OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY
Saint Stephen’s Episcopal School, founded in 1970 as a coeducational, college preparatory, independent day school, is affiliated with the Episcopal Church and is located in Bradenton, Florida, an area with a population of 315,000 on the central west coast of Florida. The school is accredited by FCIS, Cognia and maintains memberships in ACCIS, NAIS, NAES, NACAC, SACAC and the College Board.

Today, the 700 students in grades PK3-12 come from a wide variety of religious, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. SSES proudly educates students from area counties, as well as from cities across the USA, and more than 20 foreign countries. A number of student-athletes train at elite sports academies in and around Bradenton, simultaneously pursuing a rigorous college preparatory program and world class athletic training.

Throughout its history, Saint Stephen’s has maintained a strong academic reputation consistently surpassing local, state, and national test scores. 100% of the school’s graduates are admitted to colleges and universities, and today our graduates are enrolled in over 135 campuses throughout the world. Saint Stephen’s offers more than 25 clubs and activities ranging from Academic Team and Mock Trial, to Sailing Club, Chapel Council, and Heart Safe Club. We have school chapters for five honor societies, most notably Cum Laude Society. Additionally, 77% of our students participate in interscholastic athletics in 21 varsity sports.

HONOR CODE & HONOR COUNCIL
Upholding high standards of integrity and respect, the honor code embodies principles that guide, enrich, and elevate the quality of our lives, and lead us toward building the sort of society in which we most want to live. The Honor Council is a committee of students and faculty that mediates cases of Honor Code violations and makes recommendations to the administration.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS AND GRADUATION DISTINCTIONS

Marine Science — Our campus, located on the McLewis Bayou, is home to the Marine Science Center featuring state-of-the-art resources and direct access to the Manatee River and the Gulf of Mexico. One Ocean, our custom-designed marine science curriculum, enables all of our students to study the wonders of the ocean environment. Students completing a rigorous series of Marine and AP Environmental Science courses, along with independent research earn the Ocean Academy graduation distinction.

Global Education — Saint Stephen’s is committed to developing informed, culturally rich, global citizens through our curriculum, sister school partnerships, virtual academic lessons, and travel opportunities. Students completing a rigorous series of advanced coursework and participating in cultural exchange programs earn the Global Scholar graduation distinction.

Emotional Intelligence — We believe in developing our students socially and emotionally, as well as academically. Our students benefit from an advisory program, twice weekly chapel, an emphasis on community service, and our honor code as vehicles for developing empathy.

Technology Initiative — Saint Stephen’s is a 1-to-1 iPad school for grades 4-12, with technology integrated into all subjects.

Capstone Program — Seniors may request approval to conduct directed independent research with the support of an SSES faculty advisor and university mentor. Capstone researchers present their findings to students, faculty, community members and experts in the field at Saint Stephen’s annual RISE-UP symposium.

Visual Arts — Students completing a series of Honors and Advanced Placement courses in studio art earn the Visual Arts Conservatory graduation distinction.

Interim Quest — Interim Quest (IQ) is a week-long program held at the end of second semester where students enroll in an array of specialized courses, allowing for a deeper exploration of interests. Designed to enhance and enrich our students’ overall academic experience, IQ takes learning and growth well beyond the classroom.
STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT Mean Scores 2020-2021

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES

In May 2021, 119 students took 257 tests. 84% of the scores were a 3 or higher. 88% of our students who took at least one test scored a 3 or higher.

* 2021 AP scores include students who were both on campus and in virtual learning.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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Community Service: Upon graduation, all Saint Stephen’s students will have served a minimum of 100 hours of community service. A total of 9,047 service hours were accumulated by the class of 2021 for an average of 129 hours per senior, well above the graduation requirement.

GRADING

Saint Stephen’s calculates both a weighted and unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) for all students. A student’s GPA is calculated using all courses except for interscholastic athletics. The weighted GPA is calculated as follows: +1.0 for AP and +.5 for Honors. In keeping with the school’s mission and as a reflection of the small size of the graduating class, Saint Stephen’s does not rank its students.

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Saint Stephen’s students must take a minimum of five courses during each of their four years. All of our courses are considered rigorous and are taught at an advanced college preparatory level, regardless of distinction.

Advanced Placement Policy: It is recommended that Juniors enroll in a maximum of 2 AP courses and seniors in a maximum of 3. Participation in AP classes is contingent upon an application process. Students who wish to exceed the recommended number of AP classes may do so through an appeal process.

**English**

**College Prep:**
- English 9, 10
- Newspaper Journalism

**Honors:**
- English 10 Honors

**Advanced Placement:**
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature

**Seminars 11/12:**
- Creative Non-Fiction*
- Creative Writing: The Human Experience*
- Literary Legends in England and America*
- Literature of Conflict*
- Kurt Vonnegut*
- The Modern Essay*
- Mythic Literature of Ancient Cultures*
- Mythic Lit in Non-Western Tradition*
- Otherness in Literature
- Through the Looking Glass: Cultural Traditions in England and America*
- Latin American Literature*

**Mathematics**

**College Prep:**
- Algebra 1, 2
- Geometry
- Advanced Algebra 2
- Analysis of Functions
- Statistics

**Honors:**
- Geometry Honors
- Algebra 2 & Trigonometry Honors
- Pre-Calculus Honors
- Introduction to Calculus Honors

**Advanced Placement:**
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

**Science (Continued)**

**Modern and Classical Languages**

**College Prep:**
- Latin 1, 2, 3
- Mandarin 2, 3, 4, 5
- Spanish 2, 3, 4

**Honors:**
- Advanced Latin 4H, 5H
- Advanced Spanish 3H, 4H
- Spanish Conversation and Culture 5H, 6H

**Advanced Placement:**
- AP Latin
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature

**Social Studies**

**College Prep:**
- Ancient World History
- Modern World History
- US History
- Global Economics and Politics

**Advanced Placement:**
- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP European History

**Science**

**College Prep:**
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Marine Science 1, 2

**Honors:**
- Biology Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- Physics Honors
- Ocean Academy: Marine Science 3 Honors

**Engineering and Applied Technology**

**College Prep:**
- Engineering
- Intro to Computer Science
- Technology Internship

**Advanced Placement:**
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles

**Physical Education**

**College Prep:**
- PE Internship
- Credit for athletic participation

**Additional Course**

**College Prep:**
- Independent Study
- Lower School Internship

**Directed Independent Research:**
- Capstone

* Denotes semester course.

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**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**Classes of 2016-2021**

15 Finalists; 11 Commended; 1 National Hispanic Scholar