PRINCIPIA SCHOOL

2026-2027 School Profile

Established in 1898, Principia School is an independent co-educational day and boarding college preparatory school located in Town and Country, Missouri, west of St Louis. Known for our innovative educational programs, Principia offers classes from early childhood through grade 12, including resources from our affiliated Principia College. Founded on the teachings of Christian Science, we are guided by our core value of LOVE. We welcome students of diverse faiths who are eager to grow spiritually, academically, and in character.

Principia School is fully accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Independent Schools of Saint Louis (ISSL), and The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS).

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Principia School Students

525 (PreK-12) Total Enrollment	**235** Upper School Grades 9-12	**47** Students in the Class of 2027
46% Represent Racial and Ethnic Diversity	**54%** Receive Principia Scholarships and Financial Aid	**18** States Represented
17 Countries Represented	**4.42** Highest GPA	**3.67** Median GPA

Grading Scale

A	4.0	C	2.0
A-	3.7	C-	1.7
B+	3.3	D+	1.3
B	3.0	D	1.0
B-	2.7	D-	0.7
C+	2.3	F	0.0

Principia School does not rank students. Advanced placement, dual credit, and honors courses are weighted by 0.5 in the calculation of GPA which is calculated based on all courses taken in grades 9-12 at Principia. Quest, Athletics and Senior Projects are graded as pass/fail and earn credit. Independent Study (IND) receives a letter grade and earns credit.

Class of 2026

- **96%** attending 4-year schools
- **4%** attending 2-year or vocational schools
- **296** individual acceptances from 182 schools
- **51** graduates attending 27 different institutions
- **71%** attending private colleges and universities
- **29%** attending public colleges and universities
- **82%** enrolled out of state
- **18%** enrolled in state

View a list of institutions where our class of 2026 graduates have matriculated.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Total Credits 28*

- **English** 4.0
- **Science (Lab)** 3.0
- **Social Studies** 3.5
- **Mathematics** 3.0
- **World Language** 2.0
- **Arts** 2.5
- **Bible** 0.5
- **Electives** 5.0
- **Athletics/PE** 4.0
- **Personal Finance** 0.5

**Principia students take courses beyond the requirements. Exceeding the minimum total credits is highly encouraged.*

Our college-prep, future-ready education prepares students to succeed in an ever-changing world. Integrated learning creates deeper connections through real-world problem solving, character education, community engagement, and exceptional curriculum-based trips. Through the Understanding by Design (UbD) model, students apply their knowledge and skills in meaningful, real-world contexts that demonstrate deep understanding.

Students are encouraged to choose courses that align with their interests and offer appropriate academic challenge. Our goal is for graduates to be well-equipped with the skills needed to lead fulfilling, purposeful lives in high school and beyond.

Extracurricular Activities

Students engage in award-winning programs in music, theatre, STEM, and visual arts, as well as activities like Mock Trial, Model UN, Mediation Team, and Sustainability. Clubs include National Honor Society, Interact (Rotary), Rho Kappa Honor Society, Math Olympiad, Tri-M, Poetry Out Loud, World Language Clubs, International Thespian Society, Speech and Debate, E-Sports, and Student Council. Affinity groups support LGBTQ+ and POC students.

Principia is a member of Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) and competes in the Saint Louis Metro League: 18 interscholastic sports teams are available and two seasons of sports are required.

CoLAB

CoLABs—required for freshmen and sophomores—blend English, science, and social studies in interdisciplinary, student-led project work. All students take English, social studies, math, science (with labs), world language, Bible, STEM, and the arts, with a minimum of seven classes per semester.

Quest

Quests are co-designed courses developed collaboratively by students and teachers or field experts, offering opportunities to explore personal interests that range from understanding the stock market to vlogging, garage band, or engineering. These authentic, hands-on experiences allow students to pursue passions beyond the traditional classroom structure. Quests meet weekly during the school day, and students enroll in two per semester, with up to four appearing on their transcript each year.

Signature Programs

Principia students are challenged to put their understanding into practice through enriching signature programs that provide hands-on, relevant experiences. Whether students are learning the principles of entrepreneurship or embarking on educational trips around the world, signature programs are designed to develop creative and critical thinkers who are prepared to embrace the challenges of today and tomorrow.These experiences include Outward Bound character trips, leadership retreats, grade 10 internships, Experiential Education Week, college tours, senior projects, Impact Challenge, and optional service trips.

Advanced Placement/Dual Credit

Principia offers 12 Advanced Placement (AP) classes and 21 Dual Credit (DC) classes. Dual Credit classes allow high school students to earn both high school and college credit simultaneously by successfully completing college-level coursework in partnership with a college or university. Principia partners with University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL), Missouri State University, Saint Louis University (SLU 1818), and Principia College.

Advanced Art-Sustained Investigation DC**
Advanced Ceramics DC**
Calculus AB AP/DC*
Calculus BC AP/DC*
College Algebra DC**
College Chemistry DC*
Comparative Government AP/DC**
Computer Science A AP
Computer Science Principles AP
English Language and Composition AP/DC**
English Literature and Composition AP/DC**
Field and Natural History DC*
Intermediate Drawing DC**
Intermediate Painting DC**
Mandarin Chinese IV DC****
Music Theory AP
Physics I DC***
Precalculus AP/DC*
Spanish Language and Culture AP
Spanish IV DC**
Spanish V DC**
Statistics AP
Statistics DC**
U.S. Foreign Policy DC**
U.S. Government AP/DC**
U.S. History DC**

**Credit from Principia College*
***Credit from UMSL*
****Credit from Missouri State*
*****Credit from SLU*

Course Catalog

AP Students at Principia

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total Students	13	27	26	36	32
Number of Exams	18	44	36	54	55
Students with Scores 3+	10	20	20	26	24
% of Total Students with Scores 3+	76.92	74.07	76.92	72.22	75.00

Principia holds memberships with the National and Missouri Associations for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC and MOACAC) and the American and the Missouri School Counselor Associations (ASCA and MSCA).

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