Profile 2025-2026

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Overview

St. David's School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school for students in grades PK-12. Fully accredited and with a low student/teacher ratio, the school seeks to prepare young men and women for college and life by challenging them to excel in the vital areas of Christian faith, virtue, and knowledge. Located on 15 wooded acres in suburban Raleigh, the capital city of North Carolina and one of the three cities that comprise the Research Triangle, the school draws students from Raleigh, Durham, and surrounding communities. The area is home to approximately 2.4 million people, and includes Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, and six small colleges.

Selected Features

- 2025-26 enrollment — PK-12: 660; 9-12: 173
- Average Upper School academic class size: 11
- Upper School academic faculty members: 35 (69 percent hold advanced degrees)
- Member of NAIS, SAIS, NCAIS, NACAC, SACAC, ERB
- Dually accredited by COGNIA (since 1975) and Southern Association of Independent Schools (since 2005)
- Honor Code and Student Honor Council
- International Senior Trip
- 100% annual college acceptance rate
- St. David's moved from a trimester to a semester calendar for the 2025-26 school year, with a seven-period rotation and a minimum of six classes per semester. Students may take up to seven classes, and, in rare cases, eight classes.
- Seven year Latin program, four year Greek program; six year French and Spanish programs
- 20 hours of community service per year required for graduation.
- Students may take Independent Study courses with the approval of the Upper School Principal and a faculty sponsor

Grades

Numeric and letter grades are given in all classes for each semester grading period. Scale: A (100-90); B (89-80); C (79-70); F (69-0)
Letter grade system converts to a grade point average as follows:

Non-Weighted Courses	Weighted Courses	
A (4.0)	AP Course	+1
B (3.0)	Post-AP/Advanced Course	+1
C (2.0)	Honors Course	+.5
F (0.0)		

The following grade distribution for the class of 2026 is based on cumulative weighted GPAs through the end of the junior year.

Highest GPA	4.57
Middle GPA	4.14
Lowest GPA	2.57

The GPA includes only work completed at St. David's unless otherwise noted on transcript.

Class Rank

Given the graduating class size, academic strength of students, and rigorous college preparatory curriculum at St. David's, individual class rank is not considered a significant measure of a student's achievement and is not computed. The valedictorian and salutatorian are the only ranks designated.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum of 24 credits required for graduation, including:

- 4 credits in Humanities: English *(ancient, medieval, AP English Language, AP English Literature)*
- 4 credits in Humanities: History *(ancient, medieval, AP or Honors US, AP Euro. or AP Gov.)*
- 3 credits in World Language *(including level III in one language)*
- 4 credits in Math *(algebra I-II, geometry, one course above algebra II)*
- 3 credits in Science *(biology, chemistry, physics)*
- 1 credit in P.E. *(one season of athletic participation)*
- 1.5 credits in Fine Arts
- 3.5 credits in elective courses

At the discretion of the Principal, students who transfer to St. David's after grade 9 may be allowed to substitute alternative courses to meet graduation requirements.

Test Results 2023-2025

SAT Mean Score: 1252

ACT Mean Score: 26

Scholarships

Distinguished Scholarships 2021-2025

Presidential Scholarship, *Boston University*
Morehead-Cain Scholarship, *UNC-Chapel Hill*
Chancellor's Science Scholarship, *UNC-Chapel Hill*
Cambridge Scholarship, *Rhodes College*
Provost Scholarship, *Southern Methodist University*
Presidential Academic Scholarship, *George Washington University*
Distinguished Scholars Award, *Davidson College*
Presidential Scholarship, *University of Richmond*
Presidential Scholarship, *Wheaton College*
Air Force ROTC Scholarship
Distinguished Scholars Award, *Tulane University*
Dean's Scholarship, *Fordham University*
Cheatham-White Scholarship, *North Carolina A&T State University*

Advanced Placement

Courses offered to Class of 2026

AP Art and Design
AP Art History
AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
AP Environmental Science
AP European History
AP French Language
AP Latin
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
AP Music Theory
AP Physics C: E & M
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Spanish Language
AP Statistics
AP US Government & Politics
AP US History

AP options are not open to freshmen and are limited for sophomores. This year St. David's has added three new *core* AP courses: AP US History for juniors, AP English Literature and Composition and AP European History for seniors. Advanced and Post-AP *elective* courses for juniors and seniors reflect the most rigorous curriculum offered in these disciplines; they are weighted as equivalent to the AP level. These elective options include: *Advanced* Dante and *Post-AP* Latin VI and VII, French VI, Spanish VI, Applied Computer Science, and Multivariable Calculus.

College Acceptances 2021-2025

University of Alabama*
Alaska Pacific University
Appalachian State University
University of Arizona
Arizona State University*
University of Arkansas
Auburn University*
Baldwin Wallace University
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Binghamton University
Boston College*
Boston University
Bridgewater College
Bucknell University
University of California-Los Angeles*
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara
Campbell University
Carnegie Mellon University*
Case Western Reserve University
Catawba College
The Catholic University of America
Charleston Southern University
Christopher Newport University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of Charleston*
University of Colorado-Boulder
Colorado School of Mines
Connecticut College
University of Connecticut
Davidson College
University of Delaware
Dickinson College
Drexel University*
Duke University
East Carolina University*
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Erskine College
Ferrum College
University of Florida
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
George Mason University
The George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
University of Georgia
Greensboro College*
Guilford College
Hamilton College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampton University
Hawai'i Pacific University
High Point University*
Hillsdale College
Hofstra University
Hollins University
Howard University
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University Bloomington
James Madison University
University of Kentucky
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Louisiana State University
University of Louisville
Loyola University Chicago
Macalester College
Manhattan School of Music
Marshall University
Mary Baldwin University
Marymount Manhattan College
University of Mary Washington
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
McDaniel College
Mercer University
Meredith College
Messiah University
Methodist University
Miami University of Ohio
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi*
Mississippi State University
Montana State University
Morehouse College
Mount St. Mary's University
New York University
UNC-Asheville
UNC-Chapel Hill*
UNC-Charlotte*
UNC-Greensboro
UNC-Pembroke
UNC-Wilmington*
NC A&T State University
NC Central University
NC State University*
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Ohio University
The Ohio State University
University of Oregon
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University*
University of Pittsburgh
Purdue University
Queens University
Radford University
Randolph-Macon College
Rhodes College
Rider University
University of Richmond
Ringling College of Art and Design
Roanoke College
University of Rochester
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Salem College
Samford University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Sewanee: The University of the South*
SKEMA Business School*
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
Southern Methodist University
Southern Virginia University
Stanford University*
Stockholm School of Economics
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
University of Tampa
Temple University
University of Tennessee-Knoxville*
University of Texas at Austin
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Trinity College
Tulane University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Virginia Wesleyan University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic and State University*
Wake Forest University*
Wake Technical Community College
Warren Wilson College
Washington College
University of Washington-Seattle
Washington and Lee University*
Washington University in St. Louis
Western Carolina University
West Virginia University
Wheaton College
College of William and Mary
Wingate University
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Wofford College
Xavier University

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