



# UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

## 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 located in Bradenton, FL in Manatee County, an area with a population of 453,021 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 nearly 700 students in PK3-12 come from a wide variety of religious, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Saint Stephen's 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. In total, 80% of our students participate in interscholastic athletics in 21 varsity sports. 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 throughout the United States and the world. Saint Stephen's offers more than 25 clubs and activities including Academic Team, Blue Environmental Club, Harvard Model Congress, Chapel Council, and Interact. We have school chapters for five honor societies, most notably Cum Laude Society.

## 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 faculty-selected committee of students that mediates cases of Honor Code violations and makes restorative recommendations to the administration.

## 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 science courses, along with independent research earn the Ocean Academy graduation distinction.

**Global Scholars** — 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 challenging series of advanced coursework and participating in cultural exchange programs earn the Global Scholar graduation distinction.

**Capstone Scholars** — Seniors may request approval to conduct directed independent research with the support of a Saint Stephen's 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 symposium.

**Visual Arts** — Upper School students who complete several advanced courses in visual arts and designated workshops including Raku and Sagger Firing, Figure Drawing and Photo Techniques are able to earn the Arts Conservatory distinction. Additionally, students curate portfolios of their artistic achievements that are displayed at a public art show.

## SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

**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 and academic enrichment programs which take place in their local community and across the globe. Designed to enhance and enrich our students' overall academic experiences, IQ affords students a deeper dive into academics, career, and service opportunities, as well as international travel.

**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, our Falcon Friends mentor program, and our Honor Code as vehicles for developing empathy.

Head of School - Mr. Peter A. Kraft | Interim Director of Upper School - Mrs. Anna Conn | Interim Assistant Director of Upper School - Mr. Jamie Moore

Associate Head of School and Director of Admissions - Mrs. Chi Klein | Director of College Counseling - Mrs. Trisha Hasbrouck | College Counselor

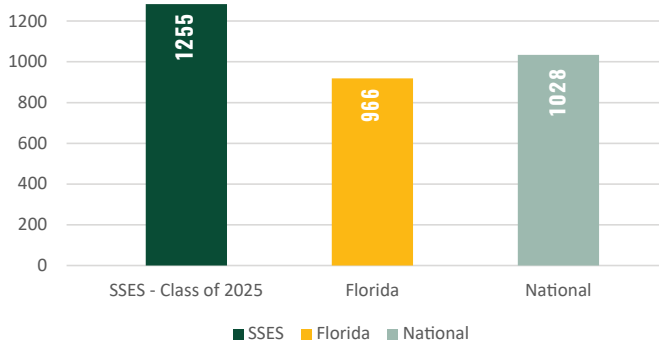
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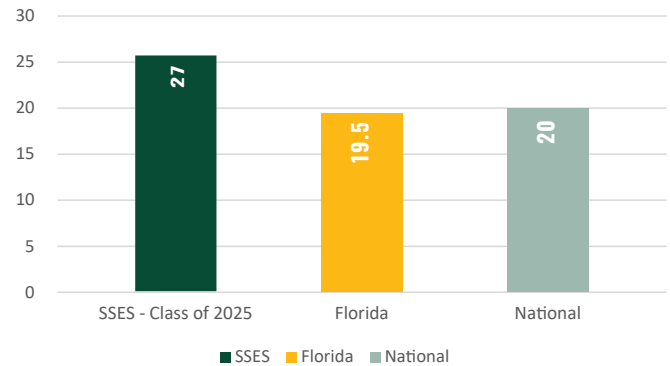
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# Class of 2025 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

## Average SAT Scores

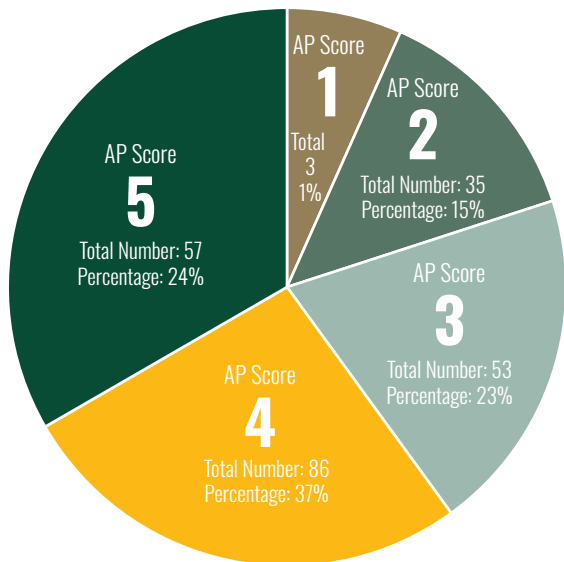


## Average ACT Scores



## ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES

In May 2024, 116 students took 234 tests. 84% of the scores were a 3 or above



■ AP Score 5 ■ AP Score 4 ■ AP Score 3 ■ AP Score 2 ■ AP Score 1

## GRADUATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Foreign Language	3
Electives	3
Physical Education	1
Fine Arts	1

## GRADING

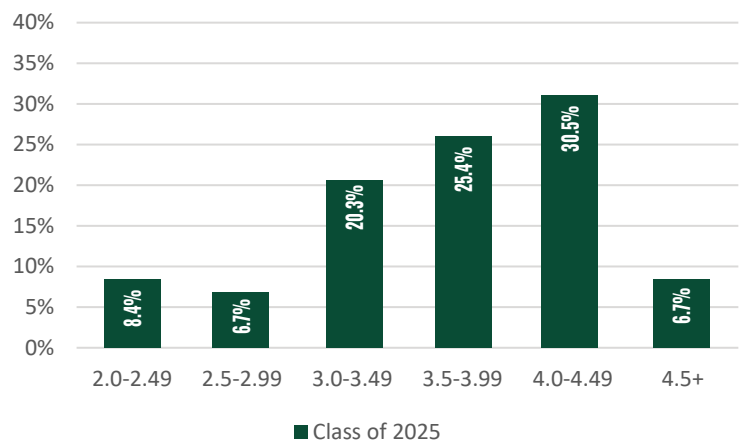
Saint Stephen's calculates both a weighted and unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) for all students. A student's GPA is calculated using all courses except for interscholastic athletics. The weighted GPA is calculated as follows: +1.0 for AP and +.5 for Honors. In keeping with the school's mission and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

### GRADING SYSTEM

A+ 4.33	A 4.00	A- 3.67
B+ 3.33	B 3.00	B- 2.67
C+ 2.33	C 2.00	C- 1.67
D+ 1.33	D 1.00	D- 0.67
	F 0.00	

## GRADE DISTRIBUTION

### CLASS OF 2025: 59 STUDENTS - END OF JR. YEAR WEIGHTED GPAS



■ Class of 2025

**Community Service:** Upon graduation, all Saint Stephen's students will have served a minimum of 100 hours of community service. A total of 8,158.5 service hours were accumulated by the Class of 2024 for an average of 145.6 hours per senior, well above the graduation requirement.

# COURSES OFFERED 2024-2025

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 Writing:  
The Human Experience\*
- Literature of Conflict\*
- Kurt Vonnegut\*
- Modern Dramatic Literature\*
- Otherness in Literature\*
- Latin American Literature\*
- Global Literature\*

## SCIENCE

### College Prep:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Marine Science 1, 2

### Honors:

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

### Advanced Placement:

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics C
- AP Environmental Science

## MATHEMATICS

### College Prep:

- Algebra 1, 2
- Geometry
- Advanced Algebra 2
- College Algebra
- Pre-calculus

### Honors:

- Geometry Honors
- Algebra 2 & Trigonometry Honors
- Pre-Calculus Honors
- Pre-Calculus and Differential Calculus Honors

### Advanced Placement:

- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

## ENGINEERING AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

### College Prep:

- Engineering
- Intro to Computer Science
- Technology Internship

### Advanced Placement:

- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles

## MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

### College Prep:

- Latin 1, 2, 3
- Mandarin 2, 3
- Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4

### Honors:

- Latin 4H, 5H
- Spanish 3H, 4H

## MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES (continued)

- Spanish Conversation and Culture 5H
- Mandarin 4H, 5H

### Advanced Placement:

- AP Latin: Vergil and Caesar
- AP Spanish Language

## SOCIAL STUDIES

### College Prep:

- Ancient World History
- Modern World History
- US History

### Honors:

- Global Economics and Politics Honors

### Advanced Placement:

- AP World History: Modern
- AP US History
- AP European History

## PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

### College Prep:

- Art 1, 2
- Ceramics
- Band: Instrumental Music
- Theater
- Photography
- Yearbook Publications
- Theater Production 2,3
- Orchestra:  
Instrumental Music

### Honors:

- Art 3H, 4H
- Photography 2H
- Ceramics 2H
- Ceramics 3H

## PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS (continued)

### Advanced Placement:

- AP Studio Art (2D, 3D)

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### College Prep:

- PE Internship
- Credit for athletic participation

## DIRECTED INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

### College Prep:

- Independent Study
- Capstone

\* Denotes semester course.

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### Classes of 2016-2024

18 Finalists;

18 Commended;

1 National

Hispanic Scholar

# NOTABLE STATISTICS FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

**56** seniors admitted to

**121** unique institutions

in the US and abroad

**45%** will matriculate to

**18** states outside of Florida

**38%** will attend a private college,

**62%** will attend a public college

**9** recruited athletes in

**7** different sports will matriculate to

**9** different colleges and universities.

**2023-2024**

## SCHOOL SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAMS

*Denmark • Spain • Greece  
Switzerland • Italy • Argentina*



## WHAT SETS US APART

- Senior Speeches to the entire Upper School are a graduation requirement
- The Gauntlet: award winning student-run newspaper [www.ssesgauntlet.org](http://www.ssesgauntlet.org)
- The View: multi-lingual student-generated magazine
- Falcon Friends: school wide peer mentorship program PreK-12
- Cum Laude Society
- Opportunities for multiple internships and externships
- Early Release schedules are available for those in specialized sports training or advanced research