of study while allowing the individual student to pursue special interests. Each student is required to successfully complete a core curriculum before pursuing electives.

## CLASS FORMAT, BLOCK SCHEDULE

All classes meet for two 70 minute and one 90 minute period each week.

## COURSE LOAD

6 classes (9th and 10th grades), 5-6 classes (11th and 12th grades) plus PEAK

## MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English: 4 credits

Math: 3 credits, beginning with Algebra I (4 credits are strongly recommended)

Science & Technology: 3.5 credits, including Technology & Information Literacy [0.5 credits], Conceptual Physics, Chemistry, and Biology

History: 3 credits, including U.S. History or Place-Based American Studies

Language: 2 consecutive credits in grades 9-12

Arts: 1 credit

Religion: 1 credit, Religious Studies and Presentation of Credal Statement

Wellness: 0.5 credit, Health and Fitness

Electives: 2.5 credits

Total required for graduation: 20.5 credits and 15 Hours of Community Service/Year Enrolled

## 2023-2024 SENIOR COURSE OFFERINGS

*All courses are college preparatory.*

*Religion and two semesters of English are required for seniors and must be taken at SAS.*

*Course descriptions are available at [www.sasweb.org/academics](http://www.sasweb.org/academics).*

### ARTS

Functional Pottery  
Music Production, Songwriting, and Recording  
Drawing & Painting  
Filmmaking  
Photography: Community Connections  
Theatre Arts  
Photography  
Sculpture  
Technical Drawing and Design  
Radio Broadcasting and Production  
Printmaking

*Art classes may be taken repeatedly for credit*

### RELIGION

Religious Studies (required for all seniors)

### ENGLISH

Place-Based American Studies  
English 11/12 Offerings  
Environmental Literature: Place-Based  
Expository and Creative Nonfiction\*  
Shakespeare Pre-1600  
Modern and Contemporary Literature and Philosophy  
British Literature  
American Literature

\*Writing Intensive

### INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Psychology  
Cumberland Scholars Capstone

### HISTORY/HUMANITIES

Place-Based American Studies U.S. History  
Expository & Creative Nonfiction  
Fiction, Drama, & Poetry  
Formation & Transformation  
Modern Middle East  
Multicultural American Literature  
Slavery to Civil Rights

### LANGUAGE

Intermediate/Advanced Latin  
Spanish III, IV, V

### MATHEMATICS

Advanced Statistics  
Calculus

*Both classes are pinnacle courses*

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Advanced Biology\*  
Advanced Chemistry\*  
Advanced Physics\*  
Field Geology  
Climate Change & Tennessee  
Coding & Electronics

\*Pinnacle Courses

## REPORTING OF DISCIPLINARY INFRACTIONS

Suspensions or probation resulting from an Honor Code violation or from a major violation of the Student Code of Conduct will be reported if this information is requested on the application.

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