

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Virtue • Scholarship • Service

The Students

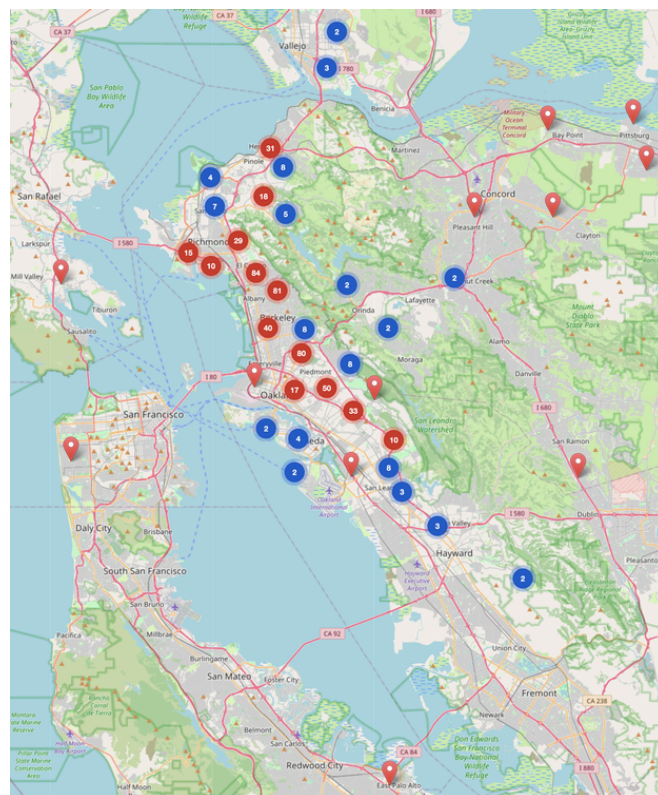
Saint Mary's draws its 600 students (51% male / 49% female) from 51 private, Catholic, and public schools across the East Bay. Our students predominantly reside in Alameda & Contra Costa counties. Born out of a Mission to serve those who are economically and socially disadvantaged, Saint Mary's distributed \$2.62 million in financial assistance to 55% of our student body during the 2025-2026 academic year. Saint Mary's has been recognized as one of the most ethnically diverse high schools in the United States.

African-American / Black	14%	Hispanic / Latin	13%
East, South, West Asian	4%	Multiracial / Other	27%
Filipino / Pacific Islander	3%	White / European	39%

Students who identify partly or wholly with the following ethnicities:

African-American / Black	21%	Hispanic / Latin	23%
East, South, West Asian	10%	White / European	58%
Filipino / Pacific Islander	7%	Other	2%

**Percentage total will exceed 100%*



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The Curriculum

Our college-preparatory curriculum blends classical and progressive education to develop analytical thinking. A three-year Epistemology sequence anchors studies across the humanities, history, mathematics, and science. Students explore diverse perspectives through specialized history courses, apply math to real-world problems, and complete an independent, faculty-guided senior Capstone Project.

Important Curricular Notes

- Saint Mary's academic program operates in a trimester system, comprised of three twelve-week terms.
- 300 credits are required for graduation; students carry five five-credit courses per term, totaling 75 credits per year.
- Each ten-credit course (equal to a full-year course in a semester system) is completed in two trimesters.
- Students may place in second- or third-year courses in math, foreign language, & visual/performing arts classes in ninth grade.
- Each summer students at each grade level read one book. These books comprise an in-depth education in Global Geopolitics and American Political History, which are used as supplementary texts in various courses throughout the school year; students have the option each summer to earn 2.5 elective course credits by doing additional work in those subject areas.
- In May 2026, 323 sophomores, juniors, and seniors sat for 688 examinations in 15 subjects taught at Saint Mary's. 84% of the exam scores were 3 or higher. The average overall score was a 3.6.

Advanced Placement Course Offerings

Art: 2D & 3D Design	Chemistry	French Language	
Art: Drawing	Computer Science Principles	Human Geography	U.S. Government
Art History	English Language & Comp	Precalculus	United States History
Biology	English Literature & Comp	Physics C: Mechanics	World History
Calculus BC	Environmental Science	Spanish Language	

Honors Course Offerings

Algebra 1-2	English 1-2	Geometry	Spanish 5-6
Algebra/Trigonometry	English 3-4	Spanish 5-6	Statistics

Graduation Requirements & Credits

English	40	Mathematics	35	Science	30	Senior Project	10
Fitness & Health	5	Philosophy	15	Visual & Performing Arts	20	Electives	50
History/Social Science	35	Religious Studies	40	World Languages	20	TOTAL CREDITS	300

Grading System

Saint Mary's distinctive school-wide program for assessment and grading, Rigor with Redemption, is based on longstanding research in educational measurement and assessment. Our transcript grades communicate student achievement only. Nonachievement factors are communicated in a separate Habits of Scholarship mark reported to students, parents, and faculty, providing more accurate reports about student learning while eliminating from the transcript factors that lend themselves to unconscious bias. Saint Mary's does not rank our students by their GPAs.

- A: Excellent Achievement

B: Superior Achievement

C: Satisfactory Achievement

D: Unsatisfactory Achievement

F: Failure to Exhibit Any Achievement

I: Incomplete/Insufficient Evidence of Learning Provided

W: Withdrawn from Course
- Minimum Passing Grade = D-

• College recommending grade = C-

• Pluses and minuses are given

• P after course number = approved by UC & CSU Systems

• GPA is unweighted and includes all academic classes.

• Students are not ranked by their grades or otherwise

*Source: National Student Clearinghouse. 96% of Saint Mary's alumni who completed their studies earned BA or BS degrees. 3% of Saint Mary's graduates opted not to be included in NSC. Nationally, 62% of students of the high-school class of 2018 who entered college had earned a degree or certificate of any kind; 37% of those who entered college earned a bachelor's degree as their highest award, 16% earned an associate degree, and 10% earned an undergraduate certificate