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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an expert in educating and developing boys. Our mission – to develop boys into men of character – is our promise to students, families, the community and the world. We accomplish this through the transformative power of an educational and life experience deeply rooted in our four foundational pillars – Catholic, college preparatory, military leadership and all male – which inspire servant leadership, academic excellence, and create a deep sense of brotherhood that spans generations of alumni.

Saint Thomas Academy's rigorous curriculum fosters a lifelong respect for knowledge and an abiding spirit of inquiry, analytical thinking, creative expression, elective communication skills and independent study. Students immerse themselves in their studies with great energy and extreme focus, whether exploring broad genres of literature and writing, or honing skills in algebra or calculus. The faculty expertly design their lectures, classroom exercises, homework and hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for boys, inspiring every student to discover his passion and reach his full potential.

STUDENTS

Saint Thomas Academy serves a dynamic population of approximately 590 boys in grades 6-12, who reside in the greater Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. Admission is selective, based on past academic performance, placement exam results and personal interviews. Nearly 50% of students receive need-based financial aid, making an Academy education more accessible to a broad and increasingly diverse range of students. While Saint Thomas Academy is a Catholic, Archdiocesan school, roughly 20% of our students are not Catholic.

SCHOOL CODE: 242320

FACULTY

50 full-time faculty, approximately 89% of whom have advanced degrees. Our average class size is 18, with a 10:1 student-faculty ratio.

CLASS RANK AND GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Class of 2025 Highest GPA: 4.4; **Average GPA:** 3.6.
Grades are weighted. Each course has a numerical value based on the frequency of meeting and course difficulty. Saint Thomas Academy does not assign rank to students. Individual cumulative GPAs are provided on both the transcript and secondary school report accompanying each application. GPAs are based on a 4-point system, which factors in pluses and minuses *(A=4.0, A-=3.67, B+=3.33, etc.)* Honors course grades receive a weight of 1.1. AP course grades receive a weight of 1.2.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM/ DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

Saint Thomas Academy offers a rigorous academic program with 23 Advanced Placement (AP) courses available to students. Our AP courses allow students to engage in college-level coursework and develop the skills necessary for post-secondary success. In addition to our AP offerings, Saint Thomas Academy has partnered with Saint Louis University through their 1818 Program and the University of Saint Mary's (MN) to provide dual enrollment opportunities.

Through these partnerships, students can earn college credit while benefiting from the unique Cadet experience that defines Saint Thomas Academy. Our esteemed faculty teaches these programs, ensuring that students receive high-quality instruction that meets high school and collegiate standards. Our dual enrollment faculty meet Higher Learning Commission standards; each hold a master's degree and at least 18 graduate credits in the content area.

Saint Thomas Academy students excel in these challenging courses, with 81% of participants in the Class of 2025 achieving a score of 3 or higher on their AP exams, reflecting their readiness for higher education and commitment to academic excellence. Last year 88 students received the AP Scholar Award.



SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY
HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of a minimum of the following academic courses, 9th - 12th grade, is required for graduation.

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THEOLOGY *4 years*	Scripture	Morality & Church History	World Religions & God Talk	Campus Ministry, Advanced Morality, Advanced Morality Honors/PACC
LEADERSHIP *4 years*	Military Leadership 1	Military Leadership 2	Military Leadership 3	Military Leadership 4 Advanced Military
ENGLISH *4 years*	College Prep English 9	College Prep English 10	American Literature & Composition, English Language AP	Senior Choice-Based English, English Literature & Composition AP
HISTORY *4 years*	Civics: United States Global Perspectives	World History, World History AP	US History, US History AP	Economics, Economics AP *(Micro & Macro)*, AP Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, US Gov. & Politics AP
MATHEMATICS *3 years*	Algebra I - Quadratic, Geometry, Geometry Honors, Algebra II/Trigonometry, Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors	Geometry, Geometry Honors, Algebra II/Trigonometry, Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors, Precalculus, Precalculus Honors	Algebra II/Trigonometry, Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors, Precalculus, Precalculus Honors , Calculus I, Calculus AP, Computer Science AP, Statistics AP	Functions, Stats and Trigonometry, Precalculus, Precalculus Honors, Calculus I, Calculus AP, Computer Science AP, Statistics AP, Multivariable Calculus (calculus III)
SCIENCE *3 years*	Biology, Biology Honors	Biology, Biology Honors, Chemistry, Chemistry Honors	Chemistry AP, Environmental Science, Environmental Science AP, Biology AP	Physics, Physics AP, Environmental Science, Environmental Science AP, Biology AP, Chemistry AP
WORLD LANGUAGE *3 years/third level*	Chinese I-II, French I-V, Honors French III-V, Spanish I-V, Honors Spanish III-V, Latin I-II	Chinese I-IV, French I-V, Honors French III-V, Spanish I-V, Honors Spanish III-V, Latin I-III	Chinese I-IV, Honors Chinese IV, AP Chinese, French I-V, Honors French III-V, CIS French, Spanish I-V, Honors Spanish III-V, AP Spanish	
FINE ARTS *1/2 year*	Band, Choir, Studio Art, or Orchestra	Band, Choir, Studio Art, or Orchestra	AP Art & Design, Cadet Vision, Ceramics I-III, Computer Graphics, Digital Photography I-II, Drawing I-II, Guitar, Painting I-II, Sculpture, Theatre, Piano, VISTA Band, Choirs, VISTA Jazz Band, VISTA String Orchestra	
PHYSICAL ED. *1/2 year*	Health & Physical Education	Various Electives	Various Electives	Various Electives

See cadets.com/academics for elective class options.

FEATURES OF THE CURRICULUM

DAILY SCHEDULE

Eight class periods are offered on a rotating basis. The entire Corps of Cadets gathers daily for formation, when morning announcements, senior speeches and special presentations are made. During our unique daily flex period, students pursue individual interests, participate in club practices and engage in experiential learning opportunities, such as NASA educational programming.

FAITH LIFE

Saint Thomas Academy welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds to benefit from the Catholic values instilled into our students. We offer daily prayer and worship, reconciliation three times a week and adoration monthly. Annual class retreats are planned and led by student members of Campus Ministry, who provide their fellow students guidance for personal growth.

MILITARY (LEADERSHIP)

As an independent military leadership academy, Saint Thomas Academy's multi-faceted, compulsory military program in the Upper School is tailored to students on a college preparatory track. It begins in the freshman year, with each year offering additional applied leadership opportunities that instill a sense of honor, respect, integrity, self-discipline, self-reliance, brotherhood and devotion to duty, the community and service to others.

The Corps of Cadets is organized as a brigade with typical military structure that gives promotions based on academic achievement, conduct, proven leadership abilities, discipline, sportsmanship and adherence to the Academy's values of Faith, Excellence, Integrity and Respect.

FINE ARTS

Our visual arts program gives students a working knowledge of the tools and language of the visual arts to help them think effectively, work creatively and know firsthand the artistic experience. The offerings are varied and aim to meet students' individual needs, skill levels and previous artistic experience. Our VISTA performing arts program is combined with our sister school, Visitation School, and includes band, choir, orchestra and theater. The bands and theater program showcase 3 major concerts/productions each year.

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Saint Thomas Academy offers more than 40 co-curricular clubs, activities and athletic programs, with approximately 98% of Middle and Upper School students participating in at least one co-curricular activity. Among the clubs is the nationally recognized Experimental Vehicle Team (EVT), which has beat out many college teams on the way to winning 15 national championships and 1 international championship and setting numerous national records. Other co-curriculars include the Lincoln Society, Economics and Investment Club, Math Team, Mock Trial, Model UN, Quiz/Knowledge Bowl, CHOOSE, Diversity Club, Foreign Language Clubs and student publications.

ATHLETICS

Saint Thomas Academy offers one of the strongest athletic programs in Minnesota. Our student-athletes consistently win awards and recognition and commit to playing athletics at NCAA Division I schools, while also taking away powerful lessons and life skills from their time on the ice, field, court, mat, pool and track. Cadets athletics have won more than 40 state championships in school history. We offer 15 sports, with 35 varsity, JV and freshmen sports teams, with 83% of students participating in at least one sport.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

At Saint Thomas Academy, community service is engrained into our culture, for the learning and growth opportunities it provides students as well as to aid vulnerable and at-risk populations. On average, cadets collectively volunteer more than 25,000 hours during a single school year. Each student is required to log at least 100 hours of community service between the start of his freshmen year and graduation. In addition to volunteering, students also contribute to regular fundraisers and collections of food, household essentials, winter coats and additional items.

SENIOR SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Every senior must have completed 40 hours of community service between the last day of their sophomore year and March 1 of his senior year. At least 30 of these hours are devoted to one approved core agency, church, program or mission trip. During the two weeks prior to graduation, seniors also dedicate an additional 30 hours to being mentored within a religious, educational, health or social service agency.

SENIOR SPEECHES

Senior Speeches are an important rite of passage at Saint Thomas Academy. Each senior delivers a speech to all his brother cadets, highlighting his experience, lessons learned and memories of his time at the Academy. Each senior works closely with a faculty member to craft his speech and hone his oratory skills.

INNOVATION AND ENGINEERING

Our state-of-the-art, 6,000-square-foot Innovation Center is integrated into the Saint Thomas Academy curriculum beginning in 7th grade. As students become proficient with the Innovation Center technology, they are challenged with invention-themed contests that encourage them to develop solutions to third-world issues, improve household items, help increase energy efficiency or create new children's toys. Recent projects produced in the Innovation Center include safety and protective equipment such as face shields for front-line workers, barriers for point-of-service in the cafeteria and table dividers for the media center and classrooms.



2020-2025 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Aberystwyth University
Abilene Christian University
Adelphi University
Albright College
Allegheny College
American InterContinental University
American University
American University of Beirut
Amherst College
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University-Tempe *
Auburn University
Auburn University at Montgomery
Augsburg University *
Augustana University
Aurora University
Ave Maria University
Babson College
Ball State University
Barry University
Bates College
Baylor University *
Bellarmine University
Bellevue College *
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Bemidji State University *
Benedictine College *
Benedictine University *
Bentley University
Berea College
Bethany Lutheran College
Bethel University (MN) *
Binghamton University
Biola University
Birmingham-Southern College
Boise State University
Boston College *
Boston University *
Bowdoin College
Bowling Green State University-Main Campus
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University *
Cal Poly
California College of the Arts
California Institute of Technology
California State University-Long Beach
Carleton College *
Carnegie Mellon University
Carson-Newman University
Carthage College
Case Western Reserve University *
Central Lakes College-Brainerd
Central Methodist University-College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Century College
Chaminade University of Honolulu
Chapman University *
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Claremont McKenna College
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clarke University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Coe College
Colby College *
Colgate University
Colgate University *
College of Charleston
College of Saint Benedict
(with Saint John's University)
College of the Holy Cross *
Colorado College
Colorado College *
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines *
Colorado State University-Fort Collins *
Columbia College
Columbia University in the City of New York *
Concordia College at Moorhead
Concordia University-Saint Paul *
Connecticut College
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
Cornell College
Cornell University *
Creighton University *
D'Youville University
Dakota County Technical College
Dartmouth College *
Davidson College
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University *
Dominican University
Drake University *
Drexel University
Duke University *
Dunwoody College of Technology *
East Texas A&M University
Eastern Michigan University
Eckerd College
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Worldwide
Emerson College
Emmanuel University *
Emory University
Endicott College
Evangel University
Fairfield University
Ferris State University
Fisk University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida International University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Florida Tech *
Fordham University *
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Franklin University Switzerland
Franklin W Olin College of Engineering
Furman University
George Mason University
Georgetown University *
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus
Georgia State University
Gonzaga University *
Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus *
Grand View University
Grinnell College
Gustavus Adolphus College *
Hamline University
Hampden-Sydney College *
Hampton University
Harvard University *
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hillsdale College
Hokkaido University
Holy Cross College
Hood College
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Indiana State University
Indiana University Indianapolis
Indiana University-Bloomington *
Inver Hills Community College
Iowa State University *
Iowa Western Community College *
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
Jacksonville University *
James Madison University
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University *
Kansas State University
Kent State University at Kent
Kettering University
Kyoto University
Kyushu University
Lafayette College
Lake Forest College
Lake Superior State University
Lawrence University
Lebanese American University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Lewis University
Liberty University
Lindenwood University
Lipscomb University *
Long Island University - Post
Loras College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University *
Loyola University Chicago *
Loyola University Maryland
Luther College
Macalester College
Manor College
Marist University
Marquette University *
Marywood University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
McPherson College
Mercyhurst University
Merrimack College
Metropolitan State University
Miami University-Oxford *
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University *
Middle Tennessee State University
Middlebury College
Millikin University
Milwaukee School of Engineering *
Minnesota North College
Minnesota State University Moorhead *
Minnesota State University-Mankato *
Mississippi State University
Moberly Area Community College - Columbia
Montana State University *
Montana State University Billings
Morehouse College
Nagoya University
- Global 30 International Programs
New Jersey Institute of Technology *
New Mexico State University-Dona Ana
New Mexico State University-Main Campus *
New York University *
Niagara University
Norfolk State University
Normandale Community College *
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
North Dakota State University *
North Iowa Area Community College *
Northeastern University *
Northern Arizona University
Northern Michigan University
Northwestern College
- Current & Former Traditional Undergraduates
Northwestern University *
Norwich University
Notre Dame College
Oberlin College *
Ohio State University-Main Campus
Ohio University-Main Campus
Oklahoma State University-Main Campus
Old Dominion University
Oral Roberts University
Oregon State University

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