



DE SMET JESUIT

2026 - 2027 High School Profile

Type of School

De Smet Jesuit High School is a Catholic, Jesuit, college-preparatory school for young men in grades 9-12. Founded in 1967, De Smet Jesuit is conducted by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and serves students throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Enrollment

De Smet Jesuit High School enrolls 630+ students representing more than 140 public, private, and parochial schools throughout the St. Louis region.

Admission

Admission to De Smet Jesuit considers the whole student, with academic performance reviewed alongside character, interests, experiences, and potential for growth. Tuition assistance is available to qualified students.

Curriculum

The basic program required of all students is listed below (numbers refer to number of semesters):

	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.
English	2	2	2	2
Mathematics	2	2	2	2
World Language	2	2		
Science	2	2	2	
Social Studies	1	2	2	1
Religious Education	2	2	2	2
Fine Arts	1	1		
Physical Education	1	1		
Service (hours required)	10	25	X*	50
Capstone Project				X

Faith & Service

Faith formation is an integral part of the De Smet Jesuit curriculum. Students participate in daily prayer and reflection, schoolwide Masses, annual retreats, and service experiences throughout their four years. Juniors participate in a year-long service program* within the St. Louis community. Seniors complete 50 hours of service as part of the school's graduation requirements.

College Credit Program

Courses are offered for college credit through Saint Louis University (ACC), the University of Missouri-St. Louis (ACP), and St. Louis Community College (SLCC) for students maintaining a "B" or better average. Juniors and seniors may earn college credit in English, Chinese, Latin, Spanish, calculus, history, psychology, technology, and theology. Additional courses are offered through the Advanced Placement (AP) program of the College Board.

Honors & College Credit Level Courses

Freshman Honors Courses

Honors English 1
Honors Algebra 1
Honors Algebra 2/Trigonometry
Honors Computational Thinking
Honors Biology

Sophomore Honors Courses

Honors English 2
Honors Geometry
Honors Chemistry
AP/Honors World History

Junior Honors Courses

AP/ACC Honors English-Language
Honors Instrumental Jazz Combo
Honors Newswriting
Honors Yearbook
AP/Honors Precalculus
Honors Algebra 2/Trigonometry
AP Intro to Computer Science
AP/ACC Honors Biology
AP/ Honors Physics 1
AP/ACC Honors American History
ACC Honors Latin 3
ACC Honors Latin 4
ACC Honors Spanish 3
ACC Honors Spanish 4
SLCC Honors Chinese 3
SLCC Honors Chinese 4

Senior Honors Courses

AP/ACC Honors English-Literature
English 4: ACP Creative Writing
English 4: ACC The Art of Storytelling
Honors Jazz Combo
Honors Newswriting
Honors Yearbook
AP/ACC Honors Calculus AB
AP/ACC Honors Calculus BC
ACP Computer Applications
AP Honors Intro to Computer Science
AP Honors Statistics
AP/ACC Honors Biology
AP/Honors Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP/Honors Physics C: Mechanics
ACC Honors Modern European History
AP/ACC Honors American Government
AP/ACP Honors Psychology
ACC Questions in Theology
ACC Honors Latin 4
AP Honors Latin 5
ACC Honors Spanish 4
AP Honors Spanish 5
SLCC Honors Chinese 4

CLASS OF 2026

386

SCHOLARSHIPS
WORTH MORE THAN

\$28.2

MILLION
WERE AWARDED TO

91%

OF THE
CLASS OF 2026

134

GRADUATES

25.5

ACT COMPOSITE
School 5-year Avg.

150

MINIMUM SERVICE
HOURS COMPLETED
AFTER 4 YEARS

Accredited by
The State of Missouri
Cognia

Member
Jesuit Schools Network
National Catholic Educational
Association

Designated as
Exemplary Private School
U.S. Department of Education

Principal
Kevin Poelker
College Counselor
David Boland

Member of:
National Association for College
Admission Counseling
Missouri Association for College
Admission Counseling
Missouri School Counselor
Association
Jesuit High School College
Counselors Association

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MISSION STATEMENT:

De Smet Jesuit inspires and prepares
Men for Others to transform the world

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,
for the Greater Glory of God.*

Grade Point Average & Systems

De Smet Jesuit uses a weighted GPA, and grade point averages are based on a 4.5 scale.

	Regular	Honors	College Credit & Honors
A+	4.5	5.0	5.5
A	4.0	4.5	5.0
B+	3.5	4.0	4.5
B	3.0	3.5	4.0
C+	2.5	3.0	3.5
C	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	0.0	0.0	0.0

Grading System

100% – 97%	= A+ (4.5)
96% – 90%	= A (4.0)
89% – 87%	= B+ (3.5)
86% – 80%	= B (3.0)
79% – 77%	= C+ (2.5)
76% – 70%	= C (2.0)
69% – 60%	= D (1.0)
< 60%	= F (0.0)

Letter Grades and Descriptions

A+	4.5	Excellent mastery of course material. Usually indicates additional creative and independent work.
A	4.0	Superior mastery of course material that exceeds the minimum objectives of the course.
B+	3.5	Mastery of course material slightly above B level.
B	3.0	Mastery of course material that meets the objectives of the course and what is expected for college preparation. Our median grade is a B.
C+	2.5	Mastery of course material approaching that expected for college preparation. The student shows promise of moving from the C level to the B level.
C	2.0	Mastery of course material below what is expected for course outcomes and for college preparation.
D	1.0	Mastery substantially below expected minimum, but not deserving of failure
E	0.0	Conditional failure: indicates a possible passing grade on final course report. This grade is used only at the quarter in a one-semester course; it may be used in the first three quarters in a two-semester course.
F	0.0	Definite failure to master course material.

First Honors = Current GPA is 3.5 or above.

Second Honors = Current GPA is 3.0 to 3.49.

CLASSES OF 2024-2026 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Abilene Christian University	Jackson State University	Southwestern Illinois College
Alabama A&M University	Jacksonville University	Spring Hill College
Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Kansas State University	St. Charles Community College
American University	Kentucky State University	St. John's University-New York
American University in Bulgaria	La Sierra University	St. Louis Community College
Appalachian State University	Lake Forest College	St. Thomas Aquinas College
Arizona State University-Tempe	Lakeland University	State Technical College of Missouri
Auburn University	Lehigh University	Stetson University
Augustana College	Lewis University	Stonehill College
Aurora University	Lindenwood University	Stony Brook University
Ball State University	Louisiana State University + Agricultural &	Syracuse University
Baylor University	Mechanical College	Temple University
Bellarmine University	Loyola Marymount University	Tennessee State University
Belmont Abbey College	Loyola University Chicago	Texas Christian University
Belmont University	Loyola University New Orleans	Texas Southern University
Benedictine College	Marquette University	Texas State University
Benedictine University	Master's University and Seminary	Three Rivers College
Bentley University	Maryville University of Saint Louis	Trinity College
Bethel University-Indiana	McKendree University	Trinity University
Boston College	Mercer University	Truman State University
Boston University	Mercyhurst University	Tuskegee University
Bowling Green State University	Merrimack College	United States Naval Academy
Bradley University	Miami University-Oxford	University of Alabama
Bridgewater State University	Michigan State University	University of Arizona
Butler University	Michigan Technological University	University of Arkansas
California Lutheran University	Mid-America Nazarene University	University of Central Missouri
Canisius University	Miles College	University of Chicago
Carthage College	Millikin University	University of Cincinnati
Case Western Reserve University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Colorado
Central State University	Minnesota State University	University of Connecticut
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	Mississippi State University	University of Dayton
Clark Atlanta University	Missouri Baptist University	University of Denver
Cleveland State University	Missouri Southern State University	University of Florida
Coastal Carolina University	Missouri State University	University of Georgia
College of Charleston	Missouri University of Science and Technology	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
College of the Holy Cross	Missouri Western State University	University of Indianapolis
College of Wooster	Moberly Area Community College-Columbia	University of Iowa
Colorado School of Mines	Monmouth College	University of Jamestown
Colorado State University	Montana State University	University of Kansas
Columbia College	Morehouse College	University of Kentucky
Columbia University	Morningside University	University of Louisville
Cornell College	Murray State University	University of Maine
Creighton University	Nebraska Wesleyan University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Davenport University	New Mexico State University	University of Memphis
DePaul University	Niels Brock University	University of Miami
DePauw University	Norfolk State University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Doane University	North Carolina Central University	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Drake University	North Central Missouri College	University of Mississippi
Drury University	Northern Illinois University	University of Missouri (COMO, KC, STL)
East Central College	Northwest Missouri State University	University of Montana
East Central Community College	Northwestern University	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Eastern Illinois University	Nova Southeastern University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Eckerd College	Ohio State University	University of North Florida
Elmhurst University	Ohio University	University of North Texas at Dallas
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Oklahoma State University	University of Northern Iowa
Emmanuel College	Oregon State University	University of Notre Dame
Fairfield University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Oklahoma
Fayetteville State University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Saint Mary
Flagler College	Pepperdine University	University of San Diego
Florida Institute of Technology	Purdue University	University of South Carolina
Florida Southern College	Quincy University	University of South Florida
Florida State University	Ranken Technical College	University of Southern California
Fontbonne University	Regis University	University of Tampa
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Rhode Island College	University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Franklin College	Robert Morris University	University of Texas-Austin
Georgetown University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Tulsa
George Washington University	Rockhurst University	University of Utah
Georgia Southern University	Rollins College	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Gonzaga University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Wyoming
Greenville University	Rutgers University	Utah State University
Hampton University	Saint Ambrose University	Villanova University
Harris-Stowe State University	Saint Louis University	Virginia State University
Hawaii Pacific University	Saint Xavier University	Washington University in St. Louis
High Point University	Salem State University	Webster International University
Holy Cross College	Santa Clara University	Webster University
Howard University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Western Illinois University
Illinois College	Seattle University	Western Michigan University
Illinois Institute of Technology	Seton Hall University	Westminster University-Utah
Illinois State University	Shaw University	Wheaton College
Illinois Wesleyan University	South Dakota State University	Wichita State University
Indiana State University	Southeast Missouri State University	William & Mary
Indiana University-Bloomington	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	William Jewell College
Indiana University-Indianapolis	Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	William Woods University
Iowa State University	Southern Methodist University	Wright State University
Iowa Wesleyan University	Southwest Baptist University	Xavier University