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ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Founded in 1952 as a parish school of St. Francis Episcopal Church, St. Francis Episcopal School is an independent school serving boys and girls from 2 years old through high school. We believe our education is not for us alone, but to help us all grow as people for others: thinkers, makers, and citizens who live our learning and our faith.

THE UPPER SCHOOL

After years of planning, St. Francis expanded and opened its doors in 2018 to its first ninth-grade class, which graduated in 2022. For the past 6 years students have played a pivotal role in creating traditions, forming athletic teams, fostering artistic programs, and building a strong learning community. Our school combines intensive, interdisciplinary coursework with increasing autonomy to create a college-like experience, empowering students to hone their particular talents and academic interests.

MISSION

In the Anglican tradition, St. Francis Episcopal School challenges and motivates students in an academically and spiritually stimulating environment to become imaginative, critical thinkers and people for others.

LOCATION

St. Francis is located on two campuses totaling 39 wooded acres in Houston's Memorial area.

Piney Point Campus: Lower and Middle School
Couper Campus: Primary and Upper School

ENROLLMENT (as of September 2025)

1119 All Divisions Enrollment (Primary-Grade 12)

210 Upper School Enrollment

57 Freshmen **68** Sophomores **57** Juniors **28** Seniors

Students of Color 49%, Tuition Assistance Recipients 50%

NOTABLE AT ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

IMMERSIONS AND EXPLORATIONS

During these week-long intensives, students from 9-12th grade extend beyond the classroom and venture into the Houston community. This program offers students the opportunity to establish connections with external organizations and community leaders in Houston, while exploring their interests.

SENIOR PROJECT

The Senior Project is a culmination of studies at St. Francis Episcopal School and provides an opportunity to show the best of students' talents, interests, and research efforts. Seniors have the two weeks leading up to graduation to complete their project. All projects include a final product, whether a paper, presentation, or other method to demonstrate what they learned.

SUMMER TRAVEL PROGRAM

The St. Francis Travel Program provides Middle and Upper School students with carefully curated learning adventures that broaden their horizons and develop global citizenship. Students explore diverse destinations—from national parks to international sites—gaining exposure to new cultures, languages, and ideas while reinforcing classroom learning.

TECHNOLOGY

St. Francis is a 1:1 laptop school. Through high-level instruction in coding, computer logic, and 3-D technology, we provide creative design opportunities that integrate engineering and computer science, while fostering responsible digital citizenship.

ADVISORY

The advisory program is an essential element of the Upper School experience. Groups of 8-12 students share a teacher who serves as an advisor for four years. The advisor plays an important role helping students hone social/emotional and executive functioning skills.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students serve their school and broader community through student-led volunteering initiatives, seasonal clothing drives, and targeted fundraisers for various causes. The People for Others Council, composed of student leaders and faculty advisors, helps identify meaningful service opportunities and coordinates outreach efforts. Students completing the required number of service hours each year are recognized with "People for Others" distinction at graduation.

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SCHEDULE

The academic year is divided into two semesters. Upper School students follow a block schedule (block A days, block B days) with eight courses divided between the two days, 80 minutes each in length.

Average Classroom – **14 students**

Upper School Faculty – **29**

Student-to-Faculty ratio – **12:1**

GPA AND GRADING SYSTEM

The GPA range for the class of 2026 is 4.33 – 2.15 and the average GPA is 3.29.

St. Francis Episcopal School does not rank students. GPA is calculated based on courses taken at SFE in grades 9-12. All courses are college preparatory (unless they are designated as AP classes). An additional 0.5 quality point is awarded to the GPA for passing grades in all Advanced Placement courses.

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	GPA Value
A+	97-100	4.33
A	93-96	4
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
B	83-86	3
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
C	73-76	2
C-	70-72	1.67
D+	67-69	1.33
D	63-66	1
D-	60-62	0.67
F	<60	0

US GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & COURSE SEQUENCE

Course	Credits	Notes
English*	4	English I, English II, English III or AP English Language, English IV or AP English Literature
Social Studies*	3	World History I, World History II, US History or AP US History
Science*	3	Physics, Chemistry, and Biology (all are lab-based sciences)
Mathematics*	3	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and advanced offerings
World Language*	2	Two consecutive years of one world language
Religion	2	One semester course taken each academy year; Old Testament, New Testament, World Religions, Ethics
Fine Arts	2	Required Fine Arts Survey; 3 additional semester classes
Physical Education	1	Two semesters of PE electives or participation in three sports
Health/Wellness	.5	Course taught in the sophomore year

*Beginning the 2025-2026 academic year, honors courses will be available to students in these core, year long classes

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM AND COURSES

St. Francis Episcopal School offers the Advanced Placement (AP) program with 18 courses starting junior and senior year. Our school limits enrollment to 4 AP courses per academic year. To ensure appropriate course placement, teacher recommendations are considered. Certain courses alternate years.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (18)	
AP 2-D Art and Design*	
AP 3-D Art and Design*	
AP Art History*	
AP Biology	
AP Chemistry	
AP Calculus AB	
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 Physics 1	
AP Physics C: Mechanics	
AP Psychology	
AP Spanish Language and Culture*	
AP Statistics	
AP U.S. History	

*Not offered every year

TESTING INFORMATION (CLASSES OF 2023 - 2026)

SAT Scores	Middle 50%
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	530-650
Mathematics	520-650
Total	1040-1290

ACT Scores	Middle 50%
Composite	23-29

THE CLASS OF 2026 INCLUDES

- 1** : National Merit Semifinalist
- 5** : College Board National Recognition Recipients
- 1** : National Hispanic Recognition Award
- 1** : National African American Recognition Award
- 6** : Recognized by College Board for their success on AP Exams

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2022 - 2025

St. Francis Episcopal Students have one hundred percent post-secondary placement. Forty- nine percent of the members of the Class of 2025 attended colleges in the state of Texas, while fifty-one percent went out of state. The classes of 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 matriculated to the following colleges and universities. The Class of 2025 are in bold.

Arizona State University (Tempe)	Princeton University
Auburn University	Rice University
Baylor University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Bishop’s University	Southern Methodist University
Blinn College	Southwestern University
Brazosport College	St. Edward’s University
Case Western Reserve University	St. John’s College (Santa Fe)
Colorado School of Mines	Stephen F. Austin State University
Drexel University	Syracuse University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)	Texas A&M University
Fisk University	Texas Christian University
Florida Southern College	Texas State University
Fordham University	Texas Tech University
Graceland University	The University of Alabama
Grinnell College	The University of Texas at Arlington
High Point University	The University of Texas at Austin
Houston Community College	Trinity University
Howard Payne University	University of Arizona
Howard University	University of Colorado Boulder
Indiana University (Bloomington)	University of Georgia
Kansas City Art Institute	University of Houston
Louisiana State University	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Loyola Marymount University	University of Miami
Manhattan School of Music	University of Mississippi
Monmouth University	University of Missouri (Columbia)
Northwestern University	University of North Texas
Oklahoma Baptist University	University of Notre Dame
Olin College of Engineering	University of Oklahoma
Parsons School of Design at The New School	University of Oregon

EXTRACURRICULAR & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Since the start of our Upper School, students have been at the forefront of initiating student clubs, forming athletic teams, and fostering a thriving learning community. Our six student councils, along with numerous clubs and organizations, exemplify their efforts to build lasting traditions and shape our school culture.

Athletics

Offering 14 high school sports and 22 high school teams, 79% of Upper School students compete on one or more of our athletic teams. Here are our offerings:

Baseball	Lacrosse	Volleyball
Basketball	Soccer	Wrestling
Cross Country	Softball	
Field Hockey	Swimming	
Football	Tennis	
Golf	Track and Field	

Fine Arts

St. Francis Episcopal School houses a robust fine arts program featuring comprehensive co-curricular offerings in dance, theater, music, and visual arts. The program’s quality and student engagement are reflected in the fact that 80% of Upper School students take more arts courses than required for graduation.

Councils

Our six student-led, school-sponsored councils include:

Spiritual Life Council	Student Council
Justice Equity Diversity Inclusivity (JEDI Council)	Wellness Council
People for Others Council	Fine Arts Leadership Council

Honor Societies

Our school also has two honor societies which have specific academic and community engagement requirements:

National Honor Society	International Thespian Society
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Student Clubs

Our club offerings are entirely student-driven, with new organizations forming each year based on student interests and passions. This dynamic approach ensures that extracurricular opportunities directly reflect our current student body’s diverse talents and curiosities. Recent clubs have included Book Club, Model United Nations, Crochet Club, Gardening Club, Film Club, and Chess Club.