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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

1064 All Divisions Enrollment (Primary-Grade 12)
187 Upper School Enrollment
66 Freshmen **49** Sophomores **30** Juniors **43** Seniors

Students of Color 49%, Tuition Assistance Recipients 50%

GPA AND MARKING SYSTEM

The GPA range for the class of 2025 is 4.35-1.66 and the median GPA is 3.14. 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

Discipline	Credits
English	4
Social Studies	3
Science	3
Mathematics	3
World Language	2
Religion	2
Fine Arts	2
Physical Education	1
Health/Wellness	.5

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The academic year is divided into trimesters in each division. Upper School students follow a block schedule (block A days, block B days) with eight courses divided between the two days, 85 minutes each in length.

Average Classroom - **14 students**

Upper School Faculty - **25**

Student-to-Faculty ratio - **8:1**

CURRICULUM FEATURES

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.

Speech: Public speaking is incorporated into all courses, and students received the equivalent training of one Speech credit throughout their tenure.

Community Service: Students completing the required number of service hours each year are recognized with "People for Others" distinction at graduation.

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.

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.

DISCLOSURE POLICY

In accordance with NACAC Best Practices, St. Francis Episcopal School will comply with colleges' requests for information regarding applicants' disciplinary records by requiring students to inform colleges in writing of any out-of-school suspension (starting sophomore year), withdrawal, or dismissal, either before or after their submission of applications. When possible, the school will include this student communication with the Secondary Report Form and Counselor Recommendation. Full support from the school is contingent on students' direct communication to all colleges or universities that request disciplinary information.

ACCREDITATION/MEMBERSHIPS

Independent Schools of the Southwest (ISAS)

Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES)

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)

Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC)

ACT, College Board

Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Since the arrival of our first ninth grade class in 2018, students have been at the forefront of initiating student clubs, forming athletic teams, and fostering a thriving learning community. The following exemplifies their efforts:

SCHOOL EXTRA- OR CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
4 Student-Led Councils
10 Student Clubs and Organizations
17 Athletic Teams in 12 Sports
90+ Student Participation in Theatre Productions
2 Honor Societies

TESTING INFORMATION (CLASS OF 2025 TESTING INFORMATION)

SAT (17 students)*	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	560-630	600
Mathematics	540-650	580
Total	1100-1280	1180

ACT (6 students)*	Middle 50%	Mean
Composite	26-30	28

*As of July 2023

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2023 AND 2024

- National Merit Finalist: **1**
- National Merit Commended Scholars: **2**
- National Hispanic Scholars: **2**
- National African American Scholars: **1**
- Questbridge Scholars: **1**

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM AND COURSES

St. Francis Episcopal School offers the Advanced Placement (AP) program with 18 courses available to all juniors and seniors. Students may enroll in up to 4 AP courses per academic year. To ensure appropriate course placement, teacher recommendations are considered. Certain courses alternate years. St. Francis introduced AP Physics 1 and AP Physics: Mechanics in the 2024-2025 academic year.

	2022	2023	2024
AP Scholar	3	8	7
AP Scholar with Honor		2	2
AP Scholar with Distinction	1	1	3
AP Students with Scores 3+	10	27	34
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	37%	71%	55%
Total AP Students	27	38	61
Number of Exams	57	90	136

ADVANCEMENT 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 (new for 2024-2025)
AP Physics C: Mechanics (new for 2024-2025)
AP Psychology
AP Spanish Language and Culture*
AP Statistics
AP U.S. History

*Not offered every year

THE CLASS OF 2024

27 Graduates attending – 20 different colleges
42% In State
58% Out of State
48% Private
52% Public
\$3.4 Million Scholarship Worth

2022-2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS

The classes of 2022, 2023, 2024 received acceptances to the following colleges and universities. The colleges in bold indicate that one or more members of the class of 2024 are attending.

Abilene Christian University	Indiana University (Bloomington)	Southwestern University
Alfred University	James Madison University	Spring Hill College
AMDA	Kansas City Art Institute	St. Edward's University
Arizona State University (Tempe)	Kenyon College	St. Olaf College
Auburn University	Lafayette College	Stephen F Austin State University
Austin College	Lawrence University	Syracuse University
Baylor University	Lehigh University	Tarleton State University
Beacon College	Louisiana State University	Texas A&M University
Bennington College	Loyola University Chicago	Texas Christian University
Bishop's University (Canada)	Loyola University Maryland	Texas State University
Boston College	Lubbock Christian University	Texas Tech University
Bowie State University	Lynn University	The New School
Bucknell University	Macalester College	The University of Alabama
Butler University	Manhattan School of Music	The University of Texas at Austin
California Institute of the Arts	Maryland Institute College of Art	The University of Texas at Dallas
Case Western Reserve University	Marymount Manhattan College	The University of Texas at San Antonio
Chapman University	Millsaps College	Trinity University
Clemson University	Mississippi State University	Tufts University
College of Charleston	Morehouse College	University of Arizona
Colorado School of Mines	New York University	University of Arkansas
Colorado State University	Northwestern University	University of Connecticut
DePaul University	Oklahoma State University	University of Denver
DePauw University	Olin College of Engineering	University of Georgia
Dillard University	Pacific Northwest College of Art at Willamette University	University of Houston
Drexel University	Parsons School of Design at The New School	University of Houston Downtown
University of Rochester (Eastman School of Music)	Prairie View A&M University	University of Kansas
Eckerd College	Princeton University	University of Mary Hardin (Baylor)
Elon University	Purdue University	University of Michigan
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)	Rhodes College	University of Mississippi
Fisk University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Missouri (Columbia)
Florida Institute of Technology	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of North Texas
Florida Southern College	Saint Louis University	University of Notre Dame
Fordham University	Sam Houston State University	University of Oklahoma
Furman University	San Francisco Conservatory of Music	University of Richmond
Grinnell College	Santa Clara University	University of San Diego
Grove City College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of the Incarnate Word
Hampton University		University of Tulsa
Hendrix College		Wake Forest University
High Point University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	
Houston Christian University	Sewanee: The University of the South	
Houston Community College	Southern Methodist University	
Howard University		