



2009-2010 SCHOOL PROFILE:
SAINT THOMAS' EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

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St. Thomas' Episcopal School is a private Christian school offering a college preparatory curriculum to students from kindergarten through high school. Challenging coursework and dedicated Christian teachers ensure that each student receives personal attention and direction.

K-12 Enrollment: 661 students **Class of 2010:** 44 students
Faculty: 59 full-time, 14 part-time, 24 administration/support
Schedule: Seven 50-minute class periods per day, daily chapel
School Founded: 1954
Memberships: NACAC, TACAC, College Board
Accreditation: Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools

Graduation Requirements and Programs

Minimum of 25 credits required for graduation.

English: 4 World History/Geography: 1 Economics: ½ PE/Band/Dance: 2
Mathematics: 4 US History: 1 Western Philosophy: 1 Electives: 4
Science: 4 US Government: ½ Latin: 3
Electives: Art • Band • Chinese • Choir • Computer Science • Dance • French • Italian • Spanish • Speech • Ten Pillars of Economics • Theatre • Orchestra • Yearbook

Required Reading: All upper-school students must pass tests on each year's required reading books. Past books have included *Great Expectations*, *Killer Angels*, *Quo Vadis*, *An Hour Before Daylight*, *The Count of Monte Cristo*, and *Twelve Years a Slave*.

Grading, Ranking, and GPA Information

- Saint Thomas' Episcopal School does not compute class rank.
- 100% of our seniors will attend four-year colleges and universities.
- GPAs are computed on a 4.0 scale. Non-academic electives (band, highland dance) are not computed in the GPA.
- **Prior to Fall 2008, GPA computations were based on a non-traditional scale, which is still reflected in students' grades from that period.** Through Spring 2008, numeric grades between 93 and 100 earned an A, 83-92 earned a B, 73-82 earned a C, 65-72 earned a D, and grades below 65 earned an F.

Grading Scale, Effective Fall 2008

Number Grade	Letter Grade	Regular GPA	AP GPA
90-100	A	4.00	5.00
80-89	B	3.00	4.00
70-79	C	2.00	3.00
60-69	D	1.00	1.00
0-60	F	0	0

Academic Information: Class Choices and Rigor of Program

- Courses are offered on a non-block, seven-period schedule. GPAs are computed at the end of each semester.
- **The school offers 16 AP courses, and the students with the most rigorous course schedules will take between six and ten AP courses over their high school career.** We do not limit the number of AP courses a student can take; however, our school's small size logistically limits when students can take certain classes.

National Merit Scholarship Program

Class	Seniors	Finalists	Semi-Finalists	Commended	%
2010	44	1	1	6	16
2009	39	3	3	4	18
2008	38	1	1	9	26
2007	49	3	3	6	18

2009: 1 National Hispanic Scholar, 1 National Achievement Scholar

We offer 16 AP classes and 7 honors classes in the upper school. AP courses begin in the sophomore year.

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| • AP Biology | • AP Human Geography | • AP Statistics | • Honors Calculus |
| • AP Calculus BC | • AP Latin Vergil | • AP Studio Art | • Honors Art (Pre-AP Art) |
| • AP Chemistry | • AP Modern European History | • AP US Government | • Honors Biology |
| • AP Comparative Government | • AP Physics C | • AP US History | • Honors Chemistry |
| • AP English Literature | • AP Psychology | • Honors Geometry | • Honors Physics |
| • AP French Language | • AP Spanish Language | • Advanced Algebra II | |

Beyond the Classroom

- 100% of STES students attend four-year colleges and universities immediately following graduation. All students take the SAT and/or ACT, having prepared for these tests through the PLAN and PSAT exams, both administered on campus.

Average ACT Scores

Class	Total
2010	27.2
2009	26.0
2008	25.1
2007	26.2

Average SAT Reasoning Test Scores

Class	Total With Writing	Total Without Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
2010	1856	1253	625	606	626
2009	1834	1218	614	604	616
2008	1840	1223	609	612	619
2007	1832	1222	617	605	610

- St. Thomas' Episcopal School has an extensive and storied Scottish Arts program.** The St. Thomas' Episcopal School Pipe Band has won the World Juvenile Bagpipe Band Championship five times, in 1985, 1995, 1998, 2004, and 2006. The highland dancing program has produced many U.S., North American, and Scottish champions as well as one world champion in 1997. Past STE students have been world and U.S. champions.
- Other extracurricular programs include** academic teams, band, choir, highland dance, Interact Club, Green Club, Junior Classical League, mock trial, Spanish Club, drama club, string orchestra, theatre, and yearbook. Sports include basketball, softball, volleyball, swimming, tennis, soccer, golf, track and field, and cross-country.
- High school students receive top honors each year on the National Latin Exams, National Science League Awards, Math Olympiads, and National Social Studies League tests.
- STE students dominate the district and state academic competitions for the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools. We are three-time state champions and have placed in the top five in the state for ten of the past eleven years. St. Thomas' students especially dominate the science competitions; for at least the past ten years, a St. Thomas' student has brought home the highest score in the science competition from both the district and state meets.
- The STES Science Bowl Team finished third at the 2007 regional meet, fourth at the 2008 meet, and second at the 2009 meet—each time, STES was the only private school to place.
- St. Thomas' athletics is a member of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools. In the past four years all athletic teams have advanced to either bi-district, regional, and State finals. Several students have won individual State events, and received Athletic All-State and Academic All-State Awards.
- The Mock Trial team has won the Southwest regional competition for eleven of the past twelve years. The team won the state championship in 2004, the first non-public school ever to do so. The team finished tenth at the national championship and was one of four to be named Most Professional.
- The 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 yearbooks won Gold Crown awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

STE graduates since 2006 currently attend the following colleges and universities.

Angelo State University	Houston Baptist University	Southern Methodist University	University of Houston
Austin College	Howard University	Southwestern University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Belhaven College	Huntingdon College	St. Edward's University	University of Notre Dame
Belmont University	LeTourneau University	Stephen F. Austin State University	University of Pennsylvania
Berklee College of Music	Louisiana State University	Texas A&M University	University of St. Thomas
Birmingham Southern College	Millsaps College	Texas Christian University	University of Texas at Austin
Boston University	New Mexico Military Institute	Texas Lutheran University	University of Texas at Dallas
Carleton College	New York University	Texas State University	University of Texas at San Antonio
Cornell University	Ohio Wesleyan University	Texas Tech University	University of Washington
Davidson College	Pepperdine University	Texas Women's University	USC
Eckerd College	Princeton University	Trinity University	Vanderbilt University
Emory University	Purdue University	University of Alabama	Washington and Lee University
Franciscan University	Rhodes College	UCLA	Washington University in St. Louis
George Washington University	Rice University	University of Chicago	Wheaton College
Georgia Institute of Technology	Samford University	University of Dallas	York College
Grinnell College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Denver	