



St. Stephen's

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

2014-2015 School and Class Profile

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School and Community

St. Stephen's is a seven-year college preparatory school within the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. It is a coeducational boarding/day community with a 2014-2015 enrollment of 688 students, of whom 175 are boarding students in grades 8-12 and 513 are day students in grades 6-12. The school draws boarding students from across Texas, 7 states and 16 countries. The Upper School student population is 29% students of color, and an additional 15% are international students; 16% of the students receive need-based financial assistance. The faculty and academic administration includes 71 full-time and 5 part-time teachers, of whom 50 hold advanced degrees. The student-teacher ratio is 8:1, and the average class size is 17.

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Academic Program and Diploma Requirements

English Required 4-year sequence for all students—English 9, 10, 11, 12 with *no advanced classes offered*. A substantial number of seniors elect to take the AP examination in Literature and Composition. All seniors write a Novel Project based on three works of literature. The Transitional English classes are designed to prepare non-native English-speaking international students for mainstream English classes. English 9T and English 10T utilize the same texts and writing assignments as their corresponding mainstream classes and also provide instruction to build English proficiency.

History Required 3-year sequence for all students—History 9 (World History), History 10 (U.S. to 1900) and History 11 (The U.S. and the World in the 20th Century). All juniors write a major research paper. *No advanced classes offered* in required sequence. Electives offered to juniors and seniors include the Social Science Seminars and Advanced European History.

Mathematics 3-year requirement; advanced track offered beginning with Geometry. Three levels of Calculus offered including AB and BC; elective courses in Advanced Statistics, Computer Science, Multivariable Analysis, and Statistics & Selected Topics in Mathematics.

Foreign Language 3-year requirement; advanced levels offered through Chinese V, Latin VI, Spanish VII, and French VII.

Science 3-year lab science requirement (Biology I, Chemistry I, Physics I); electives in Astrophysics, Environmental Science, Geology, and Principles of Engineering offered, as well as advanced electives in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

Theology Required senior course constituting a full academic discipline stressing critical spirituality and theological reasoning.

Fine Arts 1-year requirement; full-credit courses offered include advanced courses in Art History, Music Theory, Acting and Visual Studies, as well as History of Music and Dramatic Literature. Half-credit electives include classes in art, dance, film, music, and theatre.

Independent Study Advanced topics beyond our regular curriculum are available in all departments. Topics in the past have included Comparative Literature, Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, Quantum Physics, Genetics, Bioinformatics, and advanced levels of many languages.

Academic Policy

St. Stephen's does not report rank in class or utilize a traditional grading system. The school encourages familiarity with its individual students' programs and the school's curriculum. The grade distribution for all courses taken by members of the Class of 2015 during the junior year is available, and in many cases will be attached to this profile.

Grading Symbols

H+, H, H-
V+, V, V-
G+, G, G-
P+, P, P-
U, X

Meaning

Distinguished Work
Very Good Work
Good Work
Passing Work
Unsatisfactory

2013-14 Distribution for Grades 9-12

20%
43%
28%
8%
1%

The St. Stephen's grading system was not designed to be translated into an A-F scale. On average, about 2% of the senior class graduates with High Honors (average grade of H in the junior and senior year), and about 28% graduate with Honors (average grade of V in the junior and senior year). Please direct any questions to the College Counseling Office.

Class of 2014 SAT Reasoning Test

Test	No. of Students	Mean	Middle 50%
Critical Reading	102	633	570-700
Math	102	677	620-740
Writing	102	642	580-720

Class of 2014 ACT

No. of Students: 74; Mean: 28.6; Middle 50%: 26-32

Class of 2014 SAT Subject Tests

Test	No. of Students	Mean
Chemistry	27	674
Literature	34	671
Math Level II	52	739
Physics	14	664
Spanish	20	656
U.S. History	18	647

Class of 2015 National Academic Recognition

National Merit Semifinalists	10
National Merit Commended	11
National Hispanic Scholars	9
Percentage of Class Recognized	24%

Advanced Placement

As of the 2008-2009 school year, St. Stephen's does not offer any courses labeled Advanced Placement. We are an AP test site, and students may sit for as many AP examinations as they wish. In 2014, 98 students took 172 AP examinations, earning grades of 4 or higher on 60 percent of the tests, and 3 or higher on 84 percent.

College Matriculation, Classes of 2010-2014

American University	2	Lehigh University	2	The University of Texas, San Antonio	9
Amherst College	4	Lewis & Clark College	3	Trinity University	4
Auburn University	3	Louisiana State University	2	Tufts University	6
Bard College	2	Loyola University New Orleans	2	Tulane University	5
Barnard College	3	New York University	5	United States Air Force Academy	2
Baylor University	2	Northwestern University	8	United States Military Academy	4
Boston College	8	Pitzer College	2	University of California, Berkeley	8
Boston University	4	Pomona College	5	University of California, Los Angeles	5
Bowdoin College	2	Princeton University	4	University of California, Santa Barbara	3
Carleton College	2	Reed College	6	University of California, Santa Cruz	2
Carnegie Mellon University	2	Rhodes College	6	University of Chicago	3
Centre College	3	Rice University	15	University of Colorado at Boulder	9
Claremont McKenna College	3	Rollins College	2	University of Florida	2
Clark University	2	Santa Clara University	7	Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	4
Colgate University	2	Scripps College	4	University of Miami	4
College of Charleston	2	Sewanee: The University of the South	3	University of Michigan	3
Colorado College	14	Smith College	7	University of Mississippi	2
Columbia University	2	Southern Methodist University	18	University of Oklahoma	5
Connecticut College	2	Southwestern University	6	University of Rochester	3
Cornell University	3	St. Edward's University	3	University of San Diego	3
Dartmouth College	4	Stanford University	7	University of Southern California	10
Dickinson College	2	Texas A&M University	10	University of St. Andrews	3
Duke University	5	Texas Christian University	5	University of Vermont	2
Emerson College	2	The College of Wooster	2	University of Virginia	4
Emory University	5	The Evergreen State College	2	Vanderbilt University	8
Georgetown University	2	The George Washington University	3	Vassar College	3
Hamilton College	2	The University of Arizona	2	Washington University in St. Louis	13
Harvard University	6	The University of Georgia	3	Wesleyan University	3
Hendrix College	5	The Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2	Whitman College	6
Indiana University at Bloomington	2	The University of Texas, Arlington	3	Williams College	2
James Madison University	4	The University of Texas, Austin	58	Yale University	2
Johns Hopkins University	6	The University of Texas, Dallas	3		

In addition, St. Stephen's has sent one graduate to each of the following within the past five years: Alfred Univ., Arizona State, Austin Comm., Babson, Bates, Bentley, Boston Conservatory, Brandeis, Bryant, Bucknell, Case Western, Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design, Chapman, Clemson, Colby, Denison, Drexel, Earlham, Elon, Eugene Lang, Florida Southern, Fort Lewis, Franklin College Switzerland, Gardner-Webb, Grinnell, Hampshire, Hampton, Haverford, Johnson & Wales, Langara, Louisiana Tech., Loyola Marymount, Lynn, Macalester, Marietta, Marist, Middlebury, Millsaps, Nova, Oberlin, Occidental, Pace, New York City, Parsons, Polk, Purdue, Rensselaer Poly., Rhode Island School of Design, Richmond in London, Rutgers, St. Mary's College of CA., Sam Houston State, Sarah Lawrence, Savannah College of Art and Design, Skidmore, St. Lawrence, Swarthmore, Syracuse, Texas A&M Commerce, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Texas Tech, The New School for Jazz & Contemporary Music, The Ohio State, The Univ. of Alabama, The Univ. of Texas Pan Am., United States Naval Academy, Univ. of British Columbia, Univ. of California, Davis, Univ. of California Irvine, Univ. of California Riverside, Univ. of Connecticut, Univ. of Denver, Univ. of New Orleans, Univ. of North Carolina Asheville, Univ. of Oregon, Univ. of Portland, Univ. of Puget Sound, Univ. of Redlands, Univ. of San Francisco, Univ. of South Florida, Tampa, Univ. of Washington, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, Villanova, Wellesley College, West Texas A&M, Whittier, William and Mary, WPI