



Saint James School

6th - 12th Grade Admissions

Greetings! The Saint James School Admissions Team is excited to share the opportunities that await your family on our beautiful 68-acre campus! Explore with us how *Educating Students for Life* prepares our students for the important years ahead, during Middle School and High School.

The strong Middle and High School curriculum, and the facilities that support them, are designed to meet the needs of students with varying interest and abilities. Outstanding teachers, including many with advanced degrees, a college preparatory curriculum, unique “pre-college” major electives, 29 Honor and Advancement (AP) courses, a 1:1 iPad initiative, an Advisory program leading to high academic performance, nationally award winning visual and performing arts programs, and an opportunity to participate in 49 sports teams are just some of the outstanding features found at these levels.

As a member of the Association of Independent School Admission Professionals (AISAP), we are trained to help guide you through a smooth admissions process. We look forward to working with your family and the opportunity to watch your child grow and flourish as they approach life beyond our school.

To learn more or to schedule a tour:

- Call 334-273-3021
- Email admissions@stjmontgomery.org
- Visit STJmontgomery.org

Admissions Checklist

- ☐ Submit the online *Application for Admission*, including birth certificate and application fee, at STJmontgomery.org/admissions
- ☐ Ask a previous teacher to complete a Mathematics and an English *Teacher Evaluation*
- ☐ Applicants applying for **6th - 8th grade** should provide official *Academic Records* for the current and previous two school years, including attendance and the most recent standardized test
- ☐ Applicants applying for **9th - 12th grade** should provide *Academic Records* and an official *Transcript*, including the most recent semester completed and all credits earned
- ☐ Schedule and complete Admissions testing requirements; assessments vary by grade
 - ☐ OLSAT
 - ☐ SAT10

The most important thing in preparing for these tests is to relax! Before testing, we encourage you and your child to review general testing tips so your child has a better understanding of what to expect on their upcoming admissions test. If an online practice is available, we encourage your child to participate.

Character • Commitment • Courage • Community

Saint James is an independent, nonsectarian, college preparatory school with a student body broadly representative of college-bound students. We are committed to challenging and assisting students in realizing their individual potential and preparing them for lives of responsibility, service, and achievement.

Admissions Policies

- Saint James School's curriculum is designed to best accommodate students of above average to gifted ability. Admissions standards are planned with this in mind.
- The admissions committee is composed of the head of school, academic dean, and principal. Every effort is made to ensure that students who are accepted will experience academic success.
- The admissions team is here to guide you through the admissions and enrollment process at Saint James School. Parents are encouraged to actively engage in and monitor the application process along the way.
- All students are required to take admissions tests as a new or returning student, as required by Saint James School. In evaluating students for admission, the admissions committee reviews results of the tests, behavioral observations, teacher evaluations, and prior academic records.
- Applicants who are accepted by the admissions committee are extended an invitation to join the Saint James School student body as space is available. To secure your child's enrollment, STJ encourages families to return contracts promptly.

Admissions Assessments

All assessment costs are included in the application fee.

- **OLSAT:** The Otis-Lennon School Ability Test measures a student's ability to learn in a classroom setting. The test questions require the student to use abilities thought to be related to success in school. This test consists of problems involving sequencing, patterns, analogies, likenesses and differences, definitions, and mathematics problem solving. This assessment is administered at Saint James School or online.
- **SAT10:** The Stanford Achievement Test Series is a nationally normed multiple-choice achievement test. It may cover reading, language, spelling, mathematics, science, and social science. It provides a valid and reliable measure of academic achievement through four achievement parameters: content cluster, process cluster, cognitive level, and instructional standards. This assessment is administered at Saint James School or online.
- **Math Placement Test:** While not required for admission, a Math Placement Test may be administered by the Admissions Office or a School Counselor to ensure the best placement for a student. This assessment is administered at Saint James School during the admissions process, or shortly thereafter.